

MACON COUNTY

CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2021

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501(c)3 Status	Macon County
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 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
Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Rank: 2	
Number of children in foster care?	15
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No
Substance Abuse Rank: 3	
Number of juvenile arrests for drug and substance abuse violations?	1
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use?	13

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Accomplishment 1	In July 2020, Governor Kay Ivey announced a partnership for the Reach Out and Read Program with the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education, Alabama Medicaid Agency, and the Alabama Department of Public Health to provide funding to Macon and four other counties to launch a Campaign for Grade Level Reading Initiative. Macon County has developed and spearheaded with other community stakeholders, comprehensive literary strategies to ensure reading proficiency on grade level by fourth grade.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of Macon County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$20,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

Accomplishment 2	Macon County Children's Policy Council (MCCPC) received a \$20,000 grant from the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education to implement its strategies for Grade Level Reading Proficiency.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of Macon County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$20,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

Accomplishment 3	MCCPC applied for and received its 501(c)3 tax exempt status from the IRS, as the non-profit organization, All Macon County Children Matter, Inc.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The Macon County Children's Policy Council

Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$1,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Macon County Juvenile Court Services Funds and Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

Accomplishment 4	The MCCPC has collaborated with the Macon County Board of Education, to convert 3 surplus school buses into repainted bookmobiles to travel throughout the county. These bookmobiles will give away books to families and encourage parents to read to babies beginning at birth and to encourage children of all ages to develop a love for reading. Hopefully, the bookmobile effort will change the culture that learning only occurs in school, but by empowering parents to believe that the child's reading proficiency can also be enhanced at home.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of Macon County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$12,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Grant from Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

Accomplishment 5	MCCPC continues to collaborate with the Gift of Life Foundation, Inc with the implementation of the Foundation's state grant which began in 2019 to address the high infant mortality rate in several counties, including Macon County. In 2021, 7 Macon County women graduated from the program. Twenty-two (22) of the women served have given birth, with 0 low birth weights, 3 preterm births and 0 infant deaths. 86% of Macon County mothers have breastfed their babies at least once and 90% report practicing safe sleep. Over 200 referrals to services have been made and 100% of Macon County mothers report that their infants/toddlers have health insurance.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of Macon County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0

Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Gift of Life Foundation
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Accomplishment 6	In May 2021, MCCPC requested and received a variety of books for children from birth to five (5) years of age from Collie Wills, Early Language and Literacy Coordinator, Alabama Partnership for Children.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of Macon County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Partnership for Children

Accomplishment 7	MCCPC donated \$500.00 to the Macon County Board of Education, to support the feeding of needy families during the 2020 Christmas Holiday. MCCPC has supported this annual "Christmas in a Bag" program since 2016. Also, MCCPC participated on the task force that created information on all sources of media, including social media, public service announcements, and community outreach programs, for the 2020 Census enrollment. The overwhelming effort resulted in Macon County having the largest percentage increase in the 2020 Census and took first place in the State, resulting in a \$65,000 check being awarded to the Macon County Board of Education.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of Macon County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$500.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Macon County Juvenile Court Services Fund

Accomplishment 8	The Macon County Alabama Cooperative Extension System, a MCCPC member, conducted " Body Quest" classes with the third students at George Washington Carver Elementary School and Notasulga High School. Body Quest is a multilevel obesity prevention initiative, which empowers Alabama's youth and their parents to make healthier choices. This program was conducted virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Another program was conducted at the same schools called EAT BETTER MOVE MORE, this program emphasizes on vegetables, fruit, sugar sweetened beverages, physical activity and energy balance, this program was conducted face to face this summer
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of Macon County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Macon County Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Accomplishment 9	Alabama Department of Human Resources, Children and Family Services Division, is a member of MCCPC. On June 20, 2018, the State of Alabama Infant Mortality Reduction was adopted and allotted funding to combat infant mortality. The goal is to reduce mortality rates by 20 percent over the next five years. The Department of Human Resources is supporting this initiative by ensuring all county DHR offices are distribution sites for bay boxes.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children of Macon County
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	0
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Department of Human Resources, Children and Family Services Division

<p>Accomplishment 10</p>	<p>On April 17, 2021, stories were told on the Tuskegee Town Square at a “Youth Literacy Explosion”, sponsored by the Community Development Corporation Art Consortium. The event brought in youth authors telling of their experience with writing and publishing their book(s); adult writers of children’s books and self-published authors telling their own stories. One participant from Memphis, Tennessee, portrayed Harriet Tubman and told the captivating story about the struggle to be free about leading others to freedom. A Tuskegee Police Officer appeared in his top hat and bow tie enthralled everyone with his book machine, video clip, and sing-along-read-a-book rap. The officer has published storybooks for children which are individualized and personalized to convey that EVERYBODY Has A Story to Tell. Books for children were given away, and books were for sale and signed by the authors. The children also painted pictures and played games.</p>
<p>Who benefited from this accomplishment?</p>	<p>All children who attended benefited.</p>
<p>Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>Source of funds for this accomplishment?</p>	<p>Community Development Corporation Art Consortium</p>