

Perceived Needs Summary Report 1

This is an example of a community opinion summary report from a real community.

The following are issues that were identified by the residents of _____ County.

Methods of assessment included:

Telephone survey in July 2004 - 1580 residents

Questionnaire distributed through the school newsletter in October 2004 - 120 respondents

Individual interviews with health and social service professionals in December 2004 - 30 respondents

Community focus groups held from October 2004 through January 2005 - a total of seven focus groups were held with eight to ten participants per group

Issues of Concern Identified:

Based on the data collected to date, the following issues were most frequently identified as community concerns. These are listed in order of frequency of response.

- Healthcare services for the poor are extremely limited. This is especially true for dental and mental health services.
- There is a large and growing population that are uninsured or underinsured.
- Road conditions are bad, and there are numerous automobile accidents and fatalities.
- There is a growing disparity between the more prosperous northern part of the county and the poor, more rural southern part.
- As housing prices rise, more of the population is unable to find affordable housing.
- Concern for lack of public transportation in the county.
- Concern for teen pregnancy rates, alcohol and drug abuse among teenagers.
- Recreational facilities are lacking, especially for children and teens.
- _____ County has a limited industrial base, and the majority of new jobs created are in the lower paying service sector.
- There seem to be more and more overweight children.

Perceived Needs Summary Report 2

The following are issues that were identified by the youth of _____ County.

Methods of assessment included:

Monitoring the top 3 chat rooms used by county teens for two weeks in January 2005.

Questionnaire distributed through 10 school health classes (grades 7 and 8) and distributed in a hospital's teen health clinic in October 2004 - 150 respondents

Key informant surveys of student leaders in school programs and other youth programs (grades 9-12) - 30 respondents

Area data analyzed from KidsHealth Kids Poll - 45 respondents

Issues of Concern Identified:

Based on the data collected to date, the following issues were the most frequently identified health issues. These are listed in order of frequency of response.

- Three auto accidents on area roads last school year killed 3 kids and injured 2 others.
- Kids in the 11th and 12th grades feel high stress levels and constant worry over grades.
- Kids worry about being out of shape because they don't have enough time to exercise.
- There are more kids overweight or obese, with 25% of kids in the area thinking they are overweight.
- There are more pregnant girls than ever, especially in the 10th and 11th grades.