



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*

Etowah

Honorable

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

Joe Nabors

Title of Judge

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

Honorable Joe Nabors - District Court Judge

Address

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

Street Address

821 E. Broad Street

Address Line 2

City

Gadsden

State / Province / Region

AL

Postal / Zip Code

35903

Country

United States

CPC Members

CPC Member

Gray, Hannah (Gadsden Public Library)

Kirkland, Cindy (Etowah County Schools)

Hall, Francesca (counselor)

Whitaker, Hope (Etowah County Schools)

Blackwell, Kevin (SPAN)

Nessler, Amy (Family Success Center)

CPC Member

Studdard, Brittani (DHR)

Clapp, Emma (Family Success Center)

Baeza, Hector (Gadsden City Schools)

Nabors, Hon. Joe

Smith, Tiffany (DHR)

McQueen, Amy (Children's Rehabilitation Services)

CPC Member

Roberts, Barbara (JPO Etowah County Court)

Hamrick, Eve (Family Success Center)

Edward, Holly (Children's Rehabilitation Services)

Clay, Hon. Will

Harcrow, Darlene

Woody, Baisha (Gadsden State Community College)

Norton, Christi (ADPH)	Guyton, Debra (Etowah County Schools)	Cosby, Dr. Alan (Etowah County Schools)
Carter, Emily (Job Corps)	Duncan, Jamie (Attalla City Schools)	Willoughby, Jody (Etowah County District Attorney)
Garrett, Larinda (Family Guidance Center)	Falcon, LeRoy (YMCA)	Falcon, Patricia (James M. Barrie Center)
Greene, Stacye (DHR)	Sauls, Teresa (DHR)	Dawson, Teresa (CED Mental Health)
Dillon, Ty (Living Truth)	King, Willie	Shaw, Lori
Hereford, Emma (Children's Rehabilitation Services)	Scott, Craig (Gadsden Public Library)	Thacker, Deana (Family Success Center)

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.

Tiffany Smith

CPC Coordinator Email

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

etowahcountycpc@gmail.com

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

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.

Number of children in foster care

210

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

School Success

School Success take many forms. It begins in the early years as often measured through subject proficiencies, and in later years can be measured by graduation rates. The questions in this section are to help drill down into the root causes and specific factors contributing to the needs surrounding school success.

Graduation Rate

Please provide the estimated percentage of students who successfully graduate from high school in your county.

87.9

Chronic Absenteeism

Please provide the percent of students who are chronically absent, defined as missing 10-17 days of school in your county.

26.2

Reading Proficiency in 4th Grade

Please provide the percent of children who meet or exceed benchmarks for reading in 4th grade.

37.8

Math proficiency in 4th grade

Please provide the percentage of children who meet or exceed benchmarks in math in the 4th grade.

52.1

Urgent Needs

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

- 1
- 2
- 3

Health and Well Being

Ensuring health and well-being for all ages is important to building strong communities. By improving infant mortality rates, access to healthy food, healthcare, places to exercise and organized sports opportunities we can establish connections needed to help people live healthier lives. If the issue is one of the top three needs in your county, please rank it first, second or third.

What is your county's infant mortality rate?

5.7

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.

Accomplishment 1

Please describe this accomplishment.

School Supplies Drive - The community donated school supplies, including earbuds, clorox wipes, etc.

Who benefited from accomplishment 1

Families who could not afford to purchase school supplies for their children.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

0.00

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1

Donation

Accomplishment 2

Please describe this accomplishment.

KIDS (Kids in Dangerous Situations) Workshop. Online conference covering teens, social media, trafficking, Child Trauma, therapy dogs, and eating disorders.

Who benefited from accomplishment 2

Social Workers, counselors, nurses, law enforcement, and other professionals who work with children.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2

\$800

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2

CPC Funds

Accomplishment 3

Please describe this accomplishment.

CPC T Shirts - annual t shirt fundraiser

Who benefited from accomplishment 3

CPC

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3

250.00 (design and printing)

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3

t shirt fundraiser

Accomplishment 4

Please describe this accomplishment.

Trunk or Treat

Who benefited from accomplishment 4

Children and families of Etowah County

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4

250.00

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4

CPC Funds

Accomplishment 5

Please describe this accomplishment.

Winter Coat Drive

Who benefited from accomplishment 5

Families in Etowah County in need of a coat for the winter

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 5

0

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 5

Donation

Accomplishment 6

Please describe this accomplishment.

KIDS KAMP

Who benefited from accomplishment 6

Kids Camp at the Family Success Center

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 6

\$200

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 6

CPC Funds

Accomplishment 7

Please describe this accomplishment.

Fingerprinting at an area school

Who benefited from accomplishment 7

Families of a local school

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 7

0

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 7

Etowah County Sheriff's Office

Accomplishment 8

Please describe this accomplishment.

Sensory Friendly Movie Night

Who benefited from accomplishment 8

Special needs children and their families

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 8

252.00

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 8

CPC Funds

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.

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

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.

2022 CPC Minutes.pdf

164.8KB

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