

YOUNG CHILD WELLNESS COUNCIL

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA



ABOUT US

Tuscaloosa Young Child Wellness Council (YCWC) was formed in 2015, where fourteen agencies were represented and has since grown and continued to identify potential partners. The council is comprised of parents, providers, and community leaders and works collaboratively across systems in order to improve policies, programs and approaches to using data and funds effectively. Additionally, this group works to improve knowledge about healthy child development through public education campaigns and cross-disciplinary workforce development.

WHO WE ARE

Mission

The mission of Young Child Wellness Council is to address the social and emotional health and well-being of infants, young children, and their families through an integrated early childhood system of care.

Vision

The vision of Young Child Wellness Council is all families in Tuscaloosa will be supported by having access to high quality comprehensive services. Community needs will be understood across systems.

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LEARNING COMMUNITY GOALS

During the learning community, the Young Child Wellness Council is focusing on the following goals:

- 1) Cross-system development and implementation of targeted outreach and prevention services
- 2) Strengthening the continuum of family centered maternal and child health services and supports

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

During the learning community, the Young Child Wellness Council is focusing on the following specific priorities:

- 1) Continued outreach to parents
- 2) Identify parent engagement opportunities
- 3) Ongoing education and development of community voice: finding, developing, creating awareness for community voice

LEAD PARTNERS

**Child Development Resources at University, Alabama
Department of Public Health, Community Service
Programs of West Alabama, Early Intervention**

OTHER PARTNERS

Partners include local community agencies that work with children including preschools, mental health providers, public schools, representatives from the state of YCWC, family resource centers, families, and medical professionals. Tuscaloosa YCWC is part of the state-wide Alabama Project LAUNCH Young Child Wellness Council (YCWC)