CPC Needs Assesment

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 *

Randolph

Honorable

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

Amy M. Newsome

Title of Judge

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

Randolph County District Judge

Address

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

Street Address

1 Main Street South

Address Line 2

P.O. Box 267

City	State / Province / Region
Wedowee	Alabama
Postal / Zip Code	Country
36278	Randolph

CPC Members

CPC Member	CPC Member	CPC Member
Amy Newsome	Nikki Wynn	Sabrina Voss
Ashley Abrams	Pat Pendergast	Arnika Whitaker
Anthony Peck	Neil Fetner	John Jacobs
Greg Foster	Samantha Birtles	Jeremy Duerr
Tucker North	Bob Fincher	Randy Price
Chris Brown	Larry Roberts	Pam Johnson
Derek Farr	Lorenzo Foster	David Cofield
Donnie Grant	Jaqueline Burgess	Donna Mckay

Jill Paterson	Tim Coe	Scott Carter
Yolanda Lee	Jill Waters	Deborah McManus
Brittney Duncan	Suzanne Shaw	Marilyn Whitlow
Robert Dewhurst	Chloe Butler	Mandy Rollins
Kara Hall	Sue Jones	Carol Sprayberry
Myra Holt	Tiffany Moore	Chris May
Angie Stewart	Brent Meadows	Tena Musick
Lynn Robinson	Todd Cole	Debbie McCauley
Brett Waites	Karen	Allan Robertson
Chad Kendrick	Clifton Drummonds	Margret Calhoun
Rock Mills Day Care	Wedowee Day Care	Beth Bailey
Connor Chauveaux	Logan Cofield	Gwendolyn Brown
Keli Hendon	Takisha Shealey	

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.

Samantha Birtles

CPC Coordinator Email

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

Samantha.Birtles@alacourt.gov

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

Substance Abuse

Substance abuse affects youth, families and all parts of society and is manifest through underage drinking, prescription drug abuse, as well as illegal substance manufacturing, access and use. If this issue is one of the top three needs in your county, please rank it first, second or third.

Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations.

5

How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county?

36

Urgent Needs

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

○ 1

◉ 2

○ 3

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.

90%

Chronic Absenteeism

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

18.5%

Reading Proficiency in 4th Grade

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

48.1%

Math proficiency in 4th grade

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

11.1%

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?

0

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

0

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

18 to 54 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

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 RightStep Program offers treatment for juveniles at risk. Common areas of need include coping skills related to trauma, education, basic living skills, and positive parenting skills. Family counseling addresses relational issues and provides support to both client and family. In the future, the program would like to offer a weekly parent support group utilizing evidence-based material to strengthen the parents' skills and build more stability in the home.

Who benefited from accomplishment 1

At-risk juveniles in Randolph County

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

$254,600.00

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1

DYS Grant

Accomplishment 2

Please describe this accomplishment.

Randolph County Early Warning Program focuses on truancy issues within the schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The Juvenile Probation Officer intervenes with the families before truancy charges are filed against the child or parents.

Who benefited from accomplishment 2

Children and families in Randolph County who attend Randolph County Public Schools and Roanoke City Schools

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2

$6,000.00

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2

Randolph County Schools and Roanoke City Schools

Accomplishment 3

Please describe this accomplishment.

Randolph County Children's Policy Council Foster Child Support Drive. The Children's Policy Council collaborated with Randolph County DHR to put on a Toy Drive for the children in foster care in Randolph County. The program sponsored a total of 15 children. We asked that every sponsor buy one item they needed, one item they wanted, and a toy they wanted. We donated a total of 140 presents to children. Each present was wrapped and dropped off at DHR before Christmas.

Who benefited from accomplishment 3

Foster Children in Randolph County

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3

Donations from citizens of Randolph and Clay County

Accomplishment 4

Please describe this accomplishment.

Randolph County Children's Policy Council put on a mobile book drive to encourage reading during the winter break from school. The program was able to provide 214 goodie bags to the children of Randolph County. Each goodie bag included 3 books, 1 pencil, 1 reading sticker, 1 reading bracelet, 1 bookmark, and 1 sticky hand.

Who benefited from accomplishment 4

Children of Randolph County

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4

$790.25

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4

Reading Initiative Grant

Accomplishment 5

Please describe this accomplishment.

Randolph County Children's Policy Council put on a Literacy Week with 3 of the elementary schools within the county. This week started off doing a One School, One Book event where the CPC provided a book to each teacher, and the whole school read from the book each day of the week. Wednesday was Hero Day where local members of the community went to each classroom at the Elementary Schools and read them a story. The CPC donated the book to the classroom teacher. Finally, to wrap up the week we judged The Book Cover Contest where students recreated their favorite book covers. We awarded ribbons and certificates to participants. Then we donated $1,000 to each school's library.

Who benefited from accomplishment 5

Knight Enole Elementary School and students, Wedowee Elementary School and students, and Wadley Elementary School and students.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 5

$3,310.22

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 5

Reading Initiative Grant

Accomplishment 6

Please describe this accomplishment.

Randolph County Children's Policy Council sent two members to be certified with The Parent Project and apply those parenting classes to children that are truant in Randolph County. Randolph County Juvenile court orders parents to complete The Parent Project when truancy issues come to court. This addresses attendance at a young age and helps show the importance of school attendance. Randolph County Parent Project worked with 16 families this year.

Who benefited from accomplishment 6

Children and families of Randolph County.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 6

$1,868.24

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 6

Reading Initiative Grant

Accomplishment 7

Please describe this accomplishment.

Randolph County AFAPA had a "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive for foster and adopted children. This program is where community members donated school supplies to the foster and adopted children of Randolph County.

Who benefited from accomplishment 7

Foster and adopted children of Randolph County

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 7

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 7

Donations from community members in Randolph County

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

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.

CPC Membership.xlsx   24.42KB

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.

Mintues and Agenda.pdf   1.39MB

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.

Sign in Sheets.pdf   596.21KB

Conclusion *

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

n/a