

DALLAS COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2018

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| 501(c)3 Status | Dallas County |
| Is this CPC a 501(c)3? | Yes |

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The sections below relate to the needs of children ages birth to 19 in your community as well as the families of those children.

Please find below both your originally ranked (2017) needs and new (2018) top 3 needs and the information about those needs.

| Needs as Originally Ranked and Corresponding Data (2017) | |
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| Parental Involvement and Family Engagement | Rank: 1 |
| Number of children in foster care | 50 |
| Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county? | Yes |
| Substance Abuse | Rank: 2 |
| Number of Juvenile arrests for drug and substance violations: | 4 |
| How many children have been removed from homes due to parent drug use? | 20 |
| Mental Health | Rank: 3 |
| How many available beds are for children? | 0 |
| How many available beds are for adults? | 0 |
| Which population has the greatest mental health needs in your county? | 18 to 54 years old |

| Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2018 | |
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| School Success Rank: 1 | |
| Percent of students missing 10 or more days of school: | 18 |
| Please provide number of truancy cases referred to early warning court: | 273 |
| Please provide percent of children not proficient in reading in 3 rd grade: | 53% |
| Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Rank: 2 | |
| Number of children in foster care: | 62 |
| Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county? | No |
| Substance Abuse Rank: 3 | |
| Number of juvenile arrests for drug and substance abuse violations: | 12 |
| How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use? | 16 |

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Below, is a list of your CPC's top accomplishments.

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| Accomplishment | Started a First Class Pre-K classroom |
| Who benefited from this accomplishment? | Children aged 4 |
| Number served from this accomplishment? | 15 |
| Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment? | \$150,000 |
| Source of funds for this accomplishment? | Grants |

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| Accomplishment | Started a Senior Nutrition Center |
| Who benefited from this accomplishment? | Senior Citizens of Dallas County |
| Number served from this accomplishment? | 25 |
| Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment? | \$150,000 |
| Source of funds for this accomplishment? | Grants |

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| Accomplishment | Operated an Adult Drug Court and Mental Health Court |
| Who benefited from this accomplishment? | Individuals with drug offenses in district or circuit criminal court |
| Number served from this accomplishment? | 75 |
| Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment? | \$150,000 |
| Source of funds for this accomplishment? | Grants |

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| Accomplishment | Operated a Juvenile Justice Center at Hope Academy |
| Who benefited from this accomplishment? | Children in the juvenile system |
| Number served from this accomplishment? | 450 |
| Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment? | \$150,000 |
| Source of funds for this accomplishment? | Grants |