



MORGAN COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2021

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501(c)3 Status	Morgan County
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 2021 assessment and the information about those needs.

Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2021	
Substance Abuse Rank: 1	
Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations.	36
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county?	44
Mental Health Rank: 2	
How many inpatient beds are available in your county for children?	14
How many inpatient beds are available in your county for adults?	10
Which population has the greatest mental health need in your county?	18 to 54 years old
Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Rank: 3	
Number of children in foster care	157
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Accomplishment 1	United Way provides funding throughout the county for other non-profits.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Targeted areas addressed: hunger, homelessness, abuse, violence, children
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$1,000,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grants, corporate donations, fundraisers

Accomplishment 2	Child Advocacy Center: CAC conducted 178 forensic interviews, 150 crisis interviews, 605 trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy sessions, 2,175 victim advocacy follow-up contacts with families, CAC served 673 children and 488 caregivers funding is an issue. State and Federal funding (VOCA) has been drastically reduced but request for services has been increased.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children and families experiencing trauma,
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	State and Federal funds

Accomplishment 3	Mental Health Center of North Alabama: Provided 4,195 hours of outpatient psychiatric counseling for 591 children; provided 448 hours of psychiatrist time for 319 children and 177 hours of nurse care for 190 children; provided 110 hours of case management time for 13 children; Partnerships: in partnership with JPO of Morgan County a full-time juvenile court liaison provided 371 hours of out-patient services for children and 43 hours of family support and education for 77 children identified by JPO as needing help; Morgan County has three school systems: Morgan County Decatur City and Hartselle City; traditional onsite counseling services were provided at 29 schools within out three school systems as well as school based mental health for Hartselle and early intervention; in-home services were provided to 25 children (1,394 days) and alcohol and drug prevention programs
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	For the school elementary through high school and parents of children in need

Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grants and fundraisers

Accomplishment 4	Decatur Youth Services: Reconnecting Youth is a life skills program focused on current events our youth face; Family Matters program addresses family issues through the Nurturing Program and referrals for therapy services; Boys 2 Men and tutoring were also active programs. The tutoring program served children that were behind in school focusing on the area the child was struggling and all students were able to pass the classes and did not have to attend summer school. DYS has a Full Virtual Readiness Program during the day. DYS also partners with the JPO to provide services to those children as well; We also have programs for ACT/SAT prep, GED classes, Lifeskills for boys and girls, sports, family and career for parenting, workforce development. DYS needs tutors, guest speakers, activity sponsors and meal sponsors
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of all ages and the families of those children
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Decatur City, grants and fundraisers

Accomplishment 5	Mosaic Mentoring. Mentoring is offered to children of all ages. A virtual Easter Egg Hunt was conducted and chick fil a gift cards sent to the winners, virtual sidewalk chalk art was conducted and "judged" by on-line judges; over 60 backpacks were provided to children for school; a downtown Decatur Treat or Treat was conducted with area businesses participating approximately 200 children participated. All activities were done with COVID precautions and social distancing
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of all ages
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Fundraisers and grants

Accomplishment 6	Mental Health Association in Morgan County; held the 19th annual Child Safety Conference -virtually with 300 in attendance; "I'm Thumbody" self-esteem for 2nd graders in local schools - virtual; created a new program called Parents of Children serving parents of children with anxiety, ADHD, depression and other mood disorders; Mood Crew is designed by DBSA and provided activity packets to counselors and parents
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Professionals serving this population, children and families
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grants, fundraisers

Accomplishment 7	Neighborhood Christian Center: Served 3,193 families with food, clothes, hygiene products financial assistance, and classes/programs; during the winter and spring 200 weekly snack packs were delivered to children in low-income areas; hosted Backyard Bible Studies; and teach classes at the Morgan County Jail; Summer Youth Leadership program involving 11 local teenagers; and weekly between 100-175 children were served
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Low-income families needing assistance, youth of Decatur
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grants, fundraisers

Accomplishment 8	Morgan County Schools: all students receiving free breakfast and lunches, free summer school, all children received a free chrome book for virtual learning; after school tutoring for all students, free virtual program due to COVID and Learning Interventionist at every school to help with learning loss due to COVID
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	School age children of Morgan County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	State, federal, and local funds

Accomplishment 9	CASA Of North Alabama: court advocate for 321 children; 70 active volunteers with proper training provided; volunteer hours of 2,927
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Dependent children in the Morgan County Court system and their families
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grants, fundraisers