

# **FAYETTE COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2020**

## **ABOUT THE CPC**

### **CPC Members**

**Merrell Nolen (Juvenile Judge)**

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**Cynthia Moore (At Large Member)**

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**Paul Young (West Alabama Children's Advocacy Center)**

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<b>501(c)3 Status</b>	<b>Fayette County</b>
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.

<b>Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2020</b>	
<b>Substance Abuse   Rank: 1</b>	
Number of juvenile arrests for drug and substance abuse violations	11
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use?	7
<b>Parental Involvement and Family Engagement   Rank: 2</b>	
Number of children in foster care:	22
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No
<b>Transportation   Rank: 3</b>	
Availability of public transportation:	There is not public transportation
Transportation infrastructure:	Roads and bridges do not need much improvement

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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

<b>Accomplishment</b>	Imagination Library through the Dollywood Foundation
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	All Fayette County Children birth to five years of age whose parents or guardians make applications
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$5,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Annual Grant from the Fayette Community Foundation
<b>Accomplishment</b>	Local caregiver packets with contact information for resources
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children and caregivers especially children not in the home of thier parents
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$2,500
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	There was an initial small cost of printing these made several years ago, and funds continue to be supplied when needed to duplicate and update materials.
<b>Accomplishment</b>	Kids and Kin program is now in Fayette County. This is a Statewide program through the Family Guidance Center of Alabama. A program free to participants to provide support and assistance to those providing care to thier relative's children.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Grandparents, aunts, uncles, and older siblings who provide childcare
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$2,500
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	No local funds used.