



MONROE COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2021

ABOUT THE CPC

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501(c)3 Status	Monroe 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	
Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Rank: 1	
Number of children in foster care:	2
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No
School Success Rank: 2	
Graduation rate:	92
Chronic absenteeism:	19

4 th Grade Reading Proficiency:	30
4 th Grade Math Proficiency:	32
Substance Abuse Rank: 3	
Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations.	20
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county?	15

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Accomplishment 1	Our Children's Policy Council was awarded \$20,000 for the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading grant. These funds will be used to enhance the reading levels of students entering the 4th grade. Our goal is to have a community campaign to encourage our youth and their parents to read. We will partner with local agencies to provide books, and expand on current reading programs within the schools and community, along with other projects to help engage our community to want to read.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children 5 to 8 years old
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$20,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	State Children's Policy Council grant

Accomplishment 2	Pathway, Inc. has partnered with the Monroe County Juvenile Court System and has been awarded DYS grant funding to continue to provide community preventative services for children that return home from residential placement and to prevent children from going into placement. These services assist children in transitioning back into the home and community as well as providing parents with family support. DYS has decided to expand our program to cover three additional counties.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	15 children served through the Juvenile Court System.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$234,835.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Dept. of Youth Services
Accomplishment 3	Judge Silcox implemented the "Cuddles for Kids" program in March 2021 for children involved in dependency cases. Oftentimes children are nervous, and the court process can be quite overwhelming for children. Judge Silcox wanted to be able to give kids a stuffed animal while in court to help soothe and supply comfort to the children.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	30
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$0.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Donations from the community

Accomplishment 4	Our CPC and the Monroe County Public Library have partnered to create a youth art class, Painting with a Purpose, for children in the community. The goal of this program is to change the way young people see themselves as it enhances their personal value. The program seeks to boost academic achievements through art and, as a result, decrease delinquent behavior.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	15
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$1,300.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Alabama Power Foundation grant