



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 *

Tallapoosa

Honorable Judge *

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

Clayton Kim Taylor

Name of CPC Coordinator *

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

Terrell Haggerty

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.

Street Address

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City

Alexander city

State / Province / Region

Alabama

Postal / Zip Code

35010

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.

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

Clayton Kim Taylor (District Judge)

Brenda Floyd (DHR)

Jean Spicer (EAMH)

Dr. Beverly Price (AC Superintendent)

Rashunsky McKinney (ACPD CPT)

Barbara Thompson (HIPPIY)

Ashley Williams (EAMH)

Kay Rombokas (ADPH)

Fred White (TCSO - Chief Deputy)

CPC Member

Terrell Haggerty (CJPO)

Jimmy Abbett (Tallapoosa County Sheriff)

Jacqueline Burgess (CAC)

Raymond Porter (Tallapoosa County Schools Superintendent)

Courtney Layfield (United Way)

Tenisha King (EAMH)

Scott Powell (ALEA)

Paulette Daniels (PAT)

Nada Alassi (ADPH)

CPC Member

Kristin Culligan (JPO)

Angie Scott (DHR)

Jamie Delee (CRS)

Suzanne Shaw (EAMH)

Janice Glaze (Headstart)

Chariah Washington (Childrens Rehad)

Page Cotton (Tallapoosa County Schools)

Dylan Ray (TCSO)

Lakeeshia Sandlin (TCR PAT)

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

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.

Limited access to mental health providers or the lack of using them to decrease the common related issues.

Number of Children in Foster Care *

56

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

School Success

School Success takes many forms. It begins in the early years as often measured through subject proficiencies, and in later years can be measured by graduation rates. The questions in this section are to help drill down into the root causes and specific factors contributing to the needs surrounding school success.

School Success 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

Graduation Rate *

Enter the estimated percentage of students who successfully graduate from high school in your county.

89

Credit Recovery and Graduation Assistance *

Describe programs in your county designed specifically to prevent dropping out of high school or to encourage reenrollment.

Each of our school systems currently have credit recovery and encourage student re enrollment.

Truancy Cases *

Enter the number of truancy cases referred to early warning court.

65

Discipline problems in schools *

Describe the types of discipline issues in schools which disrupt or interfere with student performance, including suspensions and expulsions.

Each school is different which causes several issues that are a cause and effect, parents that work shift work cannot get young kids to school before they go to work. At home parents that are lazy don't care about who takes care of their kids until school is out for summer and then it is an issue. Good kids that try hard to overcome home issues struggle was well. Sometimes the community atmosphere can cause issues within the school and home. Not easy to put a finger on anyone issue.

School Success Factors *

Mark the items that apply to your county's needs related to school success.

- Graduation rates
 Child literacy rates
 Unsafe school culture
 Truancy and absenteeism
 Need for alternative school placements
 Services for children with special needs
 Lack of tutoring and specialized teachers outside school hours
 Discipline issues
 Suspensions and Expulsions

Chronic Absenteeism *

Enter the percentage of students who are chronically absent, defined as missing 10-17 days of school, in your county.

16

Reading Proficiency in 4th Grade *

Enter the percentage of children who meet or exceed benchmarks for reading in 4th grade.

44

Math proficiency in 4th grade *

Enter the percentage of children who meet or exceed benchmarks in math in the 4th grade.

16

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 do not have local beds within our county for mental health related issues.

Describe the greatest mental health needs in your county. *

Not enough mental health professionals in general. We need more mental health professionals in our schools on a full-time basis. Kids need to be able to go and talk to someone when they are having a crisis not to be told to wait a few days before the professional gets back to the school. By then it is too late to help the kid most times.

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.

Nan Colley Mental Health Counseling Services. Taht is all we have other than private Mental Health providers.

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.

Vape Disposal Lock Box Initiative – Disposed over 40 vapes

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 1? *

Dadeville and Reeltown High School Students

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 1 *

NA

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 1 *

Block Grant Supplemental Funding

Accomplishment 2 *

Describe this accomplishment.

Partnered with ALEA in conducting Compliance Checks initiative to 10 establishments that sell alcohol. Out of 10, there was 1 successful purchase of alcohol from a minor which resulted to an arrest.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 2? *

Youth and Young Adults under age 21

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 2 *

NA

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 2 *

Block Grant Supplemental Funding

Accomplishment 3 *

Describe this accomplishment.

Media contract with iHeart media for radio PSAs for substance misuse awareness. 1 Vaping PSA, 2 Underage Drinking PSA, 1 Suicide prevention PSA all broadcasted on iHeart radio.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 3? *

Parents, Adults, Youth

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 3 *

NA

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 3 *

PFS UAD Initiative Supplemental Funding

Accomplishment 4

Describe this accomplishment.

Anti-Underage Drinking presentation at Prom Assembly.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 4?

11th-12th grade students at Horseshoe Bend High School

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 4

NA

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 4

PFS UAD Initiative Supplemental Funding

Accomplishment 5

Describe this accomplishment.

Conducted Environmental Scans in 7 retail establishments that sell alcohol to ensure stores are in compliance by disseminating WE ID Checking Guides.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 5?

Consumers in Tallapoosa County

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 5

NA

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 5

Block Grant Supplemental Funding

Accomplishment 6

Describe this accomplishment.

Project Sticker Shock – Display stickers with anti-underage drinking message on alcohol beverages in stores to prevent purchase of alcohol to minors

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 6?

Youth and Young Adults

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 6

NA

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 6

PFS UAD Initiative Supplemental Funding

Accomplishment 7

Describe this accomplishment.

Substance Free Recreational Activities – Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 7?

Students at Reeltown High School

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 7

NA

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 7

Block Grant Initiative Supplemental Funding

Accomplishment 8

Describe this accomplishment.

Information Dissemination of Drug Sober or Get Pulled Over Initiative

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 8?

Tallapoosa County Community

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 8

NA

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 8

Block Grant Initiative Supplemental Funding

Accomplishment 9

Describe this accomplishment.

Information Dissemination of Substance Misuse Prevention resources at Community Events – Over 100 brochures and pamphlets handed out.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 9?

Tallapoosa County Community

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 9

NA

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 9

PFS UAD Initiative Supplemental Funding

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

Annual Report Documentation

CPC Members List

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

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.

Sign In Sheet.doc 32KB

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.

Sign in Sheet.docx 24.57KB

Conclusion *

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

CPC is an important committee, but it is often overlooked based on the member's daily schedule.