



CLARKE COUNTY

CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2021

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501(c)3 Status	Clarke County
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.

Ranking of Needs and Corresponding Data for 2021	
Mental Health Rank: 1	
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
Poverty Rank: 2	
What is the unemployment rate in your county?	5
What is the rate of children in poverty in your county?	28
Substance Abuse Rank: 3	
Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations.	18
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county?	21

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Accomplishment 1	Helping Families Initiative (HFI): HFI under Ms. Bonnie Smith helps make our community and classrooms safer by using existing resources to help children who are at risk of using illegal drugs and alcohol, and who are at risk of becoming delinquent or truant. HFI works to build relationships within our community including Law Enforcement, Mental Health, public officials, DHR, and faith outreach programs which allow them to work together to individually access each family and connect them with the resources for proper family functionality.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The children of Clarke County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$70,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Volunteers of America

Accomplishment 2	Coastal Alabama Adult Education Workforce Development: This program under Mr. Stuart Lee and from Coastal Alabama Community College helps students, starting at age 16, to begin to develop skills that would enhance their ability to become marketable in the work force.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The children of Clarke County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$0.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Coastal Community College

Accomplishment 3	Clarke County Coalition Against Underage Drinking: The CAUD under Ms. Emma Perryman works with high school students to teach them the dangers of drug and alcohol use and to promote positive alternatives for children as well as building a strong student leadership to promote positive peer pressure against underage drinking. CAUD also takes part in and encourages participation the National Drug Take Back Day every year in Clarke County.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The children of Clarke County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$0.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grant

Accomplishment 4	Dual Enrollment: This helps high school children who need to advance further in their education beyond high school by allowing them to take dual enrollment classes at Costal Community College. The classes offered to students fall under either Academic classes or Career Technical Classes.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Students enrolled at Thomasville City Schools
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$23,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Department of Education

Accomplishment 5	Meals For Families (CCDHR): Under Ms. Jaquel Taylor's direction, the CCDHR has served the children of Clarke County and their families through providing meals for families during the holiday season. CCDHR also serves families regularly through their food bank and clothes closet.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The children of Clarke County and their families
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$0.00

Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Donations
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Accomplishment 6	Outpatient Children's In Home Team: This in home service is done through Southwest Behavioral Health Care Systems and provides in-home outpatient mental health services to children in their home environment.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The children of Clarke County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$0.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Mental Health