



# **FAYETTE COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2021**

## **ABOUT THE CPC**

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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 2021 assessment and the information about those needs.

<b>Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2021</b>	
<b>Substance Abuse   Rank: 1</b>	
Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations.	9
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county?	25
<b>Parental Involvement and Family Engagement   Rank: 2</b>	
Number of children in foster care	11
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	The road and bridge infrastructure in our county is in desperate need of funding and repair
Which choice most impacts access to services in your county?	Public transportation

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

<b>Accomplishment 1</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?	\$6,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Annual Grant from the Fayette Community Foundation

<b>Accomplishment 2</b>	Local caregiver packets with contact information for resources.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children and caregivers especially children not in the home of their parents
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$2,500.00
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 3</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 their relative's children.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Grandparents, aunts, uncles and older siblings who provide childcare.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$2,500.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	No local funds used.