



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*

Monroe

Honorable

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

Honorable Donna Silcox, District Judge

Title of Judge

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Honorable Donna Silcox, District Judge

Address

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

Street Address

65 North Alabama Avenue

Address Line 2

City

Monroeville

State / Province / Region

Alabama

Postal / Zip Code

36460

Country

United States

CPC Members

CPC Member

Donna Silcox (District Judge)

CPC Member

Misty Kelly (CPO)

CPC Member

Samantha Kyles (Judicial Assistant)

Brad Wood (Director of Admissions, Pathway, Inc.)

Greg Shehan (Superintendent)

Barbarietta Turner-Pugh (Director of Student Services)

Teresa Bullard (Special Education Coordinator)

Jane Agee (Director, Dept. of Human Resources)

Todd Watson (District Attorney)

Laura Grantham (Public Defender)

Sonya Stinson (Probate Judge)

Tom Boatwright (Sheriff)

Mandee Armstrong (Chief of Police)

Candice Hardin (Director, Southwest Alabama Behavioral Health)

Stephanie Myrick (Director, Child Advocacy Center)

April Jones (ABC)	Brittany Henderson (Vocational Rehab)	Amelia Boles (Help Me Grow Alabama)
Penelope Hines (Director, Chamber of Commerce)	Julia Summers (Dept. of Youth Services)	Ann Fox (Alabama Dept. of Public Health)
Angie Snyder (Director, Public Library)	Deborah Allen (Director, YAHWEH Ministries)	Liletta Jenkins (State CPC)
Brenda Dean (Community Advocate)	Jade Colquett (Victims Advocate)	Ywell Cunningham (Community Advocate)

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.

Misty Kelly

CPC Coordinator Email

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

misty.kelly@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.

6

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

15

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

2

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

School Success

School Success take many forms. It begins in the early years as often measured through subject proficiencies, and in later years can be measured by graduation rates. The questions in this section are to help drill down into the root causes and specific factors contributing to the needs surrounding school success.

Graduation Rate

Please provide the estimated percentage of students who successfully graduate from high school in your county.

90%

Chronic Absenteeism

Please provide the percent of students who are chronically absent, defined as missing 10-17 days of school in your county.

14.1%

Reading Proficiency in 4th Grade

Please provide the percent of children who meet or exceed benchmarks for reading in 4th grade.

30.6%

Math proficiency in 4th grade

Please provide the percentage of children who meet or exceed benchmarks in math in the 4th grade.

6.5%

Urgent Needs

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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.

Our Children's Policy Council was awarded \$20,000 for the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading grant. These funds have been used to provide 2,000 free books to local kids in our community, provide 430 free books to local first responders to distribute to kids, and to enhance to summer reading program at the local library. There were 42 children who attended the summer reading program and each child was given 5 books to take home.

Who benefited from accomplishment 1

Children ages 5 to 8 years old

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

\$20,000

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1

State Children's Policy Council grant

Accomplishment 2

Please describe this accomplishment.

Pathway, Inc. has continued its partnership with the Monroe County Juvenile Court System to provide community preventative services for children to prevent them from going into residential placement and for children that return home from placement. These services assist children in transitioning back into the home and community as well as providing parents with family support. This program has been expanded to cover 4 counties in our region.

Who benefited from accomplishment 2

15 children served through the Monroe County Juvenile Court System.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2

\$234,836

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2

Dept. of Youth Services

Accomplishment 3

Please describe this accomplishment.

Judge Silcox implemented the "Cuddles for Kids" program for children involved in dependency cases. Oftentimes children are nervous, and the court process can be overwhelming for children, so each child is given a free stuffed animal while in court to help sooth and supply comfort to the children.

Who benefited from accomplishment 3

25

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3

\$0.00

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3

Donations from the community.

Accomplishment 4

Please describe this accomplishment.

Our CPC and the Monroe County Public Library have continued our partnership by providing a free youth art class, "Painting with a Purpose". The goal of this program is to change the way young people see themselves as it enhances their personal value. This program has proven to boost academic achievements, decrease delinquent behaviors, and has gotten more children involved in the local library.

Who benefited from accomplishment 4

15

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4

\$2,000.00

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4

Alabama Power Foundation Grant

Accomplishment 5

Please describe this accomplishment.

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Please describe this accomplishment.

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Please describe this accomplishment.

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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.

2022 CPC Membership Template.xlsx 20.53KB

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.

2021 2022 CPC Minutes.pdf 128.87KB

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.

2021 2022 CPC Sign In.pdf 83.19KB

Conclusion *

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

N/A