



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*

Shelby

Honorable

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

Hon. James R. Kramer

Title of Judge

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Hon. James R. Kramer

Address

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

Street Address

112 North Main Street

Address Line 2

P.O. Box 1253

City

Columbiana

State / Province / Region

AL

Postal / Zip Code

35051

Country

US

CPC Members

CPC Member

LeAnn Rigney- Chief Juvenile
Probation Officer

Kim Mashego- DHR Director

Jo Davis- CHIPS

Lucy Mosley- DAY Program

Tori Overton- Owen's House CAC

CPC Member

Rachelle Graham-CPC
Coordinator

Emily Littrell- Shelby County Board
of Education

Laura Bloom- University of
Montevallo Child Studies Center

Keith Brown- Shelby Baptist
Association

Zina Cartwell- Central Alabama
Wellness

CPC Member

Ward Williams-Shelby County
Commission

Lindsey Stephenson- Central
Alabama Wellness

Will Hooper- University of
Montevallo Child Studies Center

Charity Havercroft- Vineyard
Family Services

Rebekah Parr- Shelby Baptist
Association

Beth Fuller- Shelby County Schools

Michelle Bond- CASA

John St. Pierre- Alabaster Police Department

Angelica Melendez- HICA

Dorann Tanner- Alabaster City Schools

Clay Hammac- Shelby County Sheriff's Department

Carol Sprayberry- FOCUS Program

Jody Tallie- Shelby County District Attorney's Office

Karen Trussell- DYS

Hettie Wagner- Shelby Emergency Assisstance

Phil Cain- Family Connection

Senta Goldman- Shelby County Community Services Dept.

Sandy Kent- Beacon Behavioral Health

Cathy Nichols- Alabama Department of Health

Doug Smith- Shelby County District Attorney's Office

Vicki Letlow- DHR

Jenee Wilson- ARC of Shelby County

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.

Rachelle Graham

CPC Coordinator Email

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

rgraham@shelbyal.com

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.

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

Urgent Needs

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

- 1
- 2
- 3

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.

Number of children in foster care

167

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

- Yes
- No

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?

40

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

9 to 17 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.

Character in Action Awards- monthly award recognizes students for displaying good character, parents receive recognition and a certificate for teaching their children good character at home. CIA awards create a community in which behaviors such as respect, honesty, and kindness are modeled, taught and celebrated. CIA awards continued to honor students in each school district although recipients were unable to be recognized in person due to Co-Vid restrictions. Schools recognized their recipients with-in their schools and social media.

Who benefited from accomplishment 1

Numerous students, parents, teachers, and school administration from various school communities. Shelby County Schools honored 33 students, Alabaster Schools honored 5 students, and Pelham Schools honored 4 students.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1

any funds needed are donated

Accomplishment 2

Please describe this accomplishment.

Distracted Driving Display- Shelby County Community Services provides and delivers a tractor trailer display of wrecked vehicles and banners to highlight the consequences of distracted driving.

Who benefited from accomplishment 2

The community members around each high school, students, faculty, and staff at several high schools in Shelby County.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2

Display is a partnership between Shelby County Community Services and the Children's Policy Council.

Accomplishment 3

Please describe this accomplishment.

Pinwheels for Prevention Child Abuse Awareness Event held in April at Veteran's Park in Alabaster. The event featured resources and information on ways to prevent child abuse along with speakers, games, and activities. Several agencies came together to plan and present the Awareness event to bring attention to the issue of child abuse.

Who benefited from accomplishment 3

Families and community members

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3

Funds were donated by various agencies

Accomplishment 4

Please describe this accomplishment.

Amy Joy seminar on Human Trafficking and Trauma Informed Interventions- a seminar held in December to offer training on identifying and responding to traumatized children and adolescents, identifying vulnerable groups, and offering interventions.

Who benefited from accomplishment 4

Over 50 representatives from agencies serving children in Shelby County, including law enforcement, mental health, DHR, etc.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4**

Juvenile Court funds/ a small fee was charged for registration

Accomplishment 5

Please describe this accomplishment.

Alabama Reading Initiative virtual training for Early Childcare providers. The Early Care and Education Committee collaborated with ARI to develop training on early literacy an Campaign for Grade Level Reading Initiatives to inform providers of Early Childcare about literacy policies and initiatives.

Who benefited from accomplishment 5

Early Childcare providers, pre-school students and parents.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 5**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 5**

Time and technological resources needed for this project were donated by ARI.

Accomplishment 6

Please describe this accomplishment.

Back Pack Buddies- a weekend feeding program for elementary and middle school students in Shelby County, Pelham, and Alabaster schools who are facing food insecurity. Students receive bags filled with ready to eat meals, snacks and drinks each Friday throughout the school year.

Who benefited from accomplishment 6

1,052 families were served by Back Pack Buddies during 2021-2022. 300 Families received Emergency Food Boxes and 104 families received Bundles of Hope packages of diapers and baby supplies.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 6

\$0.

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 6

Grants, foundations, local churches and private donations

Accomplishment 7

Please describe this accomplishment.

Commitment to student mental health needs. Shelby County Schools, Pelham Schools and Alabaster Schools contracted with local mental health providers to deliver mental health services to students in need.

Who benefited from accomplishment 7

students, school system personnel, families

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 7

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 7

Board of Education funds and grants

Accomplishment 8

Please describe this accomplishment.

Operation Save Teens Parent Seminar- Juvenile Court partnered with Operation Save Teens to bring speaker Mike Reese to Shelby County to educate youth and parents about the inherent dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, bullying, firearms, the misuse of social media and other destructive behaviors.

Who benefited from accomplishment 8

220 attended to benefit attorneys, service providers, parents, JPO's and teens.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 8**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 8**

Juvenile Court funds

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.

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Self-assessment is an integral part of the County CPC development. Please complete the questions below and indicate your CPC's level of development.

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

22KB

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.

needs assessment minutes 2022.docx

27.38KB

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.

needs assesement attendance 2022.docx

15.74KB

Conclusion*

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

N/A