

# MARENGO COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2017

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<b>School Systems in County</b>	<b>Number: 4</b>
Are school systems in the county active on the CPC?	Some are represented, but not all
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>Parental Involvement and Family Engagement</b>	<b>Rank: 1</b>
Percent of single parent families in your county	42
Percent of two parent families	58
Percent of teen parents	3
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	Remaining about the same
Community factors impacting trends	
Number of children in foster care	26
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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to family counseling and family mental health resources</li> <li>Engaging fathers</li> <li>Single parent families</li> <li>Support for teaching children at home</li> <li>Increased foster care placements</li> <li>Increased child abuse and domestic violence rates</li> <li>Increased adoption needs</li> </ul>

<b>Substance Abuse</b>	<b>Rank: 2</b>
Number of Juvenile arrests for drug and substance violations:	
Have above types of arrests and court cases increased or decreased over the past year?	Increased somewhat
How many children have been removed from homes due to parent drug use?	17
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	
Characteristics that describe substance abuse in your county:	<p>Youth Substance Abuse</p> <p>Family Prescription Abuse</p> <p>Family Illegal Substance Abuse</p> <p>Drugs in Schools</p> <p>Lack of space to refer individuals with addiction issues</p>

<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Rank: 3</b>
Please select all statements that apply to your county	<p>We have a dire need for inpatient mental health facilities</p> <p>We have a dire need for outpatient mental health facilities and care</p> <p>Our need and the demand for mental health services match pretty well</p> <p>We do not have enough counselors to fill the needs in our county</p> <p>Children with mental health issues is a growing problem in our county</p>
How many facilities in your community maintain inpatient beds for mental health issues?	2
How many available beds are for children?	0
Does the number listed above meet the demand?	Demand almost always exceeds the supply of available beds.
How many available beds are for adults?	20
Does the number listed above meet the demand?	Demand almost always exceeds the supply of available beds.
If the demand for services is unmet, what are some actions taken?	
Please describe the greatest mental health needs in your county.	
Which population has the greatest mental health needs in your county?	18 to 54 years old
What are the top 3 mental health resources in your county?	

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>The Juvenile Probation office is continuing to provide the Juvenile Redirection Program for at-risk children</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	At risk children
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Linden Police Department continues it's D.A.R.E. and Drug Awareness programs</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Linden City School system students
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Demopolis Police Department continues it's National Night Out Against Violence</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Citizens of Demopolis and Marengo County
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Demopolis Police Department continues to hold its Youth Police Academy.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	City of Demopolis Youth
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Marengo County DHR provided in-service training for all law enforcement agencies in Marengo County</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Airing of 2 underage drinking commercials which appeared on local CATV station 2000 times.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	All citizens of Demopolis
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Theo Ratliff Community Center in Demopolis continues use of a flight simulator to encourage children's interest in flying.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Marengo County Youth
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Theo Ratliff Center continues its tutoring program as well as providing ESL class</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Marengo County Youth
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	



<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>West AL Mental Health Center provides a substance abuse profession for assessment of adolescents and referral to WAMHC</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Marengo County adolescents
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Local churches partner with DHR to provide school supplies for needy children</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Marengo County children
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	