



Introduction

The Children's Policy Council Needs Assessment is an opportunity for local communities to inform state policy-makers of the unmet needs of children throughout the state. The growing demand for evidence-based practice requires using metrics. As policy-makers rely more and more on data to drive decisions, we ask CPCs to provide objective data to support their identified needs.

We appreciate your willingness to dig deeply into what is happening at the local level to inform state leaders and ultimately guide policy and funding decisions.

About Your CPC

Please provide the requested information regarding your County's Children's Policy Council.

County *

Chambers

Honorable Judge *

Please provide the name of the Judge who leads the county's Children's Policy Council.

Calvin Milford

Name of CPC Coordinator *

Please provide the name of the contact person who coordinates the CPC activities.

Calvin Milford

CPC Coordinator Email *

Enter the email of the contact person who coordinates the CPC activities.

calvin.milford@alacourt.gov

Address *

Enter the address for mailing information to the CPC.

Street Address

2 South LaFayette Street

Address Line 2

City

LaFayette

State / Province / Region

AL

Postal / Zip Code

36862

Country

USA

School System/LEA Representation *

Are the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) all represented on the CPC?

- Yes, all are represented and active
- Yes, all are represented but not all are active
- Some are represented, but not all
- Only 1 school system is represented

Number of School Systems *

Indicate the number of school systems or Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in your county.

2

Does your county currently conduct a youth survey? *

- Yes
 No

CPC Members

Use the fields below to list the names of all CPC Members, with each name in a separate field. Use the "Add" link to create more fields as needed.

CPC Member

Calvin Milford

Angie Flournoy

Kea Costley

Suzanne Shaw

Amy Thompson

Monica Acoff

Renatta Buckner

CPC Member

Crystal Hudmon

Jonathan Herston

Casey Chambley

Kay Rombokas

Shannon Boyd

Conner Chauveax

CPC Member

Julia Hyde

Adrian Carpenter

Christy Carpenter

Amber Holloway

Jessilyn Townsend-Blair

Nicole Delee

Does your CPC currently have 501(c)3 status? *

- Yes
 No

Needs Identification

The questions below relate to the needs of children ages birth to 19 and their families in your county. The sections represent umbrella categories of needs which have been identified over the past several years through local CPC Needs Assessments. The data requested in each section aims to help identify root causes, risk factors and/or specifics within each category.

Please rank your county's top three needs and provide the requested data regarding those needs.

Links to several data sources and local organizations are listed below as a resource to assist CPCs in completing the needs assessment and locating the requested information.

Kids Count Data:

<https://alavoices.org/2021-alabama-kids-count/>

<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#AL/2/0/char/0>

CPC Website for AOC County Data: www.alcpc.org

Local Mental Health Center that serves county

Local County Department of Human Resources (DHR)

Three Most Urgent Needs *

Select the three needs below that are the most urgent. These are the ones you will provide more information about.

- Substance Abuse
 Parental Involvement and Family Engagement
 School Success
 Early Care and Education
 Mental Health
 Juvenile Crime and Safety
 Poverty
 Health and Well Being
 Neighborhoods and Housing
 Transportation

Mental Health

Mental Health is important at every stage of life from childhood, through adolescence, to adulthood. Mental Health is an essential component of overall health and well-being for children and their families. Children need to have any mental health conditions identified early so they can receive proper treatment through outpatient or inpatient services that meet their needs.

Mental Health Rank *

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
 2
 3

Needs Related to Mental Health *

Select all statements that apply to your county.

- We have a dire need for inpatient mental health facilities.
 We have a dire need for outpatient mental health facilities and care.
 Our need and the demand for mental health services match pretty well.
 We do not have enough counselors to fill the needs in our county.
 Children with mental health issues is a growing problem in our county.
 We do not have a need for mental health services and care in our county.
 Services are only available for those with ability to pay.

How many facilities in your community maintain inpatient beds for mental health issues? *

0

How many inpatient beds are available in your county for children? *

0

Does this number meet the demand? *

- Yes, demand is almost always met.
 Demand is mostly met. Occasionally, there are not enough beds.
 Demand almost always exceeds the supply of available beds.

How many inpatient beds are available in your county for adults? *

0

Does this number meet the demand? *

- Yes, demand is almost always met.
 Demand is mostly met. Occasionally, there are not enough beds.
 Demand almost always exceeds the supply of available beds.

If the demand for services is unmet, what are some actions taken? *

Describe how the unmet needs are currently addressed.

We have to look for services out of county which in itself becomes a barrier for many our families.

Describe the greatest mental health needs in your county. *

In-patient services for adults and children

Increased substance abuse services provided throughout county.

Which population has the greatest mental health need in your county? *

18 to 54 years old

Top 3 Mental Health Resources *

List the top 3 mental health resources in your county.

East Alabama Mental Health
Circle of Care Center for Families
Searchlight Counseling
Teaching and Guiding (TAG)

Neighborhoods and Housing

Neighborhoods and Housing play a critical role in the well-being of children and families. The availability of affordable housing may provide stability, reduce adult and child homelessness, and impact conditions that increase the quality of life in our communities.

Neighborhoods and Housing Rank *

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
 2
 3

Is there a significant population living in substandard housing? *

- Yes
 No

Identify housing deficiencies which are common in the county. *

- Broken windows
 Exposed wires
 Peeling paint
 Rodents
 Other unsanitary or unsafe conditions of housing

Does your county have a significant population living in chaotic neighborhoods?

Chaos in neighborhoods includes crime, poor quality of housing, vandalism, graffiti, reported domestic violence, abandoned buildings, and drugs.

- Yes
 No

Describe the population living in chaotic neighborhoods. *

Indicate whether there is there a significant number of children and families living in such conditions.

Chambers County has a significant number of older homes with high rent. Due to lack of options, families that have been affected by poverty have often found these home to be their only option. Unfortunately, poverty is often connected to issues such as substance abuse and criminal behavior. These realities place many families in unsafe situations.

Prevalence of Chaotic Neighborhoods *

Select the best choice.

- Prevalent throughout the county
 Limited to pockets of communities
 Rare

Describe causes and impacts related to neighborhood and housing needs. *

Hlgh rent
Substandard housing
No emergency shelter
Long waiting lists for section 8 and income-based housing

Describe the scope and cause(s) of homelessness in your county.*

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Transportation

A lack of adequate and accessible public transportation services creates barriers to employment, doctor visits, buying groceries, and meeting other basic needs of life.

Transportation Rank*

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Indicate the availability of public transportation in your county.*

- Adequate public transportation services are available to serve the needs of the community.
- Limited public transportation services are available.
- There is not public transportation.

Select the choice that best describes transportation infrastructure in your county.*

- Roads and bridges do not need much improvement.
- Roads and bridges are in some need of repair.
- The road and bridge infrastructure in our county is in desperate need of funding and repair.

Which transportation-related issue most impacts access to services in your county?*

- Public transportation
- Road and bridge infrastructure
- Both are equally important

Describe how the issue of transportation impacts your county.*

There is no public transportation system which impacts families access to services and parents ability to maintain employment.

Accomplishments

With regard to your programs in existence from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, consider accomplishments in those areas. Provide information about who benefited from the accomplishment and the source and amount of funds used for the accomplishment. Describe at least three of your county CPC's accomplishments for the past year. You may include up to 10.

Accomplishment 1*

Describe this accomplishment.

Established the Greater Valley Area Coalition on Homelessness

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 1?*

Those with housing needs

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 1*

n/a

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 1*

Wrapped into partners budgets

Accomplishment 2*

Describe this accomplishment.

Maintained Family Drug Court

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 2?*

Families impacted by substance abuse

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 2*

88,0000

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 2*

OJJDP

Accomplishment 3*

Describe this accomplishment.

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Who benefitted from Accomplishment 3?*

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Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 3*

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Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 3*

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Accomplishment 4

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 4?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 4

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 4

Accomplishment 5

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 5?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 5

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 5

Accomplishment 6

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 6?

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Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 6

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Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 6

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Accomplishment 7

Describe this accomplishment.

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Who benefitted from Accomplishment 7?

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Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 7

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Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 7

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Accomplishment 8

Describe this accomplishment.

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Who benefitted from Accomplishment 8?

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Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 8

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Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 8

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Accomplishment 9

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 9?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 9

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 9

Accomplishment 10

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 10?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 10

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 10

CPC Self-Assessment

Self-assessment is an integral part of the County CPC development. Please provide the information below and indicate your CPC's level of development.

Level I CPC

Select all that apply.

- Mandated Members (at least 8 of 15) attended at least two meetings last year
- At Large Members (at least 5 of 7) attended at least two meetings last year
- Minutes and sign in sheets were kept for all meetings
- CPC met at least quarterly
- Membership list was kept current
- Needs assessment was turned in on time and in correct format
- Annual Report submitted with needs assessment

Level II CPC

Select all that apply.

- At least 10 of the 15 mandated members attended 2 or more meetings last year
- At least 6 of the 7 At Large members attended 2 or more meetings last year
- At least 3 members attended the CPC conference last year
- New Member Orientation Manual was developed
- Committees met at least quarterly in addition to regularly scheduled CPC meetings
- Committees presented reports at CPC meetings
- Committees took action toward identified issues
- CPC has a mission statement
- CPC has an elected Vice-Chair
- CPC has an elected Secretary

Level II - Committees

Select all committees which have been established.

- Early Care and Education
- Economic Security
- Education
- Health
- Parent Involvement and Skills
- Safety

Level III CPC

Select all that apply.

- Council has developed strong leadership
- Fiscal agent has been identified or a 501(c)3 has been established
- Bylaws have been written and approved
- Members have attended CPC Leadership Training
- Council is active in child advocacy efforts
- Council sponsors community efforts for children's issues
- Committees are active and performing specific actions
- 5 or more members attended the CPC Conference last year
- Communication line has been developed with legislators
- Communication with the media occurs
- CPC has a strategic plan in place

Self-Rating *

Based on the answers above, how would you characterize your current level?

- Striving for Level I
- Level I moving toward Level II
- Level II moving toward Level III
- Level III

CPC Members List

Use the upload button below to provide a CPC membership list with contact information.

MEMBERSHIP LIST.docx

12.13KB

CPC Meeting Minutes *

Upload minutes from CPC meetings from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please ensure all minutes are scanned together as one document.

CPC MInutes.pdf

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CPC Sign-In Sheets *

Upload all CPC Meeting sign-in sheets from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please ensure all sign-in sheets are scanned together as one document.

CPC Sign in sheets.pdf

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Conclusion *

What have we not asked you about that you feel is important?

n/a