

Q11 Is there anything else you'd like to add or share concerning unmet needs of children, youth, and families in Jefferson County?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 120

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	6/5/2024 10:48 AM
2	There are not enough transitional living programs to house mothers with their children.	5/30/2024 2:39 PM
3	No	5/21/2024 10:54 AM
4	The children should always be put first in our community and also, we need more after school programs and fun age-related events to keep kids out of trouble and motivate them to do better things in life and making life choices.	5/21/2024 8:23 AM
5	N/a	5/20/2024 7:09 PM
6	No	5/20/2024 5:02 PM
7	No	5/15/2024 3:17 PM
8	We need more accessible services for Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers.	5/13/2024 9:02 AM
9	Need for Affordable and accessible mental health services. Also lack of providers that are bilingual. Jefferson has a huge population of Hispanic and mental health services for Hispanic are limited and not accessible due to lack of health coverage.	5/10/2024 8:18 AM
10	No	5/6/2024 11:08 AM
11	na	5/6/2024 8:16 AM
12	n/a	5/5/2024 9:28 PM
13	no	4/11/2024 10:03 AM
14	We need more laws banning the sale of specific gas station drugs. Specifically, all the versions of Delta 9 cannabis, (Delta 6, 8, 10, 11, THC-O, THC-A etc.), phenibut, tianeptine, supplements labeled as, "Nootropic". All of these "natural, herbal, dietary supplements" are HIGHLY addictive and they are being advertised specifically to children (in various forms of candy, cookies, etc.) These substances should be banned and determined to be illegal substances.	4/9/2024 9:42 AM
15	Parents need to be involved in their child's life.	4/8/2024 2:54 PM
16	Access to quality pre-school is critical and everything layers on top of that.	4/8/2024 11:11 AM
17	Mental health services include so many things: preventative education in preschools and elementary schools through additional school counselors, education on childhood development, comprehensive programs for young families to support needs, especially those of: financial literacy, secure housing, education, quality child care, work, and managing stress. All children in every school need more support for developing skills to manage stress and upsets. Build resilient communities!	4/7/2024 11:28 AM
18	Add more Juvenile probation officers...woefully understaffed for the need especially as it relates to truancy	4/5/2024 2:33 PM
19	Need more access to professionals who can test for learning disabilities such as ADHD and Dyslexia. Currently, the waiting list just to get tested is typically 6 months.	4/5/2024 2:03 PM
20	We have to do BETTER!	4/5/2024 1:37 PM
21	Needed: access to screenings for autism - affordable and accessible for all, too many kiddos going unnoticed by pediatricians. Screenings for all children so they can get critical early intervention services. Need autism coaches in all counties for early intervention, more mental	4/5/2024 1:17 PM

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health supports in the schools. Parent substance abuse in all socio-economic communities- parental/caregiver substance abuse impacting children - neglect and behavior matching up with parent struggling with addiction

22	Mental health is a big issue even for little ones and it's affecting their school performance	4/5/2024 12:58 PM
23	No	4/5/2024 12:10 PM
24	I believe Jefferson County as a whole does a good job with trying to provide services for all children and families.	4/5/2024 12:09 PM
25	No	4/5/2024 11:08 AM
26	DHR needs more support!!	4/5/2024 10:48 AM
27	DHR and Foster care inadequacies	4/5/2024 10:43 AM
28	I am concerned with the response and lack of communication from the Department of Human Resources regarding neglect and abuse of children.	4/5/2024 10:17 AM
29	Socioeconomic integration of neighborhoods and schools is what should be discussed more.	4/5/2024 9:31 AM
30	The exponential growth in children and youth who are experiencing gun violence, its related trauma and life-long sequelae, especially in low-income African-American communities needs to be comprehensively addressed.	4/5/2024 9:23 AM
31	Until child care licensing makes standards higher across the board, low income families will continue to have limited access to quality care for littles	4/5/2024 9:08 AM
32	None at this time	4/5/2024 8:17 AM
33	Jefferson County is so incredibly diverse, and the gaps are wide, yet the common factors I see even in my job in Mountain Brook are the ACEs impacting youth/teen mental health which therefore contributes to the substance use and risky behaviors. We need to start addressing the root causes which affect all children and further the generation cycles (ACEs such as messy divorces, abuse/neglect, parent substance use, etc.) These things impact the high rates of truancy and absenteeism, which only compound the other concerns.	4/5/2024 8:17 AM
34	DHR needs more staffing and resources for children in all areas of Jefferson County including the more affluent areas. There are serious problems there as well.	4/5/2024 8:04 AM
35	Grants for childcare providers are needed in order to pay teachers what they need to survive.	4/5/2024 7:59 AM
36	NA	4/5/2024 7:51 AM
37	N/A	4/5/2024 4:09 AM