



### 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 \*

St. Clair

### Honorable

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

Judge Robert L. Minor

### Title of Judge

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

St. Clair County District Judge

### Address

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

#### Street Address

18200 Alabama Highway 174

#### Address Line 2

#### City

Pell City

#### State / Province / Region

AL

#### Postal / Zip Code

35125

#### Country

USA

## CPC Members

### CPC Member

Gail Benefield

Mitzi Carden

Cheryl Fagan

David Gray

Adam Jones

Cathy Nichols

Jessica Smith

Synetra Scales

Cherri Pilkington

### CPC Member

Paula Bowman

Matt Copeland

Judge Alan Furr

Laurie Funderburg

Shelby Lee

Nicole McCants

Judge Robert Minor

Latoya Threatt

LaKeeshia Sandlin

### CPC Member

Alison Boyd

Debbie Dukes

Tammy Gibbs

Liletta Jenkins

Stephanie Lowery

Marie Manning

Amy Wiram

Patricia Patterson

Edward Taylor

Phil Seay

Monique Wright

Dionne Stevens

Karen Steele

Myrus Strong

Josh Winslett

Angela Taylor

Lindsey Woodard

**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.

Cheryl Fagan

**CPC Coordinator Email**

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

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**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://alavoces.org/2021-alabama-kids-count/>

<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#AL/2/0/char/0>

CPC Website for AOC County Data

[www.alcpc.org](http://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.

6

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

18

#### 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.

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#### Graduation Rate

Please provide the estimated percentage of students who successfully graduate from high school in your county.

90.5

#### Chronic Absenteeism

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

4.8

#### Reading Proficiency in 4th Grade

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

58.1

#### Math proficiency in 4th grade

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

23.6

#### 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.

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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?

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.

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### Accomplishment 1

Please describe this accomplishment.

Donated \$500 to two organizations in our county that provide weekend "Backpack Buddies" to food insecurity families in St. Clair County.

We also donated \$500 to "Lighten the Load", a local non-profit that provides suitcases to foster children.

#### Who benefited from accomplishment 1

Children in St. Clair County

#### Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

\$1500.00

#### Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1

CPC Budget

### Accomplishment 2

Please describe this accomplishment.

Provided school supplies and backpacks to 40 low income children in our area.

#### Who benefited from accomplishment 2

Children in St. Clair County

#### Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2

\$300.00

#### Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2

CPC Budget

### Accomplishment 3

Please describe this accomplishment.

Our CPC collaborated with Better Basics, a non-profit in Birmingham that concentrates on proficiency in reading and math. They will provide the books for our Book Nooks throughout the county. Our Book Nooks are being built by the carpentry class at the Eden Career Technical School and painted/decorated by local students, art classes and local art teachers. An old newspaper box is being used as a Book Nook at the St. Clair CAC. Another one has been placed at the Riverside Park. Two more have been built and will be placed in Fall, 2022.

#### Who benefited from accomplishment 3

Children in St. Clair County

#### Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3

\$500.00

#### Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3

CPC Budget

### Accomplishment 4

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 4**

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4**

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4**

**Accomplishment 5**

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 5**

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 5**

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 5**

**Accomplishment 6**

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 6**

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 6**

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 6**

**Accomplishment 7**

Please describe this accomplishment.

**Who benefited from accomplishment 7**

**Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 7**

**Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 7**

**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**

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

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#### **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

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#### CPC Members List

Please upload a CPC membership list with contact information.

CPC-Membership-Template.xlsx 15.64KB

#### 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 21-22.docx 17.22KB

#### 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.

CPC sign-in 21-22.pdf 711.14KB

#### Conclusion\*

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

I think you covered everything