

# **WILCOX COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2020**

## **ABOUT THE CPC**

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<b>501(c)3 Status</b>	<b>Wilcox County</b>
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.

<b>Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2020</b>	
<b>Poverty   Rank: 1</b>	
What is the unemployment rate in your county?	10
What is the rate of children in poverty in your county?	41
<b>Mental Health   Rank: 2</b>	
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
<b>Substance Abuse   Rank: 3</b>	
Number of juvenile arrests for drug and substance abuse violations	42
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use?	17

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

<p><b>Accomplishment</b></p>	<p>The Wilcox County CPC met monthly from September 2019 through February 2020. During the meetings members received updates from member agencies and made plans for CPC sponsored upcoming events. However, due to the Covid-19 epidemic court offices were closed, and only essential personnel allowed. Meetings have been suspended for the remainder of the calendar year.</p>
<p>Who benefited from this accomplishment?</p>	<p>Member agencies benefited in that they were made aware of what was going on for children and families in the country, and what benefits and resources were available.</p>
<p>Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>Source of funds for this accomplishment?</p>	
<p><b>Accomplishment</b></p>	<p>On November 17, 2019, the Wilcox County CPC sponsored its 10th Annual Children's Sabbath. History was made this year in that a white church volunteered to host the service. This was the first time that blacks and whites came together to celebrate Children's Sabbath. The children came together as well to form the Children's Sabbath Choir. It was a time for reflection on the well-being of the children in our community.</p>
<p>Who benefited from this accomplishment?</p>	<p>The children and members from local churches benefited. For the first time, many of the children fellowshiped and spent time with members of the opposite race. There were about 250 people in attendance.</p>
<p>Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?</p>	<p>\$300</p>
<p>Source of funds for this accomplishment?</p>	<p>Camden United Methodist Church</p>