



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF

Early Childhood Education

CPC Needs Assessment

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 *

Talladega

Honorable

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

The Honorable Judge Ryan Rumsey

Title of Judge

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

Juvenile Judge Ryan Rumsey

Address

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

Street Address

78 Betsy Ross Lane

Address Line 2

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City

Sylacauga

State / Province / Region

AL

Postal / Zip Code

35150

Country

United States

CPC Members

CPC Member

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Shawwna Yates

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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.

Margaret Morton

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://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.

28

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

50

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

75

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

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.

92%

Chronic Absenteeism

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

26

Reading Proficiency in 4th Grade

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

39

Math proficiency in 4th grade

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

38

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 Talladega County Board of Education was awarded \$1.75 million from the Alabama Public School and College Authority last year for the mitigation of 30 acres of property previously housing the textile mill. TCBOE is partnering with members of the Talladega County CPC, business and industry, SAFE, K-12 education, and Central Alabama Community College to create the East Alabama Rural Innovation and Training Hub. A bid was approved last week and cleanup will be completed in 150 days.

Who benefited from accomplishment 1

Students; families; business and industry; community

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Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

\$1.75 million

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1

State Dept. of Education

Accomplishment 2

Please describe this accomplishment.

The number of foster parents has increased to 37. DHR has reached out to numerous partners including churches, LifeLine, schools, SAFE and other non-profits to promote foster parenting.

Who benefited from accomplishment 2

Foster Children; Parents; Community

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2

Multiple

Accomplishment 3

Please describe this accomplishment.

Over the past 6 months, multiple credentials and certifications have been earned by students throughout Talladega and Coosa Counties due to funding through DHR for Enhanced Learning Possibilities. The following has been accomplished:

SYLACAUGA HIGH SCHOOL

Program Overview : After School WFR highlighting ready to work skills. Open to 9-12th grades enrolled in SHS- emphasis on 9-10th grades

Time Period: April – May 2022

Participants: 15

Credentials Guest Services Gold (Hospitality and Tourism) 8 of 11 passed the test

CNA – LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Program Overview CNA Program – age 17+

Time Period: April 2022

Participants 7 -TCBOE

Credentials CNA Certification 100 % pass rate

CNA – CHILDERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Program Overview CNA Program open to TCBOE; Coosa; Clay and SCS – age 17+

Time Period: May – June 2022

Participants 8 (TCBOE-6 and SHS – 2)

Credentials CNA Certification – 100% pass rate

13 of 15 graduates to dates have gained employment

CHILDERSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT – SUMMER 160 FIRE COLLEGE

Program Overview 160 Hours Fire College curriculum – equivalent to a Fast Track program normally taking 2 years to complete. Upon graduation, the candidates are rated FF-1 and eligible for immediate hire. The Fast track program has caught the attention of Fire Depts across the nation , as departments are struggling to recruit fire fighters. As an additional bonus, the normal pass rate for students are normally 20-30%. Thus far , the pass rate on the students tests is 100%! The graduates returning to high school plan to enroll in the EMT curriculum and as a WFR complement to the Fire College certifications

Time Period: M-F 8:00 – 5:00 June 2022 for 160 hours

Participants Open to High School Juniors and Up

12 Participants – TCBOE students

Credentials CPR Card

NIMS 100,200,700, 800

HAZMAT Training/Certification

Will be eligible to take the Civil Service Exam

100 % graduation. 6 presented with scholarships. All were offered jobs through Birmingham Fire Dept. All are returning to high school for senior year. 3 are enrolling in EMR program to build upon their fire certification

OSHA – LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Program Overview OSHA-30 Class

Time Period: June 6 – June 10 Boot camp

Participants 5 - Lincoln HS

Credentials OSHA – 30

CACC - GOOGLE IT

Program Overview: CACC Summer Program consisting of 5 modules

Time Period: June 1 – August 3

Participants 4 - SHS(3) and TCBOE(1)

Credentials Google Certification

1 student completed all 5 modules. All are planning to continue post secondary education.

CACC – PHLEBOTOMY

Program Overview CACC Summer program leading to Phlebotomy certification. Classes are spread over Alex City; Childersburg and Talladega Campus

Time Period: June – August- class schedules vary

Participants 23 students from TCBOE; Sylacauga and Coosa

Must be recent graduate or age 18

Credentials Phlebotomy

They have just graduated and will follow up. Those reporting in to date are attending college and looking for part time employment at local medical centers

CACC – WELDING AND FABRICATION

Program Overview CACC sponsored Welding and Fabrication Program leading to employment upon completion

Time Period: May – August

Participants 2 from SCS and TCBOE – 100% female class

Credentials various

Cooper Steel offering employment upon successful graduation. One will continue post secondary education and working out details to work part time at Cooper.

SYLACAUGA HIGH SCHOOL

Program Overview Summer WFR highlighting ready to work skills

Time Period: June 2022

Participants: 16 – Sylacauga High School

Credentials None

COOSA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Program Overview Summer WFR highlighting ready to work skills

Time Period: April – June 2022

Participants: 18 – Coosa Central

Credentials None

ACT PREP

Program Overview 2 Week Preparatory classes for the ACT Test. There are 2 sessions this summer in June and July

Time Period: June and July

Participants: 4 – Coosa Central

31 – Sylacauga High School

56- Talladega County Schools

Credentials Mock ACT pretest and post test scores reflected positive gains in all subjects

FALL 2022

COOSA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Program Overview WFR highlighting ready to work skills; ACE; ACT; job shadowing; apprentice

Time Period: August 2022 – May 2023 over 4 modules

Participants: 20 – Coosa Central

Credentials TBD

OSHA – LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Program Overview OSHA-10 Class while instructing construction principles

Time Period: August – September 2022 Boot camp

Participants 8 - Lincoln HS

Credentials OSHA – 10

Who benefited from accomplishment 3

Students; families; business, industry; schools;

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3

\$750,000

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3

DHR funds throught CTF

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.

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 2020.xlsx](#)

19.22KB

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.

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.

Conclusion *

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

Good questions.