



SHELBY COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2021

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501(c)3 Status	Shelby 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	
Substance Abuse Rank: 1	
Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations.	
How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county?	
Mental Health Rank: 2	
How many inpatient beds are available in your county for children?	0
How many inpatient beds are available in your county for adults?	40
Which population has the greatest mental health need in your county?	9 to 17 years old
Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Rank: 3	
Number of children in foster care	167
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Accomplishment 1	Character In Action (CIA) -- monthly award recognizes students for displaying good character, parents receive recognition and a certificate for teaching their children good character at home. CIA awards create a community in which behaviors such as respect, honesty, and kindness are modeled, taught, and celebrated. CIA awards continued to honor students in each school district although recipients were unable to be recognized in person due to Co-Vid restrictions. Schools recognized their student recipients with-in their school and on social media.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Numerous students, parents, teachers, and school administration from various school communities. Shelby County Schools honored 32 students, Alabaster Schools honored 6 students, and Pelham Schools honored 4 students
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	any funds needed are donated

Accomplishment 2	Shelby County Foster Parent Association provided support for Foster Families by meeting clothing needs through their clothes closet, the Hangar; by providing emotional support through social media groups, and by providing Valentines for teens, Easter Baskets, and graduation gifts for Foster children.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Shelby County Foster Parents and children, GALs, child and parent attorneys, law enforcement, school officials
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Shelby County Foster Parent Association seeks donations to provide services; many are in-kind donations from other agencies and businesses

Accomplishment 3	Distracted Driving Display: Shelby County Community Services provides and delivers a tractor-trailer display of wrecked vehicle and banners to highlight the consequences of distracted driving.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The community members around each high school, students, faculty, and staff at several high schools in Shelby County.
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Display is a partnership between Shelby County Community Services and CPC
Accomplishment 4	The Children's Hospital of Alabama Intervention and Prevention Chips Center took virtual presentations to schools in Alabaster and Hoover to bring awareness to sexually abusive behavior.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	students at Meadowview Elementary School, Creekview Elementary School, Thompson Intermediate School, Berry Middle School, Thompson Middle School and Thompson High School
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Children's Hospital Intervention and Prevention Services

Accomplishment 5	Commitment to student mental health needs: Shelby County schools partnered with Central Alabama Wellness to provide school-based mental health services to students. Shelby County Schools contracted with mental health agency Restoring Hope to provide mentoring services to elementary students.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	children/ students, school systems personnel, families
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	\$69,000.00
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Title IV Funds and at-risk funds

Accomplishment 6	Be Well Shelby Community Wellness Fairs: Central Alabama Wellness partnered with community agencies to provide three community events to promote healthy living and inform families of available resources. The fairs featured games, music, food vendors and included vendors with information on mental health services, education support, and prevention services.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	community members who attended the events
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	Compact 2020/ Central Alabama Wellness

Accomplishment 7	Providing resource pamphlets to families in the Family Court of Shelby County. The Parent Involvement Committee published five brochures to be distributed in the waiting area of Family Court. The brochures list local resources for parents in areas of Education, Substance Abuse Recovery, Parenting Support, Mental Health, and Emergency Economic Assistance. The brochures will be available for parents and guardians attending court in person and seeking additional support for their unique needs.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	families who are referred to Juvenile Court
Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?	
Source of funds for this accomplishment?	committee volunteers dedicated their time to creating the brochures

<p>Accomplishment 8</p>	<p>A Childcare Provider Roundtable Forum was conducted by the Early Care and Education Committee to help identify and address the unique needs of childcare centers during the Co-Vid 19 pandemic. A survey and invitation to participate was sent to all Shelby County childcare center directors. The forum was held online and helped to support the needs of center directors as they navigate new best practices in light of the pandemic. From the forum, a social-media support group was created specifically for childcare center workers in Shelby County. We helped address the problem of staffing and communication with public school districts regarding family quarantines and opened communication with public health officials who could answer questions about best practices within the childcare setting.</p>
<p>Who benefited from this accomplishment?</p>	<p>Shelby County childcare center directors, staff, and the children and families they serve</p>
<p>Amount of funds dedicated to this accomplishment?</p>	<p></p>
<p>Source of funds for this accomplishment?</p>	<p>no cost was associated with conducting the forum. Committee members donated their time.</p>