



Introduction

The Children's Policy Council 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-based 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 regarding your County's Children's Policy Council.

County *

Perry

Honorable Judge *

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

Robert D. Bryant

Name of CPC Coordinator *

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

Judge Robert D. Bryant

CPC Coordinator Email *

Enter the email of the contact person who coordinates the CPC activities.

robert.bryant@alacourt.gov

Address *

Enter the address for mailing information to the CPC.

Street Address

Post Office Box 355

Address Line 2

City

Marion

Postal / Zip Code

36756

State / Province / Region

Alabama

Country

USA

School System/LEA Representation *

Are the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) all represented on the CPC?

- Yes, all are represented and active
- Yes, all are represented but not all are active
- Some are represented, but not all
- Only 1 school system is represented

Number of School Systems *

Indicate the number of school systems or Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in your county.

2

Does your county currently conduct a youth survey? *

- Yes
 No

CPC Members

Use the fields below to list the names of all CPC Members, with each name in a separate field. Use the "Add" link to create more fields as needed.

CPC Member	CPC Member	CPC Member
Robert D. Bryant (District Judge)	Dr. Marcia Smiley (School Supt.)	Jamaal Turner (CJPO)
Alvin Reed (acting DHR Dir.)	Dexter Hinton (Mayor of Marion)	Ron Miller (Mayor of Uniontown)
Billy Jones (Sheriff)	Katrina Easley (Perry Co. Exten.)	Francis Ford (Co. Health Coord.)
Emefa Butler (CHOICE and Bd.)	Jeffery Tubbs (youth sports)	Laura Hinton (city clerk of Marion)
Darren Ramalho (BreakThrough)	Annie Roberson (Perry Coalition)	Tomekia Brooks (Ala.Medicaid Rep.)
Emily Kynard (local Headstart dir.)	Albert Turner, Jr. (Perry Comm. Chair)	Prince Chestnut(State Rep.)
Rob Stewart (State Sen.)		

Does your CPC currently have 501(c)3 status? *

- Yes
 No

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.

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)

Three Most Urgent Needs *

Select the three needs below that are the most urgent. These are the ones you will provide more information about.

- 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

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.

Parental Involvement Rank *

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Trends of Child Abuse *

Mark the answer that best characterizes reports of child abuse in your county.

- Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of reports of child abuse.
- We are seeing a leveling off of child abuse reports.
- Our county has seen a decline in the reports of child abuse.

Domestic Violence *

Select the item that best characterizes the domestic violence trends in your county.

- Increasing
- Remaining about the same
- Declining

Community Factors Impacting Trends *

Describe community factors which may impact the trends in domestic violence and child abuse, including but not limited to, access to family counseling and mental health support.

Drug use and/or abuse has been the most prevalent cause of domestic and child abuse.

Number of Children in Foster Care *

7

Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county? *

- Yes
- No

Which components of parental involvement and family engagement apply to your county? *

- Single parent families
- Support for teaching children at home
- Increased foster care placements
- Increased child abuse and domestic violence rates
- Increased adoption needs

Mental Health

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

Mental Health Rank *

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
 2
 3

Needs Related to Mental Health *

Select all statements that apply to your county.

- We have a dire need for inpatient mental health facilities.
 We have a dire need for outpatient mental health facilities and care.
 Our need and the demand for mental health services match pretty well.
 We do not have enough counselors to fill the needs in our county.
 Children with mental health issues is a growing problem in our county.
 We do not have a need for mental health services and care in our county.
 Services are only available for those with ability to pay.

How many facilities in your community maintain inpatient beds for mental health issues? *

0

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

0

Does this number meet the demand? *

- Yes, demand is almost always met.
 Demand is mostly met. Occasionally, there are not enough beds.
 Demand almost always exceeds the supply of available beds.

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

0

Does this number meet the demand? *

- Yes, demand is almost always met.
 Demand is mostly met. Occasionally, there are not enough beds.
 Demand almost always exceeds the supply of available beds.

If the demand for services is unmet, what are some actions taken? *

Describe how the unmet needs are currently addressed.

They are not met. Individuals and the community just suffer. Otherwise, help is sought outside of the county when transportation is available.

Describe the greatest mental health needs in your county. *

Lack of mental health assistance for young people. Early intervention could prove successful.

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

Birth through 8 Years old

Top 3 Mental Health Resources *

List the top 3 mental health resources in your county.

Schools, Cahaba Mental Health Center, Family resources

Poverty

Poverty has many faces: unemployment, poor living standards, and the working poor not having enough money to provide for the basic needs of their children.

Poverty Rank *

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
 2
 3

What is the unemployment rate in your county? *

4.1

What is the number of SNAP recipients (all ages) in your county? *

2,803

What is the rate of "children in poverty" in your county? *

62.8

Describe access to higher education and job training in your county. *

Perry County has an overall "College and Career Ready" percentage of 49.5 versus a state average of 76.5%. That Grand Canyon gap demonstrates in of itself the lack of access to higher education and job training in the county.

List the 3 largest employers in your county. *

1. Perry County government. 2. Marion Military Institute 3. TekPak Industries.

Describe the types of jobs available in your county. *

The Educational Services industry sector was the leading employer in Perry County with 591 jobs in the second quarter of 2015, followed by Manufacturing with 442 jobs Rounding out the top five industries by employment were Health Care and Social Assistance; Public Administration; and Retail Trade. These five industries provided 1,702 jobs, 80 percent of the county total employment.

Describe the workforce in your county. *

Is the workforce adequately prepared for the available jobs? Does the workforce commute into the county from another location?

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Accomplishments

With regard to your programs in existence from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, consider accomplishments in those areas. Provide information about who benefited from the accomplishment and the source and amount of funds used for the accomplishment. Describe at least three of your county CPC's accomplishments for the past year. You may include up to 10.

Accomplishment 1 *

Describe this accomplishment.

We successfully applied for the Reading Grant, which has given us some much needed funds to help the literacy rate of our children. The \$20,000 grant was state-sponsored. It is being used to help increase the county's literacy rate.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 1? *

All of the children of the community have been benefited.

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 1 *

\$20,000

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 1 *

State of Alabama

Accomplishment 2 *

Describe this accomplishment.

Partnered with the local library to provide e-book access to all of the children in Perry County.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 2? *

All of the county's children.

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 2 *

\$1,500

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 2 *

State and local funds.

Accomplishment 3 *

Describe this accomplishment.

Partnered with the Francis Marion High School to have a parent involved reading event and program.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 3? *

Children, parents and teachers.

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 3 *

\$1,200

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 3 *

State and local.

Accomplishment 4

Describe this accomplishment.

Partnered with the R.C. Hatch High School to have a parent involved reading event and program.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 4?

Children, parents and teachers.

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 4

\$1,200

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 4

State and local.

Accomplishment 5

Describe this accomplishment.

Partnered with the Alfred G. Adams Optimist Club to provide educational and social services to children with special needs.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 5?

Special needs children and their families.

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 5

\$7000

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 5

State and local.

Accomplishment 6

Describe this accomplishment.

Partnered with the Perry County Coalition to provide Peer Helper and Helping Families Programs.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 6?

The entire community benefited especially the children and their families.

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 6

0

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 6

Perry County Coalition and AltaPointe.

Accomplishment 7

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 7?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 7

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 7

Accomplishment 8

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 8?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 8

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 8

Accomplishment 9

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 9?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 9

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 9

Accomplishment 10

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted 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 provide the information below and indicate your CPC's level of development.

Level I CPC

Select all that apply.

- Mandated 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
- CPC 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

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

Select all committees which have been established.

- Early Care and Education
- Economic Security
- Education
- Health
- Parent Involvement and Skills
- Safety

Level III CPC

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

CPC Members List

Use the upload button below to provide a CPC membership list with contact information.

CPC Meeting Minutes *

Upload minutes from CPC meetings from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please ensure all minutes are scanned together as one document.

cpc sign in sheets.pdf

1.98MB

CPC Sign-In Sheets *

Upload all CPC Meeting sign-in sheets from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please ensure all sign-in sheets are scanned together as one document.

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Conclusion *

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

How much time is being dedicated to the CPC?