CPC Needs Assessment

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 *

Walker

Honorable Judge *

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

Henry Allred

Name of CPC Coordinator *

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

Donna Kilgore

CPC Coordinator Email *

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

donna.kilgore@bscc.edu

Address *

Enter the address for mailing information to the CPC.

Street Address

P.O. Box 3493

Address Line 2

City	State / Province / Region
Jasper	Alabama

Postal / Zip Code	Country
35502	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   **CPC Member**   **CPC Member**

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

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. *

22

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? *

42

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.

Family history and high number of disabilities in the county.

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? *

16

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? *

16

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.

Refer to other resources in other counties and safety plans, Crisis Center's in Birmingham or Huntsville.

Describe the greatest mental health needs in your county. *

Mobile crisis teams, enhanced Crisis work with law enforcement and increased education on substance use and mental illness. Education on CIT(Crisis Intervention Team Training)

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.

Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center
Walker Baptist Hosptial -BMU

Poverty

Poverty has many faces: unemployment, poor living standards, and the working poor not having enough money to provide for the basic needs of their children.

Poverty 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

What is the unemployment rate in your county? *

2.4

What is the number of SNAP recipients (all ages) in your county? *

10,000

What is the rate of "children in poverty" in your county? *

21.4

Describe access to higher education and job training in your county. *

Bevill State Community College, Career Center, Dual Enrollment with the LEA's, Workforce Investment Programs with Community Action and Jasper Area Family Services Center.

LIst the 3 largest employers in your county. *

Walker County Board, Walker Baptist Hospital, industrial jobs

Describe the types of jobs available in your county. *

Fast food, industrial, department stores, and manual labor

Describe the workforce in your county. *

Is the workforce adequately prepared for the available jobs? Does the workforce commute into the county from another location?

Many issues with drug use and passing drug screens, transportation hurdles, and lack of education although numerous education opportunities are available. Lack of commitment

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.

13 Head Start classrooms open in Walker County and full functional.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 1? *

families of children

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 1 *

1,600,000.00

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 1 *

Health and Human Services

Accomplishment 2 *

Describe this accomplishment.

Expanded services to Why Try classes at Camp Mitnick and virtual parenting classes offered to families.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 2? *

Students and Families in 13 county area

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 2 *

40,000.00

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 2 *

Children's Trust fund and ANFRC

Accomplishment 3 *

Describe this accomplishment.

HIPPY(Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters)

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 3? *

Parents and children ages 2 to 5

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 3 *

90,000.00

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 3 *

Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

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?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 6

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 6

Accomplishment 7

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 7?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 7

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 7

Accomplishment 8
Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 8?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 8

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 8

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

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.

CPC Agenda and Announcements 2022 2023.pdf   771.21KB

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 22 23.pdf   959.05KB

Conclusion *

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

n/a