

# COOSA COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2017

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<b>School Systems in County</b>	<b>Number: 1</b>
Are school systems in the county active on the CPC?	Yes, all are represented and active
Does your county currently conduct a youth survey? If yes, please describe	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 the rank of your **top 3 needs** and the information about those 3 needs.

<b>School Success</b>	<b>Rank: 1</b>
What percentage of students successfully graduate from high school in your county?	84
Please describe programs in your county specifically designed to prevent high school dropout or to encourage drop back in.	FOCUS- teens at risk/peer mentoring. RTI(Response-to-Intervention-re-teaching strategy for struggling students. Virtual School- on-line courses from home while included on campus for career tech courses, band & athletics. Odysseyware computer program, an at home-a supplement/replacement for course content.JETS & SMART WORK ETHICS-ocational Rehab-job experiences,training,skill training,career prep.Credit Recovery-to regain lost academic credits w/out re-taking an entire course.Dual Enrollment.
What percent of students miss 10 or more days of school?	34
Please provide the number of truancy cases referred to early warning court.	0
Please provide the percentage of children not proficient in reading in 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade.	81
Please provide the percentage of children not proficient in math in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade.	60
Please describe the types of discipline issues in schools which disrupt or interfere with student performance. Please include suspensions and expulsions.	Fighting, Disorderly, Defiance, Disruptive, Unauthorized Communication Devices
Which items most apply to your county's need related to school success.	Graduation rates Truancy and absenteeism Need for alternative school placements Discipline issues Suspensions and Expulsions

<b>Substance Abuse</b>	<b>Rank: 2</b>
Number of Juvenile arrests for drug and substance violations:	19
Have above types of arrests and court cases increased or decreased over the past year?	About the same
How many children have been removed from homes due to parent drug use?	16
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
Is there a Juvenile Drug Court in your county? If yes, how many juveniles went through the court last year?	No.
Please provide recidivism rate and accompanying information.	
Additional Information	Children being removed from their homes due to parents involved with drugs. More students are being suspended prior to expulsion for drug offenses. Increase in juvenile charges involving drugs/alcohol.
Characteristics that describe substance abuse in your county:	Youth Substance Abuse Family Illegal Substance Abuse Drugs in Schools

<b>Parental Involvement and Family Engagement</b>	<b>Rank: 3</b>
Percent of single parent families in your county	37
Percent of two parent families	55
Percent of teen parents	18
Trends of child abuse	Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of reports of child abuse
Trends of domestic violence	Increasing
Community factors impacting trends	Drug abuse, domestic violence, increased reporting knowledge by the community. For domestic violence, SafeHouse provides services to Coosa county.
Number of children in foster care	16
Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county?	No
Which components of parental involvement and family engagement most apply to your county?	<p>Access to family counseling and family mental health resources</p> <p>Single parent families</p> <p>Support for teaching children at home</p> <p>Increased foster care placements</p> <p>Increased child abuse and domestic violence rates</p>

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

<b>Accomplishment</b>	COOSA CPC BECOMING MORE ACTIVE
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	CPC MEMBERS/COOSA COUNTY RESIDENTS/EVERYONE
How many people benefited?	1000
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00 N/A
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

<b>Accomplishment</b>	FAMILY FESTIVAL-A SUCCESSFUL ACOMPLISHMENT
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	COOSA COUNTY POPULATION
How many people benefited?	500
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$750.00   CONSERVATION RC&D AND PAUL PERRETT
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	ALL NEEDS
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	NO AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

<b>Accomplishment</b>	COOSA COUNTY SCHOOL BASED THERAPIST-ON CAMPUS!!!
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME
How many people benefited?	1000
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00  ALTAPOINTE
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	ALL NEEDS; PEER PRESSURE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ALCOHOL, BULLYING, DISCIPLINE, SCHOOL SUCCESS, ABUSE/NEGLECT
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME