



**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\***

Marion

**Honorable**

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

Hon. Mark E. Hammitte

**Title of Judge**

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

Judge Mark E. Hammitte

**Address**

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

**Street Address**

132 Military St S

**Address Line 2**

Room 305

**City**

Hamilton

**State / Province / Region**

Alabama

**Postal / Zip Code**

35570

**Country**

Marion

**CPC Members**

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**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.

Jennifer Nix

### CPC Coordinator Email

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

jennifer.nix@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](http://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.

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

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

### 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.

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#### Number of children in foster care

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

### Juvenile Crime and Safety

The future growth and success of a county depends on the productivity and well-being of youth. Juvenile violent crime, teens not working or going to school can defer dreams and can place limits on access to opportunities.

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What is your county Juvenile Violent Crime petition rate?

Please provide the rate of teens not attending school or not working in your county.

### 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.

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#### Accomplishment 1

Please describe this accomplishment.

Presentations in the schools presented by different agencies of the local CPC discussed the dangers of drugs, child pornography, and human trafficking, school attendance, suicide and bullying issues, and home safety.

#### Who benefited from accomplishment 1

ALL OF THE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE MARION COUNTY AND WINFIELD CITY SCHOOL SYSTEMS

#### Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

0

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1****Accomplishment 2**

Please describe this accomplishment.

The Helping Family Initiative Program through the District Attorney's Office was involved with several At-Risk youth provided support to children with school problems: attendance, clothing and housing issues, and transportation problems. HFI developed an after-school program that provided tutors, and positive adult role models for mentoring and supervision for children after school. This year a summer program was added for at-risk children. Local young people enrolled in the RAMP School of Ministry met with the kids, did activities with them and shared their life experiences and talked about how you can overcome disadvantages that may be occurring in your lives. At the end of the program the children involved in the program were taken on a Back To School shopping trip.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 2**

AT RISK CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE HAMILTON MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2****Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2**

A HFI grant received by the District Attorney's Office

**Accomplishment 3**

Please describe this accomplishment.

Partnered with Bevill State Community College to provide GED, and career choice training is provided on a regular basis for children who have dropped out of school, offering them a chance for a better future.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 3**

Children who have dropped out of the Marion County School System and the Winfield City School System.

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3**

0

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3****Accomplishment 4**

Please describe this accomplishment.

Mental Health Coordinators for both systems and prevention specialists for the County school systems have been added this year. The Mental Health Coordinators will help counselors with the social and emotional health of students. This provides an opportunity for students who are struggling with mental health issues to receive services within the school systems.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 4**

The children and parents of the Marion County School and Winfield City School systems.

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4****Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4**

Grants to the school systems.

**Accomplishment 5**

Please describe this accomplishment.

Advent eLearning provides evidence-based online treatment that is available any time and anywhere you have an internet connection. Advent eLearning provides efficiencies to agencies using it while helping those who need it. Over 30 evidence-based courses are used and accepted by hundreds of prosecutors, judges, police and probation officers across the US to fulfill pre-trial or court requirements. Courses offered: Alcohol & Substance Abuse, Alcohol & Substance Abuse Level II, Anger Management, Anger Management Level II, Animal Care, Boating & Outdoor, Bullying, Conflict Resolution, Corrective Thinking, Defensive Driving, Financial Responsibility, Firearms Responsibility, Harassment, Hunting Responsibility, Impaired Driving, Impaired Driving Level II, Juvenile Sexting, Life Skills, Marijuana, Marijuana Level II, Parenting, Prostitution, Revenge Porn, Shoplifting, Theft, Theft Level II, Traffic Safety, Truancy, Underage Alcohol & Substance Abuse, Underage Alcohol & Substance Abuse Level II, Victim Impact Panel

eLearning's main objective is to deliver convenient, self-directed education for use by individuals who want to show they have taken the initiative to correct the behaviors responsible for trouble in their lives. Advent eLearning is a cloud-based platform providing efficiencies to agencies that use it and help to those who need it.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 5**

eLearning is the perfect alternative for first-time as well as low and mid-level offenders. The positive preventive experience can give offenders a new beginning to a better, more socially responsible life.

All children from the Marion County School System and the Winfield School System that appear in Juvenile Court.

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 5****Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 5**

District Attorney's Office

**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.

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**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

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### CPC Members List

Please upload a CPC membership list with contact information.

### 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.

**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.

**Conclusion\***

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

MEMBERSHIP HAS NOT CHANGED, WE ARE NOT AN ACTIVE CPC, THERE ARE NO MINUTES OR SIGN IN SHEETS.