



# **TALLADEGA COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2021**

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<b>501(c)3 Status</b>	<b>Talladega County</b>
Is this CPC a 501(c)3?	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 below your identified top needs for your 2021 assessment and the information about those needs.

<b>Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2021</b>	
<b>Parental Involvement and Family Engagement   Rank: 1</b>	
Number of children in foster care	72
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No
<b>Substance Abuse   Rank: 2</b>	
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
<b>School Success   Rank: 3</b>	
Graduation Rate	96
Chronic Absenteeism	26
Reading Proficiency in 4th Grade	39
Math proficiency in 4th grade	38

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

<b>Accomplishment 1</b>	The Talladega County Board of Education was recently awarded \$1.75 million from the Alabama Public School and College Authority 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.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	General Population, business, and industry
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$1,750,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Public School and College Authority

<b>Accomplishment 2</b>	SAFE has been awarded approximately \$2 million to fund afterschool and summer school enhancement, workforce development and STEM camps for students in grades 1-12 and post-secondary for students enrolled in the Talladega County, Talladega City, Sylacauga City Schools, Coosa, Clay and Chambers county schools.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Students in grades 1-12 and post-secondary in Talladega, Clay, Coosa, and Chambers counties.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$2,000,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Department of Human Resources, Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Alabama Department of Education.

<b>Accomplishment 3</b>	The number of foster parents has increased to 40 from 24. DHR has reached out to numerous partners including churches, LifeLine, schools, and non-profits to promote foster parenting.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children in foster care, the schools, and families
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0

Source of funds for this accomplishment?	DHR funding as well as other state and local funds as well as donation.
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<b>Accomplishment 4</b>	11 of the Talladega County Schools are STEM certified.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	All of the students who attend those schools
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	

<b>Accomplishment 5</b>	Talladega County Schools created WALI, a mobile sensory bus created for special needs students.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The students who ride those buses.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	