# LEE COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2018

#### **ABOUT THE CPC**

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501(c)3 Status	Lee County
Is this CPC a 501(c)3?	No

### **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 both your <u>originally ranked (2017) needs and new (2018) top 3 needs</u> and the information about those needs.

Needs as Originally Ranked and Corresponding Data (2017)	
Parental Involvement and Family Engagement	Rank: 1
Number of children in foster care	136
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No
Substance Abuse	Rank: 2
Number of Juvenile arrests for drug and substance violations:	98
How many children have been removed from homes due to parent drug use?	28
Mental Health	Rank: 3
How many available beds are for children?	14
How many available beds are for adults?	15
Which population has the greatest mental health needs in your county?	9 to 17 years old

Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2018	
Parental Involvement and Family Engagement   Rank: 1	
Number of children in foster care:	102
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No
Substance Abuse   Rank: 2	
Number of juvenile arrests for drug and substance abuse violations:	101
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use?	40
Me	ntal Health   Rank: 2
How many available beds are for children?	14
How many available beds are for adults?	15
Which population has the greatest mental health needs in your county?	9 to 17 years old

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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

Accomplishment	Special deliveries of EAMHC provides home & center-based services for vulnerable families with children ages 0-5, individual & group therapy, case mgmt., & parenting skills training to assist families.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Pregnant women and families with children ages 0-5.
Number served from this accomplishment?	350
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$300,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	United Way of Lee Co., AL Dept. of Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention, Lee Co. Commission, AL Medicaid, A.U. Kappa Delta Sorority, & other community donations.
Accomplishment	EAMH provided school-based mental health services to children in Auburn, Opelika, and Lee County schools.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children in Kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade enrolled in Auburn City, Opelika City, or Lee County Schools, and who have a mental health need.
Number served from this accomplishment?	1000
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$300,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Medicaid, All-Kids, Auburn City Schools, Lee County Schools, Alabama Dept. of Mental Health
Accomplishment	Shared Beginnings is a literacy program specifically for teen parents & their children. Through a series of workshops, Shared Beginnings helps young parents develop their children's early language & literacy skills.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	21 parents and 21 children identified from within the Auburn City, Opelika City, and Lee County Schools were served through this program.
Number served from this accomplishment?	42
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$300,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Jean Dean RIF-Reading is Fundamental

Accomplishment	Auburn City Schools provided an opportunity for all English as a Second Language students & their families to attend an ESL F.A.I.R. at Auburn Junior High School.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	65 students, with an additional 44 parents (and younger siblings).
Number served from this accomplishment?	120
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$300,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Community Partners

Accomplishment	Dad's League, a fatherhood initiative under the Family Resource Center & I Run Opelika provided a day of Family Games & 5K, an NBA All-Star weekend themed skills challenge where father & father figures completed with their families.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Fathers, children, and families throughout the Lee County area.
Number served from this accomplishment?	150
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$300,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	City of Opelika, EAMC, and Community Partners

Accomplishment	Kids and Kin Program, organized through the Family Guidance Center, provides training and resources to assist families in preparing their young children to begin school.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Families with children receiving care from "kin" such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.
Number served from this accomplishment?	50
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$300,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Dept. of Human Resources

Accomplishment	The Early Head Start Home Based Program, a parent education program, is where pregnant Moms are provided with information & education about the affects of drugs, alcohol, & smoking on their unborn child.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	
Number served from this accomplishment?	100
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$300,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Head Start
Accomplishment	The Mental Health First Aid Program organized through EAMH provided 7 Mental Health First Aid Trainings - 8 hr training evidence-based workshop designed to educate community members about mental illness, including symptoms, signs & appropriate responses.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	
Number served from this accomplishment?	120
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$300,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Dept. of Mental Health
Accomplishment	Help Me Grow Alabama Initiative provides Care coordination for developmental & behavioral concerns - targeting children ages 0-8.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children and Families affected by developmental and behavioral concerns ages 0-8.
Number served from this accomplishment?	100
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$300,000

Alabama Early Childhood Education Preschool Development Grant

Source of funds for this accomplishment?

Accomplishment	The Home Alone Safety Program organized through LCYDC Educates children in safety awareness, decision making skills, emergency preparedness, internet safety, bullying prevention as well as home rules.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	9-10 years old school students throughout Lee County.
Number served from this accomplishment?	940
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	N/A
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	N/A