

Cabarrus County 2008 Community Needs Assessment

Final Report Overview

Background:

- With the endorsement and support of Cabarrus Health Alliance, Healthy Cabarrus, and United Way of Central Carolinas and its Community Works staff, this study was carried out by the 37 member Cabarrus Community Planning Council.
- The information and data gathered for this study represent the input of more than 1700 individuals.
- The goals of the 2008 Community Needs Assessment process were to:
 - *Identify new and emerging needs and issues,*
 - *Determine if the priority needs identified in 2004 are still priorities, and*
 - *Identify and document progress made since the 2004 assessment.*

Data Sources:

- *Community Statistical Indicators* – analysis of existing data and statistics
- *Household Survey of Unmet Needs* – survey of 1569 consumers
- *Key Informant Survey* – input from 150 Key Informants
- *Environmental Health Assessment* – air & water quality, environmental facilities enhancing quality of life.

2008 Key Issues and Needs:

- **Workforce Development and Jobs Creation**
- **Education Across the Spectrum**
- **Mental Health Services - Accessibility and Affordability**
- **Housing - Safe and Sustainable**
- **Healthy Living - Weight, Nutrition, and Environmental Supports**
- **Healthcare Affordability - Including Screening and Prevention**

(Not in order of importance)

Call to Action:

The Council calls for local businesses, organizations, policy makers, and community leaders to:

- **Review**, analyze, and share the information in this report;
- **Evaluate** the key issues and needs relative to your own mission and strategic initiatives;
- **Incorporate** strategies that address the needs into your organization's action plans;
- **Drive** collaborative efforts to examine and address the issues and develop issue specific task forces;
- **Support** agencies whose missions include addressing these issues.

The full report and the accompanying background documents are also available online at:

www.healthycabarrus.org or www.uwcentralcarolinas.org

or by contacting:

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