



### 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 \*

Elmore

#### Honorable Judge \*

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

Judge Patrick D. Pinkston

#### Name of CPC Coordinator \*

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

Delane S. Goggans

#### CPC Coordinator Email \*

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

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#### Address \*

Enter the address for mailing information to the CPC.

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##### Address Line 2

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##### City

Wetumpka

##### State / Province / Region

AL

##### Postal / Zip Code

36092

##### Country

United States

#### 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.

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

Angela Cardwell

Angela Taylor

Billy Womble

Carolyn Locke

Christie Hall

Clyde Chambliss

Dawn Beers

Deborah Johnosn

Emily Hutcheson

Shyanne Horn

Ira Walls

Jeana Winter

Jonathan Melton

Kay Rombokas

Krishula Edwards

Leroy Campbell

Lindsey Bass

Michael Waters

Molly Killingsworth

Judge Patrick D. Pinkston

Renee Jackson

Sam Boshell

Shajuane Jones

Sheena Robinson

Timica Anderson

Charity Alpert

### CPC Member

Angela Daniel

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Maggie Smith

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Rebecca Healey

Robin Mackey

Samantha Friend

Sharon Beeman

Stacy Reed

Trishunda Davenport

Kiambri Mason

### CPC Member

Angela Johns

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Cammie Blackmon

Charisa Hagel

Clare Johnson

Darryl Hall

Debbie Clark

Dennis Hill

Frederick Wright

Imogene Bass

Jalon Ross

Johnny Hammock

Katrina Mitchell

Kimberly Martin

Laurie Weldon

Liletta Jenkins

Margaret Barber

Mike Holmes

Pamela Johnson

Rena Calloway

Saddia Walls

Sandy Dubose

Sharon Grant

Therisa Gilbert

Vicki Bonner Ward

Jen Bafford

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](http://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

### Substance Abuse

Substance abuse affects youth, families and all parts of society and is manifested through underage drinking, prescription drug abuse, as well as illegal substance manufacturing, access, and use.

### Substance Abuse 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

### Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations. \*

32

### Have substance abuse violations and delinquency cases increased or decreased over the past year? \*

- Increased significantly
- Increased somewhat
- About the same
- Decreased slightly
- Decreased significantly

### How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county? \*

36

**Characterize the trend of children removed from homes due to parent drug use year over year.\***

- Each year, significantly more children are being removed from their homes due to parent drug use.
- We are seeing a leveling off of this trend.
- We have seen a significant decline in children being removed from their homes due to parent drug use.

**Is there a Juvenile Drug Court in your county?\***

- Yes
- No

**Substance Abuse Characteristics**

Please select all that describe characteristics of substance abuse in your county.

- Youth Substance Abuse
- Underage Alcohol Sales
- Family Prescription Abuse
- Family Illegal Substance Abuse
- Drugs in Schools
- Lack of space to refer individuals with addiction issues

**Recidivism Rate\***

Provide the recidivism rate and any additional relevant information such as length of time drug court has been in existence and contributing factors to recidivism.

N/A

**Additional information About Substance Abuse\***

Provide additional information and data regarding why you believe substance abuse is a significant problem in your county.

Increased incidences of vaping among youth. Increased arrests of adults on felony drug charges. In dependency cases, drug use if not the main issue, is a contributing factor in almost all cases.

**Parental Involvement and Family Engagement**

Family risk and protective factors impact the involvement, or lack thereof, of parents in their children's social-emotional development and their academic education.

**Parental Involvement 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

**Trends of Child Abuse\***

Mark the answer that best characterizes reports of child abuse in your county.

- Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of reports of child abuse.
- We are seeing a leveling off of child abuse reports.
- Our county has seen a decline in the reports of child abuse.

**Domestic Violence\***

Select the item that best characterizes the domestic violence trends in your county.

- Increasing
- Remaining about the same
- Declining

**Community Factors Impacting Trends\***

Describe community factors which may impact the trends in domestic violence and child abuse, including but not limited to, access to family counseling and mental health support.

There is a need for mental health support for adults and families within the county.

### Number of Children in Foster Care \*

86

### Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county? \*

- Yes  
 No

### Which components of parental involvement and family engagement apply to your county? \*

- Single parent families  
 Support for teaching children at home  
 Increased foster care placements  
 Increased child abuse and domestic violence rates  
 Increased adoption needs

### 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? \*

None

### 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.

Referring patients to facilities in other counties.

**Describe the greatest mental health needs in your county. \***

Residential beds for youth and expanded services for families.

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

9 to 17 years old

**Top 3 Mental Health Resources \***

List the top 3 mental health resources in your county.

Carastar

**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.

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**Accomplishment 1 \***

Describe this accomplishment.

Family Sunshine Center maintains a Children's Therapist at the Elmore County Counseling Center located in Wetumpka, who provides Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, free of charge, for children and youth recovering from trauma related to family violence, sexual assault or abuse, child abuse and neglect, human trafficking, community violence, bullying, and/or traumatic grief. Licensed therapists provide services designed to address symptoms of trauma, including PTSD, depression, anxiety, sexualized behaviors, and feelings of shame and mistrust in children ages 3-18.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 1? \***

45 children received 227.05 hours of advocacy. Parents/caregivers received 434.45 hours of counseling.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 1 \***

75,000

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 1 \***

A combination of federal (SAMHSA) and local funding.

**Accomplishment 2 \***

Describe this accomplishment.

Back To Basics Literacy Program

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 2? \***

Served 25 families with 27 students in the first two cohorts with one cohort to take place in August.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 2 \***

20,000

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 2 \***

Reading initiative program funded by Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

**Accomplishment 3 \***

Describe this accomplishment.

Ivy's Closet was up and running to serve foster children in Elmore County. It provides new and gently used clothing for foster children and toiletry supplies.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 3? \***

392 children were served.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 3 \***

0

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 3 \***

Funding is completely from community donations.

**Accomplishment 4**

Describe this accomplishment.

Central Alabama Community Foundation awarded benefits to Elmore County families for scholarships and community trust grants to nonprofits. Funds were also awarded to victims of tornado damage and other natural disasters.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 4?**

Students and families of Elmore County.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 4**

337,791

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 4**

Community donations

**Accomplishment 5**

Describe this accomplishment.

The SOAR program-- The SOAR program served in five different schools within Elmore County and operated two different summer programs.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 5?**

2,702 Elmore County Students

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 5**

128,982

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 5**

Federal Grant Department of Mental Health

**Accomplishment 6**

Describe this accomplishment.

The Parenting Etc. Program conducted by Elmore County Extension Office. The program offered parenting classes to parents in Elmore County.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 6?**

79 families within Elmore County

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 6**

42,000

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 6**

CTF

**Accomplishment 7**

Describe this accomplishment.

Elmore County Child Abuse Prevention Program providing public awareness and training regarding child abuse and public awareness.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 7?**

587 adults and 726 youth in Elmore County.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 7**

19,000

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 7**

CTF

**Accomplishment 8**

Describe this accomplishment.

Alabama Healthy Marriage Relationship Education Initiative conducted by Elmore County Extension Office.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 8?**

382 Elmore County High School Students

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 8**

55000

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 8**

AU/AHMREI

**Accomplishment 9**

Describe this accomplishment.

Mindful Children Healthy Future conducted by Elmore County Extension Office.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 9?**

102 5th grade students and 710 6th-12th grade students in Elmore County Schools.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 9**

32,500

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 9**

CTF

**Accomplishment 10**

Describe this accomplishment.

Skill Up Program conducted by Elmore County Elmore County Family Resource Center-- A workforce development program for chronically unemployed citizens in Elmore County. The Center has hired an Executive Director and two staff members. The administrative office is located at 109 Company Street, Suite 210, Wetumpka, Alabama, 36092.

**Who benefitted from Accomplishment 10?**

Citizens of Elmore County, Alabama.

**Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 10**

130,000

**Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 10**

State of Alabama



## 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.

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### 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

### Annual Report Documentation

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#### CPC Members List

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

CPC Membership List.docx 16.44KB

#### 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 Meeting Minutes.docx 2.34MB

#### 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.

August 2022 Meeting CPC.pdf	451.72KB
December 2022 Meeting CPC.pdf	302.39KB
March 2023 Meeting CPC.pdf	368.97KB
June 2023 Meeting CPC.pdf	382.9KB

#### Conclusion \*

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

N/A