

## Q45 Is there anything else you'd like to add or share concerning unmet needs of children, youth, and families in Jefferson County?

Answered: 58   Skipped: 143

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Let's continue to work together to solve community issues	6/24/2025 12:02 PM
2	Resources exist to train educators and families for free in some cases. We need buy in and financial incentive and space and community.	6/24/2025 10:49 AM
3	The state of the operation of Jefferson County DHR CPS is terrifyingly poor. Case managers are poorly trained to execute their responsibilities or even understand the complexities of relationships in a family and mental illness. The phone is often answered by an answering service even at 2:00 in the afternoon, and the answering service has no idea what they are doing. Call backs don't usually happen. Our school did see two cases handled more appropriately in the spring of 2025, but otherwise, it is shameful. These workers need lots of training, need to be paid to handle the difficult thing they handle, have clinical type supervision to staff and review cases, and then be paid appropriately for their education, continued education, and healthy handling of all these difficult situations. I wish DHR had more of a healthy relationship with people in the community. Again, we need more elementary school counselors.	6/24/2025 10:19 AM
4	No	6/24/2025 10:10 AM
5	No	6/23/2025 9:29 AM
6	n/a	6/18/2025 10:03 AM
7	This is such a critical issue. Thank you are caring about children, youth, families. I would suggest a more streamlined survey be available too so that some who might not be able or willing to complete a longer version can participate, too.	6/17/2025 8:00 PM
8	N/A	6/8/2025 5:01 PM
9	n/a	6/6/2025 12:41 PM
10	N/A	6/6/2025 12:00 PM
11	Na	6/6/2025 12:46 AM
12	Utilize the expertise of existing resources like the YMCA as a solution.	6/5/2025 5:52 PM
13	NA	6/5/2025 5:19 PM
14	Not at this time.	6/5/2025 2:35 PM
15	no	6/5/2025 2:21 PM
16	No	6/5/2025 1:31 PM
17	THEY NEED HELP	6/5/2025 11:37 AM
18	No	6/5/2025 8:32 AM
19	No	6/4/2025 11:41 AM
20	NA	6/4/2025 8:46 AM
21	No	6/3/2025 9:51 AM
22	No	6/2/2025 4:21 PM
23	no	6/2/2025 1:37 PM
24	We desperately need more funding and education provided to DHR case workers/the dept as a	6/2/2025 1:31 PM

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whole. DHR has declined significantly in their ability to provide services to the community for children in the past 5 years.

25	N/A	6/2/2025 10:25 AM
26	The county has a very high infant mortality rate	6/2/2025 9:36 AM
27	No	5/30/2025 10:10 AM
28	continuity of care for children with varied abilities, especially when families opt out of services when transitioning from EI to School therapy services because it is hardship on the family to take off from work to continue therapy services. Shelby County Schools go to the preschools to provide the therapy services. This need to be a priority in Jefferson County!	5/29/2025 9:34 PM
29	Politicians and public officials need to prioritize helping children and indigent adults by funding programs that uplift the community. They throw away so much money on those who do not need it. Fund resources for the least of these.	5/28/2025 3:11 PM
30	Thank you for taking the time to create this survey. As a healthcare worker, I have seen countless children in our community who have fallen victim to gun violence. Some of this is gang related, a lot of which involves people simply being in the wrong place at the wrong time (stray bullet), and some self-inflicted injury.	5/28/2025 2:22 PM
31	Parental support. I would like to see a requirement for parents to be more involved.	5/28/2025 1:44 PM
32	No	5/27/2025 1:40 PM
33	Youth Mental Health support	5/24/2025 1:19 PM
34	No	5/23/2025 6:34 PM
35	NA	5/23/2025 1:55 PM
36	.	5/22/2025 6:56 PM
37	There is a growing need for more providers who can offer medical diagnostics, as well as an urgent demand for additional behavioral specialists—especially within school districts—to support educators working with autistic children and those with similar needs. Simply recognizing the rising number of autistic children is no longer sufficient; it is essential to take meaningful action by expanding critical services and enhancing training opportunities to better support their development and success.	5/22/2025 6:26 PM
38	no	5/22/2025 3:52 PM
39	N/A	5/22/2025 1:46 PM
40	N/A	5/22/2025 11:49 AM
41	no	5/22/2025 11:17 AM
42	No	5/22/2025 10:32 AM
43	More treatment facilities for mental health and substance use treatment.	5/22/2025 9:00 AM
44	none thank you!	5/22/2025 8:59 AM
45	No	5/22/2025 8:28 AM
46	No	5/20/2025 2:31 PM
47	I think there needs to be a survey specific to children's access to specialty health care in our area. Perhaps target pediatricians and parents of young children. There are numerous options for specialty health care providers for adults in our area, mostly because of UAB. The options for children under 18 are limited, depending on the type of specialty care needed.	5/20/2025 10:54 AM
48	no	5/20/2025 10:09 AM
49	No	5/20/2025 4:24 AM
50	We need to work on improving the lives (all areas) for families who are most vulnerable and have limited options.	5/19/2025 4:03 PM
51	NO	5/19/2025 1:36 PM

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52	no	5/19/2025 11:56 AM
53	no	5/19/2025 10:22 AM
54	Child Welfare offices need assistance immediately.	5/19/2025 10:02 AM
55	NOt at this time	5/19/2025 9:24 AM
56	Let's look to local churches for greater involvement. Local churches can bring biblical truth to vulnerable populations and offer encouragement, accountability, and social support. We are too government-heavy, which has been ineffective for decades. It's time to look to local churches for their involvement. They are ready to offer help but may not know what services are needed.	5/19/2025 9:24 AM
57	no	5/19/2025 9:09 AM
58	No	5/19/2025 8:58 AM