

# **MORGAN COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2020**

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<b>501(c)3 Status</b>	<b>Morgan County</b>
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.

<b>Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2020</b>	
<b>Substance Abuse   Rank: 1</b>	
Number of juvenile arrests for drug and substance abuse violations	46
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use?	37
<b>Mental Health   Rank: 1</b>	
How many in-patient beds are available for children in your community?	10
How many in-patient beds are available for adults in your community?	10
Which population has the greatest mental health needs in your county?	18 to 54 years old
<b>Parental Involvement and Family Engagement   Rank: 2</b>	
Number of children in foster care:	152
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No
Number of licensed childcare facilities:	
Number of license-exempt childcare facilities:	
Home Visiting access:	

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

<b>Accomplishment</b>	Decatur Youth Services: DYS has partnered with Decatur City Schools to present speakers for Impact Day. DYS did a musical production of the Wiz. Education Expo gave the youth an opportunity to meet with 12 different colleges and the military. DYS sponsored the Back to School Jam where over 1,000 kids came and received backpacks. DYS tutors over 1,000 children. The children partnered with Decatur PD to give out over 800 Thanksgiving dinners. In 2020 continued contact through virtual means as well as tutoring. The summer was filled with "grab and go" activities in the community.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The youth of Decatur
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	funding from Decatur City and grants
<b>Accomplishment</b>	Community Action: Children Services: over 95% of the children birth to 4 received medical screenings and follow referrals; ratios for Head Start were lowered; increased pay for teachers and added mental health support staff for families; 20% of the children were referred for special services
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	children attending head start, families of those children
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	grants and state funding

<b>Accomplishment</b>	Child Advocacy Center served 796 children and the caregivers through forensic interviews, crisis interviews,
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	children ages 3-18
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$400,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	City of Decatur, Morgan County Commission, City of Hartselle, United Way, Victims of Crim Act, Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Center

<b>Accomplishment</b>	Mental Health Association- restarted I'm Thumbody for 2nd graders in local schools, Anxiety and Stress in Children and Teens education event; Child Safety COncerenc
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	school children, and those attending the seminars
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	grants
<b>Accomplishment</b>	Mental Health Center for North Alabama Provided on-sit counseling services for all three school systems;provided summer day treatment for 51 children; provided 4,682 hours of Outpatient psychiatric and counseling seriveis; 174 hours of Case Managemtn for
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	children of all ages and families of those children
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	
<b>Accomplishment</b>	Juvenile Court provide new counseling service to the office; provide substance abuse counseling for children and parents mental health counselor went from part time to full time; translating services
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	children 12-19 in juvenile court
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	state funding and grants

<b>Accomplishment</b>	Morgan County DHR; services are offered more quickly so that reunification can be accomplished; the county has a 0.529% which is less than the state rate of 4.8%;adoptions are moving forward more quickly; ICAN partnership formed with the judiciary to move
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	children in care

Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	CASA; there are 114 volunteers and approximately 260 children have been served in the first half of 2020
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	children in foster care/ dependency cases
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	grants and fundraising by the board

<b>Accomplishment</b>	Neighborhood Christian Center; holds 40 to 45 classes per week; three transitional homes; ministries such as food pantry, clothes closet, Thanksgiving meals; Christmas toy store; backyard Bible study; Summer Teen Work Program
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	families and children of all ages
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	United Way, fundraising and grants

<b>Accomplishment</b>	PACT: child abuse prevention for 1, 3, 7 and 10 graders in three county school systems; Strong Families Parenting program, meals for those suffering because of COVID and diapers for children; Family Assistance through the Community Ties program linking th
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	all school age children and the parents
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	