



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*

Montgomery

Honorable

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

Honorable Judge Calvin Williams

Title of Judge

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

Circuit Judge

Address

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

Street Address

1111 Airbase Blvd

Address Line 2

City

Montgomery

State / Province / Region

Al

Postal / Zip Code

36108

Country

USA

CPC Members

CPC Member

A McCants-Family Guidance

Angela Daniel-Alabama
Department of Public Health

Aundria Guyton-Montgomery
Family Court

B. D. Aldridge -COSA

Brent Cosby- Laurel Oaks

CPC Member

Charity Alpert-CASA

Charles Lee – That's My Child

Charlotte Meadows -Alabama
State Representative

Darryl J. Albert-Chief of Police
MPD

Daryl Bailey-Montgomery County
District Attorney

CPC Member

John Bowman -
Hopeinspiredministries.org

Jessilyn Townsend-Blair -
Department of Youth Services

Joan Carlisle- Department of
Public Health

Jonathan Melton-Carastar

Kimberly Edwards-Department of
Public Health

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|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Judge Calvin Williams-Presiding Family Court Judge | Doug Singleton-Chairman, Montgomery County Commission | Kirk Hatcher- Alabama State Senator |
| Dr.cCatherliene Williamson-MPS | Jaquel Taylor-Montgomery County DHR | Keith Moore-Office of Violence Prevention |
| Leanna Smith-District Attorneys Office | Liletta Jenkins-Department of Early Childhood Education | Lloria James- Family Court Judge |
| Major Zedrick Dean-Montgomery Police Department | Mary Florian- mflorian@apcteam.org | Na' Sha Deramus- The Wellness Coalition |
| Natalie Mason-Montgomery County Juvenile Court | Paloma Jones-SPAN Achievement Network | Patrice McClammy-State Representative |
| Rick Jackson-Boys and Girls Club | Rochelle Tyus-Office of Violence Prevention | Ruthie Fitzpatrick-Montgomery County Department of Human Resources |
| Shareda Finch-COSA | Shontavious Core- The Wellness Coalition | Tashina Morris Representative-State of Alabama |
| Tim Anderson Helping Montgomery Family Initiative | Tim Tyler Montgomery County District Attorney's Office | Tish Macinnis Alabama Partnership for Children |
| Will Barfoot Alabama State Senator | | |

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.

Ray Williams

CPC Coordinator Email

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

raywilliams@mc-ala.org

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

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.

82%

Chronic Absenteeism

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

15,4%

Reading Proficiency in 4th Grade

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

33%

Math proficiency in 4th grade

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

10.7%

Urgent Needs

Please rank your top selected needs in the order of importance- 1 being the most important 2, and 3.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Mental Health

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

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

18

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

78

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

9 to 17 years old

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.

What is your county Juvenile Violent Crime petition rate?

2.6

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

12.2%

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.

Accomplishment 1

Please describe this accomplishment.

The Children's Policy Council Partnered with Heritage Barber shop formed a reading initiative. The Council donated books to the barber shop. Children who come to the barber shop can choose a book to read and they are able to take that book home with them.

Who benefited from accomplishment 1

Children PreK-5 in Montgomery County Alabama

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

0

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1

None

Accomplishment 2

Please describe this accomplishment.

The Montgomery County Children's Policy Council donated 445 individually packaged snacks and 210 beverages to Mercy House Afterschool Program. This program provides free transportation from MPS schools. They provide tutoring and recreational activities for the children

Who benefited from accomplishment 2

Children from Montgomery Public School who attended the Mercy House After School Program

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2

0

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2

None

Accomplishment 3

Please describe this accomplishment.

The Montgomery County Public School system's behavioral counselors taught conflict resolution in their summer programs. Their parent liaisons expanded services and programs for parents. This expansion included connecting parents to mental health services.

Who benefited from accomplishment 3

The children and parents of Montgomery Public Schools

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3

0

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3

Title 1 funds

Accomplishment 4

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 4**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4****Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4****Accomplishment 5**

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 5**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 5****Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 5****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.

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.

Members list.docx 14.38KB

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 July 01,2021 Meeting Minutes to June 30, 2022 (1).docx 30.5KB

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.

CPC Attendance for July 2021 Meeting.docx

18.38KB

Conclusion*

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

All important matters have been addressed.