



**Introduction**

The Children's Policy Councils Needs Assessment is an opportunity for local communities to inform state policy makers of the unmet needs of children throughout the state. The growing demand for evidence-base practice requires using metrics. As policy makers rely more and more on data to drive decisions, we ask CPCs to provide objective data to support their identified needs.

We appreciate your willingness to dig deeply into what is happening at the local level to inform state leaders and ultimately guide policy and funding decisions.

**About Your CPC**

Please provide the requested information in the spaces provided regarding your County's Children's Policy Council.

**County\***

Dale

**Honorable**

Please provide the name of the Judge who leads the county's Children's Policy Council.

STUART SMITH

**Title of Judge**

Please provide the name of the Judge who leads the county's Children's Policy Council.

DISTRICT

**Address**

Please provide the street address for mailing information to the CPC.

**Street Address**

100 COURT SQUARE, 2ND FLOOR , DALE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

**Address Line 2**

**City**

OZARK

**State / Province / Region**

ALABAMA

**Postal / Zip Code**

36360

**Country**

UNITED STATES

**CPC Members**

**CPC Member**

STUART SMITH-DISTRICT  
JUDGE

JAMES CORBITT-  
SPECTRACARE

SHANNON HALL-ABC BOARD

TAMEACA VINSON-DALE CO  
DHR

SHEILA MCLEOD-OZARK CITY  
SCHOOLS

**CPC Member**

STAN GARNER- PRESIDING  
DISTICT JUDGE

NICK BULL-ATTORNEY

KYLE ANDERSON-DALE  
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LILETTA JENKINS-DEPARTMENT  
OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

ANN SIKES-DYS

**CPC Member**

CARRIE BAGGETT-CHILDREN'S  
ADVOCACY CENTER

JASON BALLARD-ALEA/SBI

JENNIFER MCKNIGHT-DALE  
COUNTY DEPT HUMAN  
RESOURCES

CHERYL LEATHERWOOD-DALE  
COUNTY COURT REFERRAL

WILL FRANCES-2-1-1

DERRICK PORTWOOD-  
PARDONS AND PAROLE

RACHEL CAPE-DALE COUNTY  
JUVENILE COURT

LEMUEL DRISKELL-DALE  
COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

ATHENA V. METCALF-DALE  
COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

**Does your CPC currently have 501(c)3 status? \***

- Yes  
 No

#### **Name of CPC Coordinator**

Please provide the name of the contact person who coordinates the CPC activities.

STUART SMITH, ATHENA METCALF, STAN GARNER

#### **CPC Coordinator Email**

Please provide the name of the contact person who coordinates the CPC activities.

stuart.smith@alacourt.gov, athena.metcalf@alacourt.gov, stan.garner@alacourt.gov

#### **Needs Identification**

The questions below relate to the needs of children ages birth to 19 and their families in your county. The sections represent umbrella categories of needs which have been identified over the past several years through local CPC Needs Assessments. The data requested in each section aims to help identify root causes, risk factors and/or specifics within each category.

Please rank your county's top three needs and provide the requested data regarding those needs. If your CPC would like to rank five or more needs, please feel free to do so. You are welcome to answer as many questions as you would like on this survey, but we ask that you please answer at least all of the questions under your top three ranked needs.

Links to several data sources and local organizations are listed below as a resource to assist CPCs in completing the needs assessment and locating the requested information.

Kids Count Data:

<https://alavoices.org/2021-alabama-kids-count/>

<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#AL/2/0/char/0>

CPC Website for AOC County Data

[www.alcpc.org](http://www.alcpc.org)

Local Mental Health Center that serves county

Local County Department of Human Resources (DHR)

#### **Most Urgent Needs**

Please choose your three most urgent needs.

- Substance Abuse  
 Parental Involvement and Family Engagement  
 School Success  
 Early Care and Education  
 Mental Health  
 Juvenile Crime and Safety  
 Poverty  
 Health and Well Being  
 Neighborhoods and Housing  
 Transportation

#### **Parental Involvement and Family Engagement**

Family risk and protective factors impact the involvement, or lack thereof, of parents in their children's social-emotional development and their academic education.

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**Number of children in foster care**

68

**Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?**

- Yes
- No

**Urgent Needs**

Please rank your top selected needs in the order of importance- 1 being the most important 2, and 3.

- 1
- 2
- 3

**Accomplishments**

For your existing programs and accomplishments from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, please provide who benefited from the accomplishment, the source and amount of funds used for the accomplishment. Please provide at least three of your county CPC's accomplishments for the past year. You may include up to 10.

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**Accomplishment 1**

Please describe this accomplishment.

MEALS TO YOUTH 0-18

**Who benefited from accomplishment 1**

YOUTH 0-18

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1**

0

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1**

USDA

**Accomplishment 2**

Please describe this accomplishment.

TOYS FOR TOTS

**Who benefited from accomplishment 2**

CHILDREN OF DALE COUNTY

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2**

0

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2**

**Accomplishment 3**

Please describe this accomplishment.

CHILDRENS FAMILY DAY

**Who benefited from accomplishment 3**

DALE COUNTY DHR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3**

0

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3**

DONATIONS

**Accomplishment 4**

Please describe this accomplishment.

FOSTER HOPE ASSIST

**Who benefited from accomplishment 4**

ALL FOSTER CHILDREN IN DALE COUNTY

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4**

0

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4**

DONATIONS

**Accomplishment 5**

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 5**

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 5**

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 5**

**Accomplishment 6**

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 6**

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 6**

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 6**

**Accomplishment 7**

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 7**

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 7**

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 7**

**Accomplishment 8**

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 8**

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 8**

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 8**

**Accomplishment 9**

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 9****Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 9****Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 9****Accomplishment 10**

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 10****Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 10****Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 10****CPC Self-Assessment**

Self-assessment is an integral part of the County CPC development. Please complete the questions below and indicate your CPC's level of development.

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**Level I CPC**

Please select all that apply.

- Mandate Members (at least 8 of 15) attended at least two meetings last year
- At Large Members (at least 5 of 7) attended at least two meetings last year
- Minutes and sign in sheets were kept for all meetings
- CPS met at least quarterly
- Membership list was kept current
- Needs assessment was turned in on time and in correct format
- Annual Report submitted with needs assessment

**Level II CPC**

Please select all that apply.

- At least 10 of the 15 mandated members attended 2 or more meetings last year
- At least 6 of the 7 At Large members attended 2 or more meetings last year
- At least 3 members attended the CPC conference last year
- New Member Orientation Manual was developed
- Committees met at least quarterly in addition to regularly scheduled CPC meetings
- Committees presented reports at CPC meetings
- Committees took action toward identified issues
- CPC has a mission statement
- CPC has an elected Vice-Chair
- CPC has an elected Secretary

## Level II - Committees

Please select all committees which have been established.

- Early Care and Education
- Economic Security
- Education
- Health
- Parent Involvement and Skills
- Safety

## Level III CPC

Please select all that apply.

- Council has developed strong leadership
- Fiscal agent has been identified or a 501(c)3 has been established
- Bylaws have been written and approved
- Members have attended CPC Leadership Training
- Council is active in child advocacy efforts
- Council sponsors community efforts for children's issues
- Committees are active and performing specific actions
- 5 or more members attended the CPC Conference last year
- Communication line has been developed with legislators
- Communication with the media occurs
- CPC has a strategic plan in place

## Self-Rating

Based on the answers above, how would you characterize your current level?

- Striving for Level I
- Level I moving toward Level II
- Level II moving toward Level III
- Level III

## Annual Report Documentation

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### CPC Members List

Please upload a CPC membership list with contact information.

### CPC Meeting Minutes

Please upload minutes from CPC meetings from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Please ensure all minutes are scanned together as one document.

### CPC Sign-In Sheets

Please upload all CPC Meeting Sign-In sheets from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Please ensure all sign-in sheets are scanned together as one document.

### Conclusion\*

What have we not asked you about that you feel is important?

N/A