

SUMTER COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2017

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School Systems in County	Number: 1
Are school systems in the county active on the CPC?	Some are represented, but not all
Does your county currently conduct a youth survey? If yes, please describe	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 the rank of your top 3 needs and the information about those 3 needs.

Poverty	Rank: 1
What is the unemployment rate of your county?	7
What is the percentage of households receiving some type of public assistance?	30
Please describe access to higher education and job training in your county.	The Univ. of West Alabama's curriculum provides degrees within Sumter Co. UWA has an apprenticeship through the Mercedes Benz Corp., Shelton State Comm. College provides GED and ABE courses and job readiness training for nearby manufacturing jobs.
What are the 3 largest employers in your county?	City, county and state government, industry and educational institutions.
Please describe the types of jobs available.	Administrative, manual labor, educational, medical and food service
Please describe the workforce.	Yes, the workforce meets the minimal requirement for these jobs.

School Success	Rank: 2
What percentage of students successfully graduate from high school in your county?	89
Please describe programs in your county specifically designed to prevent high school dropout or to encourage drop back in.	Saturday school, Summer school, Summer enrichment, make up work and exams.
What percent of students miss 10 or more days of school?	35
Please provide the number of truancy cases referred to early warning court.	0
Please provide the percentage of children not proficient in reading in 3 rd grade.	7
Please provide the percentage of children not proficient in math in the 3 rd grade.	19
Please describe the types of discipline issues in schools which disrupt or interfere with student performance. Please include suspensions and expulsions.	Disrespectfulness to authority, tardiness, talking back and peer conflict
Which items most apply to your county's need related to school success.	Child literacy rates Truancy and absenteeism

Juvenile Crime and Safety	Rank: 3
Please select the statement that best fits the state of juvenile property crime in your county.	Seems to have stabilized and remains virtually the same
Select the statement that best fits the state of juvenile violent crime in your county.	Seems to have stabilized and remains virtually unchanged
Please describe the factors that have led to the above trend(s).	
What are the causes of teen accidents or deaths?	Other
What is the biggest challenge to teen safety?	Inexperience and distracted driving, immaturity and terrain of road
Are gangs a significant and/or growing threat in your county? If yes, please describe how the problem is being addressed.	No.
Please describe the successes, challenges, initiatives and other relevant information related to the partnerships between Juvenile Probation Offices and the school system(s) in your county.	Our CJPO is active daily within the school system. She organizes intervention and prevention programs that are hosted monthly during the school year. Her efforts and that of SCDC staff greatly impact juvenile crime and recidivism in Sumter County. Notably, our incidents of juvenile crime/court cases are minimal.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Accomplishment	COTV hosted the monthly "Movie Day" for 7-12 year olds from Livingston Jr. High School Summer Enrichment Program. The students were provided Pizza through the Pizza Hut Harvest Program. Each student also received a book to carry home with them
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	School aged children and their families.
How many people benefited?	100
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$250.00 donations
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Literacy and hunger.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	This event provided socialization, a field trip, a nutritious snack and book for each child to take home to combat illiteracy.

Accomplishment	COTV Executive Board attended the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform Diversion Certificate Program at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The executive board's training is beneficial to our CPC, Sumter County District & Juvenile Court, and the children and families in Sumter County.
How many people benefited?	937
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$10,500.00 donations
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The Diversion Certificate Program will assist with juvenile prevention and recidivism.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	The Court statistics on incidents of juvenile crime.

Accomplishment	COTV's monthly "Movie Day" for 3-5 year olds from SCO Headstart, local daycares, UWA Campus School. The students received a book, Daniel Tiger t-shirt, toothbrush/toothpaste and a snack to carry home with them.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The preschoolers and parents
How many people benefited?	200
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$500.00 donations
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Literacy, field trip, socialization and health
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	This event provided socialization, a field trip, a nutritious snack, healthy habits and a book for each child to take home to combat illiteracy.

Accomplishment	COTV's food bank distributes the 2nd Thursday of each month to needy families including the Brown Bag Program for Senior citizens within the county.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Families in Sumter County who fall at or below the poverty level.
How many people benefited?	708
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$1,200.00 donations
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Hunger, health,
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	COTV's food bank documents

Accomplishment	COTV and Sumter Co. District Court hosted it's annual "Fairy Tale Mock Trial-Little Red Riding Hood vs Big Bad Wolf". Each student received a book, pencil, toothbrush/toothpaste, snack, and a trinket and winners received a monetary gift
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Families and children in Sumter County
How many people benefited?	200
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$500.00 donated
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Safety, crime, literacy
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	County juvenile records

Accomplishment	COTV Exec. BOD delivered 4,167 Santa Letters to Macy's-Birmingham, AL Believe Campaign in support of the Make A Wish; delivered toiletries to Domestic Violence Shelter, delivered clothing toiletries, monetary donation to victims of burn out.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Make A Wish Foundation recipients, victims of domestic violence and victims of burnout
How many people benefited?	1000
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$600.00 donations
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Health, safety and financial economic security
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	Recipient/Agency feedback

Accomplishment	COTV's Exec. Board coordinated and traveled to Riley Center, Meridian, MS to see Daniel Tiger Live Production with K-3rd grade students from Kinterbish Jr. High School
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Students experienced first hand the Daniel Tiger play a live staged performance.
How many people benefited?	67
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$67.00 donations
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Education, socialization and literacy
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	School system feedback

Accomplishment	COTV's Exec. Board attended the Oratorical Contest at YWE. VP presented prizes to winners of over 50 participants. Students received a MLK tote bags, calendars, snacks, trinkets, Rosenwald School Poster & monetary donations.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Students and community.
How many people benefited?	400
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$250.00 donations
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	literacy and socialization
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	Agency feedback

Accomplishment	COTV hosted the Dr. Seuss Celebration for 3rd-6th grade. The event was held at the COTV Resource Center. Volunteers provided face painting and reading for the students.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Students, parents and volunteers and community.
How many people benefited?	288
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$500.00 donations
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Literacy, socialization, nutrition and hunger
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	Agency feedback

Accomplishment	COTV hosted it's annual Fatal Vision Program for 11th grade students wihin the county in anticipation of their prom. Invited speakers including ALEA, CIA, MADD associate, Air Evac, Amstar and LFD
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Students, parents and community
How many people benefited?	241
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$1,000.00 donations
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Safety, health, socialization,
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	Agency feedback