# MONROE COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2020

## **ABOUT THE CPC**

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| 501(c)3 Status         | Monroe County |
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| 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 new (2020) assessment and the information about those needs.

| Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2020                                  |    |
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| Substance Abuse   Rank: 1   |    |
| Number of juvenile arrests for drug and substance abuse violations                | 8  |
| How many children have been<br>removed from their home due to parent<br>drug use? | 6  |
| Parental Involvement and Family Engagement   Rank: 2                              |    |
| Number of children in foster care:  | 0  |
| Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?         | No |

|   | Poverty   Rank: 3 |
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| What is the unemployment rate in your county?           | 6                 |
| What is the rate of children in poverty in your county? | 24                |

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

| Accomplishment                                    | Pathway, Inc. partnered with the Monroe County Juvenile<br>Court System and was awarded DYS grant funding to provide<br>community preventative services for children that return<br>home from residential placement and to prevent children from<br>going to placement. These services assist children in<br>transitioning back into the home and community as well as<br>providing parents with family support. This is a no cost<br>program for our County. |
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| Who benefited from this accomplishment?           | 15 children served through the Juvenile Court System  |
| Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment? | \$ 104,000  |
| Source of funds for this accomplishment?          | Dept. of Youth Services Grant   |
| Accomplishment                                    | The District Court implemented a Character in Action program in August 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.  |
|   | These students were selected for having good character<br>based on behavior, attendance, leadership skills, and the<br>ways they have been able to overcome various obstacles in<br>their life. Southwest Alabama Behavioral Healthcare Systems<br>purchased the shirts for this program.   |
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|   | These students were selected for having good character<br>based on behavior, attendance, leadership skills, and the<br>ways they have been able to overcome various obstacles in<br>their life. Southwest Alabama Behavioral Healthcare Systems<br>purchased the shirts for this program.<br>Approximatley 200 middle and high school children throughout the   |

| Accomplishment                          | Our CPC was established as a non profit 501 (c)(3) status organization. We plan to apply for various grant funding so we can implement programs for our youth. |
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| Who benefited from this accomplishment? | 0  |

| Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment? | \$500           |
|---|-----------------|
| Source of funds for this accomplishment?          | State CPC grant |

| Accomplishment                                    | Two Schools in our County attended the 2019 FOCUS Rally<br>in September 2019. Topics at the rally addressed areas of<br>concern with adolescent risk behaviors, including Suicide<br>Awareness & Prevention, Dealing with Anxiety, Peer Helping,<br>Underage Drinking, Distracted Driving, Vaping, Bullying, and<br>Human Trafficking. |
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| Who benefited from this accomplishment?           | 28 students  |
| Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment? | 0  |
| Source of funds for this accomplishment?          |  |
| Accomplishment                                    | The Monroe County Sheriff's Department formed a Human<br>Trafficking Task Force. Presentations were held for middle<br>school and high school students to help inform them of the<br>dangers and warning signs of human trafficking.   |
| Who benefited from this accomplishment?           | Approximatley 200 students   |
| Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment? |  |
| Source of funds for this accomplishment?          |  |