



### Introduction

The Children's Policy Council 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-based 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 regarding your County's Children's Policy Council.

#### County \*

Macon

#### Honorable Judge \*

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

District Judge Deborah H. Biggers

#### Name of CPC Coordinator \*

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

District Judge Deborah H. Biggers

#### CPC Coordinator Email \*

Enter the email of the contact person who coordinates the CPC activities.

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##### City

Tuskegee

##### State / Province / Region

AL

##### Postal / Zip Code

36083

##### Country

US

#### School System/LEA Representation \*

Are the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) all represented on the CPC?

- Yes, all are represented and active
- Yes, all are represented but not all are active
- Some are represented, but not all
- Only 1 school system is represented

#### Number of School Systems \*

Indicate the number of school systems or Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in your county.

**Does your county currently conduct a youth survey? \***

- Yes  
 No

## CPC Members

Use the fields below to list the names of all CPC Members, with each name in a separate field. Use the "Add" link to create more fields as needed.

CPC Member	CPC Member	CPC Member
Joshua Anthony	Deborah H. Biggers	Derrick Bolling
Jacqueline A. Brooks	Andre Brunson	Linda Bulls
Delores Calhoun	Karin King Cale	Dr. Trellis Smith-Calloway
Jonathan Davis	Jamie Nicole DeLee	Mary Florian
Jason Flowers	Nell Finley	Allison Foster
Jan Fountain	Ruby Granberry	Angela Harris
Terri Holcey	Febreu Holston	Mary Hooks
Coty L. Madden-Huguley	Dominquez Hurry	Michael Evan Johnson
Roberta Taylor-Jones	Tanika Jones	LaMarcus King
Annie (Laura) Lee	Louis Maxwell	Venesia McClaney
Tammy Morgan	Tia Pierrot	Savitria Reed
LaShunda A. Richardson	Julie Smith	Letisha Strickland
Angelia Walton	Pebblin Warren	Chariah Washington
Kimberly Waugh	Melissa T. Willimas	Walter Wood
Liletta M. Jenkins	Nicole McCants	

**Does your CPC currently have 501(c)3 status? \***

- Yes  
 No

### 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.

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](http://www.alcpc.org)

Local Mental Health Center that serves county

Local County Department of Human Resources (DHR)

### Three Most Urgent Needs \*

Select the three needs below that are the most urgent. These are the ones you will provide more information about.

- 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.

### Parental Involvement Rank \*

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
- 2
- 3

### Trends of Child Abuse \*

Mark the answer that best characterizes reports of child abuse in your county.

- Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of reports of child abuse.
- We are seeing a leveling off of child abuse reports.
- Our county has seen a decline in the reports of child abuse.

### Domestic Violence \*

Select the item that best characterizes the domestic violence trends in your county.

- Increasing
- Remaining about the same
- Declining

### Community Factors Impacting Trends \*

Describe community factors which may impact the trends in domestic violence and child abuse, including but not limited to, access to family counseling and mental health support.

Substance abuse by adults and adult mental illness both of which have not followed any prescribed treatment regiment, contributed to increased domestic violence in the county.

### Number of Children in Foster Care \*

9

### Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county? \*

- Yes
- No

### Which components of parental involvement and family engagement apply to your county? \*

- Single parent families
- Support for teaching children at home
- Increased foster care placements
- Increased child abuse and domestic violence rates
- Increased adoption needs

## Early Care and Education

The early childhood education experiences a child has before the age of five in First Class Pre-K, Head Start, Child Care Facilities, and Home Visiting programs builds social, emotional, cognitive and physical development that prepares them for school success.

### Early Care and Education Rank \*

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1  
 2  
 3

### First Class Pre-K \*

Enter the number of children in your county who participated in First Class Pre-K in 2022-2023.

Macon County School District has a total number of 70 students. Head Start has 54 students. Total number of children 124.

### Licensed Childcare Facilities \*

Enter the number of licensed childcare facilities located in your county.

9

### Exempt Childcare Centers \*

Enter the number of center-based license-exempt childcare centers located in your county.

0

### Access and Affordability \*

Provide information about access to, and affordability of, childcare for working families in your county.

Child care is available and accessible even when paid by Macon County DHR in some instances.

### Other Childcare Options \*

In instances where there is not sufficient access to childcare or it is not affordable, how does this impact your workforce?  
Where do children go for care?

Not Applicable

### Is the local CPC an active advisory council for First Class Pre-K in your county? \*

- Yes  
 No

### Describe your CPC's involvement with local First Class Pre-K providers. \*

First Class Pre-K representatives are members of our Policy Council.

### Under-Represented Populations \*

Describe those populations which are under-represented in early care and education. These are populations which may specifically be hard to reach and may come to kindergarten less prepared than other students.

None

### Collaboration and Coordination \*

Describe both the opportunities and the barriers to collaboration and coordination within the early care and learning community.

Head Start and the Macon County School District's pre-k administrators, collaborate on teaching strategies and consistent educational resources in the homes of the targeted families.

### Home Visiting Programs Availability \*

Does your county have sufficient access to home visiting programs such as HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), PAT (Parents as Teachers), Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), or other Home Visiting programs?

- Yes  
 No

## Home Visiting Programs \*

Mark all that are available in your county.

- Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- HIPPY
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Early Head Start
- Family Check Up
- Healthy Families America
- Early Intervention Program for Adolescent Mothers
- Child FIRST
- Locally developed model
- Other Focus First does vision screening and Auburn University does speech & hearing screening for Head Start Children.

## Are children ready for school? \*

Describe the readiness of children for school success upon kindergarten entry. How do you know if they are or are not ready?

No, for students who have not attended Pre-k or Head Start; for they have a better chance of success. They have already received multi-sensory learning.

## Mental Health

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

## Mental Health Rank \*

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
- 2
- 3

## Needs Related to Mental Health \*

Select all statements that apply to your county.

- We have a dire need for inpatient mental health facilities.
- We have a dire need for outpatient mental health facilities and care.
- Our need and the demand for mental health services match pretty well.
- We do not have enough counselors to fill the needs in our county.
- Children with mental health issues is a growing problem in our county.
- We do not have a need for mental health services and care in our county.
- Services are only available for those with ability to pay.

## How many facilities in your community maintain inpatient beds for mental health issues? \*

0

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

None

## Does this number meet the demand? \*

- Yes, demand is almost always met.
- Demand is mostly met. Occasionally, there are not enough beds.
- Demand almost always exceeds the supply of available beds.

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

None

**Does this number meet the demand? \***

- Yes, demand is almost always met.
- Demand is mostly met. Occasionally, there are not enough beds.
- Demand almost always exceeds the supply of available beds.

**If the demand for services is unmet, what are some actions taken? \***

Describe how the unmet needs are currently addressed.

East Central Mental Health refers our constituents, when beds are available to inpatient and outpatient resources outside our county.

**Describe the greatest mental health needs in your county. \***

For our children, it is trauma, oppositional defiance, and depression. With the adults, over half are co-dependents, suffering from both alcoholism/substance and mental illness.

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

55 years and older

**Top 3 Mental Health Resources \***

List the top 3 mental health resources in your county.

East Central Mental Health is the only mental health resources in Macon County.

**Accomplishments**

With regard to your programs in existence from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, consider accomplishments in those areas. Provide information about who benefited from the accomplishment and the source and amount of funds used for the accomplishment. Describe at least three of your county CPC's accomplishments for the past year. You may include up to 10.

**Accomplishment 1 \***

Describe this accomplishment.

The Macon County Children's Policy Council (MCCPC) Bookmobile distributed more than 300 books to Macon County children from birth to third grade during Tuskegee's Homecoming on November 5, 2022. The bookmobile also participated in TU's homecoming parade.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 1? \***

All of the children we contacted were from birth to third grade and in addition, registrations for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library were distributed during the parade to spectators.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 1 \***

1)\$198.00 for the bus driver. 2) \$3,400.00 Signage on Bookmobile Exterior Design by Sign Essentials.

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 1 \***

Grant from Macon County Commission.

**Accomplishment 2 \***

Describe this accomplishment.

The MCCPC received the Award of Excellence on October 27, 2022, from the Alabama Department of Early Childhood at the 2022 State Children's Policy Council State Meeting.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 2? \***

The members of the MCCPC were encouraged and incentivized to continue its work for the children of Macon County.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 2 \***

0

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 2 \***

Not Applicable

**Accomplishment 3\***

Describe this accomplishment.

Partnered with Tuskegee University School of Architecture and Construction Design, Macon County Career Tech students under the supervision of Sheffield Construction and Dr. Kwesi Daniels, TU Architecture Professor, constructing bookcases spelling "READ" and other shelves for inside the bookmobile to store the books for distribution to children in Macon County. The stars in the bookmobile's ceiling were done by TU Art Professor, Charles Parham.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 3?\***

Macon County Children.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 3\***

\$8,841.00

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 3\***

Macon County Commission \$22,000.00 grant, awarded on November 3, 2022.

**Accomplishment 4**

Describe this accomplishment.

We participated in the Career Fair at George Washington Carver Elementary School on February 10, 2023, with a distribution of activity books on the juvenile court system and the prevention of truancy.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 4?**

Children in attendance at George Washington Carver Elementary School, grades pre-k through 3rd grade.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 4**

\$237.15 to print activity books or to juvenile court system.

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 4**

Juvenile Court Funds

**Accomplishment 5**

Describe this accomplishment.

During National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023, the MCCPC collaborated with the Macon County Schools Library Media Specialists to have the bookmobile at Notasulga School on April 24; Deborah Cannon Wolfe School on April 25; George Washington Carver School on April 26 and April 27, to give away books to children in classes pre-K through 3rd grade. More than 600 books were distributed doing that week.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 5?**

Macon County school district students in grade pre-k through third grade at three Macon County elementary schools.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 5**

\$1,222.12 to purchase books.

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 5**

Macon County Commission, \$22,000.00 grant.

**Accomplishment 6**

Describe this accomplishment.

The bookmobile participated in the George Washington Carver Festival Parade and set up on the Tuskegee Square and distributed more than 100 books to children from infant to 3rd grade.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 6?**

Children in Macon County.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 6**

\$1,166.78 to purchase books and paid bookmobile bus driver \$154.00, for a total of \$1,320.78.

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 6**

Macon County Commission Grant.

**Accomplishment 7**

Describe this accomplishment.

The Council partnered with the River Region United Way to register more than 205 children in Macon County to participate in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 7?**

Children from birth through age 5.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 7**

Nominal funds were used to duplicate the Dolly Parton Imagination Library registration forms.

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 7**

Used office copier and office paper to duplicate registration forms, as needed.

**Accomplishment 8**

Describe this accomplishment.

MCCPC applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$22,000.00 from the Macon County Commission for the bookmobile initiative, on October 4, 2022.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 8?**

The children in Macon County.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 8**

None

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 8**

N/A

**Accomplishment 9**

Describe this accomplishment.

The MCCPC received an award in the amount of \$202.21, from the Macon County Racing Commission, on November 22, 2022, after applying for Charity Day Racing Proceeds.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 9?**

Children of Macon County.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 9**

0

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 9**

N/A

**Accomplishment 10**

Describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefitted 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 provide the information below and indicate your CPC's level of development.

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### Level I CPC

Select all that apply.

- Mandated 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
- CPC 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

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

Select all committees which have been established.

- Early Care and Education
- Economic Security
- Education
- Health
- Parent Involvement and Skills
- Safety

### Level III CPC

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

**CPC Members List**

Use the upload button below to provide a CPC membership list with contact information.

CPC-Needs Assessment List.pdf 186.16KB

**CPC Meeting Minutes \***

Upload minutes from CPC meetings from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please ensure all minutes are scanned together as one document.

Minutes 2023 Needs Assessment.pdf 770.34KB

**CPC Sign-In Sheets \***

Upload all CPC Meeting sign-in sheets from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please ensure all sign-in sheets are scanned together as one document.

MCCPC Sign-In Sheets Needs Assessment.pdf 502.86KB

**Conclusion \***

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

All relevant issues have been covered.