



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*

Lee

Honorable

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

Honorable Mike C. Fellows

Title of Judge

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

Circuit Judge (Family Court)

Address

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

Street Address

2311 Gateway Drive, Suite E-129

Address Line 2

City

Opelika

State / Province / Region

Alabama

Postal / Zip Code

36801

Country

USA

CPC Members

CPC Member

Mike C. Fellows, Circuit Judge

James Menefee, ABC Enforcement

Pam Heartsill, ACHR

Julianne McGill, Auburn University

Terry Woodall, LCYDC

Jamie DeLee, CRS

Jessilyn Townsend-Blair, DYS

Chelsea Neighbors, EAMH

CPC Member

Stephanie D. Evans, Chief JPO

Caitlin Andrews, United Way

Sharon Ives, ADPH

Dr. Trellis Smith, ECE/IAMBK

Dora Freeman, Family Court

Chariah Washington, CRS

Sarah Cox, EAMH

Ashley Woods, EAMH

CPC Member

Lisa Kelley, Director DHR

Celeste Brewer, ABC Enforcement

Tessie Sumbry, Medicaid

Liletta Jenkins, State CPC

Latasha Durr, CASA

Nell Finley, CCRS

Emi Ajero, EAMH

Joy Stanley, ACS

Gina Ivey, LCS	Thomas Sherfield, OCS	Russ Hardwick, OCS
Barrett Chandler, United Way	Kermit Farmer, Village Creed	Amanda Carpenter, EAMH
Keyah Brown, IAMBK	Betty Burns, Boys & Girls Club	Jeff Fuller, OPD
Suzanne Shaw, Family Guidance	Kelly Turner, A Counseling Place	Regina Meadows, Circles Opelika
Lekeisha Presley, HFI	Amanda Amat, HFI	Beth Jones, Mental Health
Caroline May, EAMHC	Jan Busby, Southern Union	Shelby Thompson, Youth Villages
Hilary Joyce, Auburn University	Patricia Campbell, Court Administrator	Linda Wright, AUM Outreach
Gina Ivey, LCS	Lauren Penton, LCS	

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.

Stephanie D. Evans, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

CPC Coordinator Email

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

stephanie.evans@alacourt.gov

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

Substance Abuse

Substance abuse affects youth, families and all parts of society and is manifest through underage drinking, prescription drug abuse, as well as illegal substance manufacturing, access and use. If this issue is one of the top three needs in your county, please rank it first, second or third.

Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations.

42

How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county?

47

Urgent Needs

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

- 1
- 2
- 3

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

117

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

Mental Health

Mental Health is important at every stage of life, from childhood, adolescence to adulthood. Mental Health is an essential component of overall health and well-being for children and their families. Children need to have their mental health conditions identified early so that they can receive proper treatment through outpatient or inpatient serves that meet their needs.

How many inpatient beds are available in your county for children?

5

How many inpatient beds are available in your county for adults?

14

Which population has the greatest mental health need in your county?

9 to 17 years old

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.

The Parenting Subcommittee of our local Children's Policy Council (CPC) developed a beautiful parenting resource flyer that lists and references all resources available to parents.

Who benefited from accomplishment 1

Parents, local schools, students, EAMH, and other partnering agencies.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

\$0 - Printing would have been the only cost which was donated.

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1

N/A

Accomplishment 2

Please describe this accomplishment.

The Lee County District Attorney's Office initiated the Helping Families Initiative (HFI), a program designed to help decrease truancy in schools by linking families to needed resources.

Who benefited from accomplishment 2

Families, local school systems, Family Court.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2

\$0

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2

Donations and grants

Accomplishment 3

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 3

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3

Accomplishment 4

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 4

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4

Accomplishment 5

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 5

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 5

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 5

Accomplishment 6

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 6

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 6

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 6

Accomplishment 7

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 7

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 7

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 7

Accomplishment 8

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 8

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 8

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 8

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.

Member List.pdf 33.29KB

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.

Meeting Minutes 2022.pdf 103.04KB

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.

Sign-In Sheets.pdf 33.81KB

Conclusion*

What have we not asked you about that you feel is important?

N/A