

# PERRY 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>Substance Abuse</b>	<b>Rank: 1</b>
Number of Juvenile arrests for drug and substance violations:	3
Have above types of arrests and court cases increased or decreased over the past year?	Decreased slightly
How many children have been removed from homes due to parent drug use?	2
Characterize the trend of children removed from homes due to parent drug use year over year.	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? If yes, how many juveniles went through the court last year?	No.
Please provide recidivism rate and accompanying information.	NA - There is no juvenile drug court in Perry County.
Additional Information	Substance abuse has been identified as an issue in Perry County by the educational personnel. A survey was completed by the educational personnel. Students admitted to using drugs and alcohol on a regular basis.
Characteristics that describe substance abuse in your county:	Youth Substance Abuse Drugs in Schools Lack of space to refer individuals with addiction issues

<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Rank: 2</b>
Please select all statements that apply to your county	<p>We have a dire need for outpatient mental health facilities and care</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?	0
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?	0
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?	There have been occasions where a parent/guardian will transport a child, who has mental health issues, to the emergency room at one of the three hospitals located in the area. After the child has been examined by the emergency room medical staff, the child will be referred to a mental health facility to receive further treatment.
Please describe the greatest mental health needs in your county.	There are children in the county who receive monthly therapy at outpatient facilities located in Perry & Dallas County. There have been occasions where there was a need for inpatient treatment. There was no available services to meet the child's needs.
Which population has the greatest mental health needs in your county?	9 to 17 years old
What are the top 3 mental health resources in your county?	(1) The Cahaba Center for Mental Health (2) Behavioral Health (Dallas Co.)

<b>Health and Well-Being</b>	<b>Rank: 3</b>
What is the leading cause of death in your county?	Heart disease
Please identify the three items that most impact your county.	Access to healthy food Access to healthcare Obesity
Please describe the data you used to determine that health and well-being is a top issue in your county.	Health and wellness information is collected from health screenings and individual interviews during doctor visits and appointments at the local Health Department. This information has been used to determine that health and well being is a top issue in Perry County.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Free cardiovascular clinic with a decline in stroke deaths in Perry County over the last several years</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The people of Perry County benefits from the programs and services.
How many people benefited?	150
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$8,500.00 The funds are received from the Old Howard Bike Ride, Catholic Trust, and ANFRC.
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The accomplishment addressed the Health and Well Being need.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Medication assistance through the pharmaceutical companies and with grant funds</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The people of Perry County benefitted from the accomplishment.
How many people benefited?	150
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00 Grants were the source of funding for the program.
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The accomplishment addressed the Health and Well Being need.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>Sowing Seeds of Hope partnered with Sight Savers and provided eye exam and glasses for children in the elementary school.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The children of Perry County benefitted from this accomplishment.
How many people benefited?	500
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00 Grants were the funding source for the accomplishment.
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The accomplishment addressed the Health and Well Being need.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>DHR provided child abuse/neglect training to the local Head Start Program Staff &amp; parents.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Parents and children in Perry County benefitted from the accomplishment.
How many people benefited?	140
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00 NA
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The accomplishment addressed the Health and Well Being need.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>DHR continues to provide WIC &amp; Medicaid awareness to their clients.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Parents and children in Perry County benefitted from the accomplishment.
How many people benefited?	71
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00 NA
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The accomplishment addressed the Health and Well Being need.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>DHR established a clothing closet at the Department to assist clients needing clothing.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Families in Perry County benefitted from this accomplishment.
How many people benefited?	4
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00 NA
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The accomplishment address the health and well being need.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>The District Court Judge has established the requisite 22-member council and set-up (5) policy council committees.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The Council benefitted by a delegation of duties.
How many people benefited?	30
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00 NA
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	This accomplishment addresses all of the needs.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>The District Court Judge served as head coach of a youth league baseball team.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The youths benefitted by being able to participate in an outdoor sport.
How many people benefited?	30
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00 The community and parents provided the funding for the children to participate in the little league program.
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The accomplishment address the health and well being need.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	



<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>The Marion Police Department has increased from three officers to seven (two more full time and two more part time officers).</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The citizens of Marion, AL.
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	City of Marion and Private Individuals
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The accomplishment address the health and well being need.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>The JPO Office established the Truancy and Parenting Program, also, created intensive sexting classes for teens that are addicted to porn and sending nude photos.</b>
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Those who benefitted from the program were the Perry County School System, parents, and children.
How many people benefited?	10
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	\$0.00 NA
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	The accomplishment addressed the health and well being need.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	