# ST. CLAIR COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2020

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501(c)3 Status	St. Clair 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 new (2020) assessment and the information about those needs.

Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2020		
Substance Abuse   Rank: 1		
Number of juvenile arrests for drug and substance abuse violations	62	
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use?	21	

Mental Health   Rank: 2	
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?	9 to 17 years old
Juvenile Crime and Safety   Rank: 3	
Juvenile Violent Crime petition rate:	6.2
Rate of teens not attending school or not working:	5.7

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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

Accomplishment	St. Clair County CPC partnered with our county Census Committee to sponsor a "2020 Census" kickoff meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019. Representatives from several area communities and from Montgomery spoke and shared information of the importance of this year's census. There were 75 people in attendance and representatives from each of the St. Clair municipalities. Dinner was served and information was distributed.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Citizens of St. Clair County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	
Accomplishment	Our CPC donated money to 2 of the groups who provide backpacks and weekend food for students in Pell City and St. Clair County. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) was given to Pell City First United Methodist Church/ Backpack Ministry and \$500.00 to the Pleasant Hill Community Missions Backpack Fund.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children in both the Pell City and St. Clair County School Systems

Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$1,000
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Budgeted by CPC

Accomplishment	The St. Clair CPC provided 8 hard-sided suitcases for the "Lighten the Load" non-profit that provides luggage to all the children going into foster care in our county.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Eight children in St. Clair County who are now in foster care
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$550
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Budgeted by CPC

Accomplishment	It is the goal of FOCUS to partner with middle and high schools across the state of Alabama providing them with resources to address adolescent risk behaviors. One of our St. Clair County schools, Eden Career Tech, sent 70 students to the 2019 FOCUS Rally in September, 2019.  Some of the topic and breakout sessions for students that addressed areas of concern with adolescent risk behaviors were Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Dealing with Anxiety, Peer Helping, Underage Drinking, Distracted Driving, Vaping, Bullying, and Human Trafficking.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Students in St. Clair County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	
Accomplishment	In August, 2019, the St. Clair CPC partnered with the St. Clair Children's Advocacy Center to provide backpacks and supplies to 25 students in our county.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children in St. Clair County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$500
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Budgeted by CPC