



LEE COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2021

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501(c)3 Status	Lee 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	
Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Rank: 1	
Number of children in foster care?	94
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No
Substance Abuse Rank: 2	
Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations	54
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county?	17
Mental Health Rank: 3	
How many inpatient beds are available in your county for children?	5
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Which population has the greatest mental health need in your county?	9 to 17 years old
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Accomplishment 1	Youth Villages obtained a grant for reunification services to work with the Lee County Department of Human Resources.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Families and Children who are subject to the foster care system.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grant

Accomplishment 2	Auburn City Schools operates a free dental clinic.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Currently, the clinic serves 350 Auburn City School students who do not have dental insurance.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grant and Community Collaboration & Donations
Accomplishment 3	Auburn City Schools employs a Mental health Service Coordinator.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Families and Children of Auburn City Schools
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$0.00

Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Auburn City School Funds
Accomplishment 4	Lee County Schools employs a mental Health Coordinator and also contracts with outside therapists to assist in meeting the mental health needs of the children in their school system.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children who attend the Lee County School System
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	County School Funds
Accomplishment 5	Youth Villages added the Columbia Rating Suicide Severity scale (C-RSSS) and the Disorder Eating Nutrition assessment for each youth admitted into services.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children that struggle with eating disorders, mental health issues, and suicide. These families are usually referred from the court system for in-home intervention.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grant
Accomplishment 6	The Department of Youth Services offers the use of Telehealth Assessment and Counseling services due to the pandemic.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children that are court ordered for drug assessment and or treatment.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	

Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Department of Youth Services (DYS)
Accomplishment 7	Auburn City Schools has implemented the use of a parent center with a parent liaison to assist with enrollment and technology.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children attending Auburn City School and their parents
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Auburn City Schools
Accomplishment 8	IAMBK offers individual and family counseling services.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children and families enrolled in the program.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Unknown
Accomplishment 9	Auburn University offers couples education classes.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Couples in crisis and couples wanting to improve on communication and strengthen their relationship.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grant