

ETOWAH COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2020

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501(c)3 Status	Etowah 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 your identified top needs for your new (2020) assessment and the information about those needs.

Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2020	
Poverty Rank: 1	
What is the unemployment rate in your county?	10
What is the rate of children in poverty in your county?	28.7
Health and Well-Being Rank: 1	
What is your county's infant mortality rate?	5.0
What factors most impact health and well-being in your county?	Access to healthy food Access to healthcare Obesity
Mental Health Rank: 2	
How many inpatient beds are available to your county for children?	74
How many inpatient beds are available in your county for adults?	110
Which population has the greatest mental health needs in your county?	9 to 17

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Accomplishment	A Night for our Stars: Special Needs Prom is for individuals 14+ who have a special need or ability. It is free to all participants and families. Over 650 were in attendance, 300+ were special needs attendees, the rest were parents who attended with their attendees, other family members, staff or volunteers. We serve food, have a DJ who donates their time, prom court, free photos, etc.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Special Needs Individuals and their Families
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$10,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Prom Fundraising/T-shirt fundraiser
Accomplishment	Halloween Fest partnered with Children's Rehabilitation Services. 30 families were served through a Halloween Festival where many children with Special Needs have never been able to participate in Halloween before.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Special Needs Children ages 16 and under and Families
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$250
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	T-shirt fundraiser

Accomplishment	GRAD Program - Offered materials and graduation memorabilia for seniors to remind them to not drink drive after Graduation. Served Gadsden City High School, Etowah High School, and West End High
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Seniors
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$500
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	

Accomplishment	We were unable to do offer Health Screenings the summer of 2020 due to Covid-19.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	

Source of funds for this accomplishment?	
Accomplishment	<p>Read along with us!</p> <p>We read books online for students/youth and partnered up with the local public library to offer reading to students who were stuck at home during quarantine of Covid-19.</p>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children in Etowah County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	
Accomplishment	<p>KIDS Workshop</p> <p>We hosted a KIDS Workshop offering speakers for CE's to educators, social workers, nurses, and counselors.</p> <p>We served 100 individuals.</p> <p>Speaker topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity Child Abuse App Safety Homelessness
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Teachers, Educators, Social Workers, Counselors, Nurses
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$1,200
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	t-shirt fundraiser

Accomplishment	Yellow Resource Cards that offer quick access to local resources, handed out at many agencies in Etowah County
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Residents of Etowah County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$400
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	t-shirt fundraiser

Accomplishment	We were unable to provide Summer at the Cinemas in 2020 due to Covid-19
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	