



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

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<b>501(c)3 Status</b>	<b>Pickens County</b>
Is this CPC a 501(c)3?	No

## 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.

Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2020	
<b>Poverty  Rank: 1</b>	
What is the unemployment rate in your county?	6
What is the rate of children in poverty in your county?	35
<b>Mental Health   Rank: 2</b>	
How many in-patient beds are available for children in your community?	0
How many in-patient beds are available for adults in your community?	0
Which population has the greatest mental health needs in your county?	18 to 54 years old
<b>Parental Involvement and Family Engagement   Rank: 3</b>	
Number of children in foster care:	14
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<p>Pickens County Career Center</p> <p>This facility is our county's greatest achievement. It is a state of the art facility offering vocational and college prep courses and serves the entire county. It is located in Carrollton, which is the center of the county. The board of education provides transportation so that each child in school has access to this facility. It has become the epicenter of our county educational system.</p>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	All Pickens county students
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$8,000,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Federal and state funds
<b>Accomplishment</b>	<p>YouthBuild and Fatherhood programs</p> <p>These two programs continue to serve our youth who are looking to get in the workforce and also our unemployed fathers. YouthBuild helps teens learn a trade and improve their skills while doing on the job training. It allows them to enter the workforce and helps lead to immediate full time jobs. The Fatherhood program is part of the Pickens Family Resources division. It was created to help fathers find jobs so they can help support their families.</p>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	teens and unemployed fathers
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$30,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grants through family resources

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<p>Fatal Decision Program</p> <p>This program is through the District Court, Juvenile Probation and the Pickens County Board of Education. This is a real life re-enactment of an automobile accident involving students. The program takes place at one of our local high schools. It is coordinated with the board of education, juvenile probation, ALEA, first responders and air evacuation.</p> <p>Law enforcement bring in a wrecked automobile and local students get in vehicle to re-enact an auto accident. When all the high school students from each school arrive and get seated, they see the wrecked car with the students. A few minutes later, sirens are heard from all around as first responders and law enforcement and the ambulance arrive at the scene. Minutes later, the air evac helicopter flies in and lands near the accident and one student is taken to the helicopter.</p> <p>At that point, all students go inside for a program regarding distracted driving given by Alabama State troopers and the Bridge Program.</p>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	students grade 10-12
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	