

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT

PROJECT TIMELINE

September 2001

- ❖ Collaboration of Community Caring Council and Area Wide United Way to implement Compass II Community Assessment Project
- ❖ Recruitment of community stakeholders to form Community Assessment Partnership to provide project oversight
- ❖ First meeting of Community Assessment Partnership
- ❖ Determination of funding sources

July 2002 - May 2003

- ❖ Distribution and return of Association Surveys, Business Surveys and Service Provider Surveys to assess community resources
- ❖ Distribution and return of Household Surveys and Key Community Leader Surveys to assess perceptions of residents and community leaders on selected community issues
- ❖ Survey data entry
- ❖ Collection and compilation of area demographic data
- ❖ Collection and compilation of indicator data/community strengths and challenges for 10 Issue Sections:

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| Economic Self-Sufficiency | Education |
| Family/Social Indicators | Health |
| Housing | Leisure Activities |
| People in Crisis | Public Safety |
| Special Needs (seniors/disabled) | Transportation |

June - July 2003

- ❖ Analysis of survey data
- ❖ Writing of Community Assessment Draft Report

August - October 2003

- ❖ Presentation of Assessment Project to St. Genevieve Community Forum
- ❖ Critique and validation of Issue Sections
- ❖ Focus Group Presentations and Prioritization of Issues
 - Community Caring Council
 - Housing Needs Coordinating Committee
 - Aging Committee/United Way Special Needs Issue Council
 - Teen Pregnancy Responsibility Network
 - South Ellis Neighborhood Watch Group
 - United Way Helping People in Crisis Issue Council
 - United Way Board of Directors and Community Impact Committee
 - United Way Health Issue Council
 - United Way Building Strong Families Issue Council
 - Oak Ridge Town Board
 - Jackson Chamber of Commerce (2 committees)
 - Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce (2 committees)
- ❖ Update Draft Report

November 2003

- ❖ Compilation and analysis of focus group prioritization results
- ❖ Random mailing of Household Survey to 1000 households

December 2003

- ❖ Postcard Reminder follow-up to same 1000 households
- ❖ Return of 65 Household Surveys

January 2004

- ❖ Return of 81 Household Surveys (83 total, 81 with valid data)
- ❖ Survey data entry and analysis
- ❖ Update draft report
- ❖ Selection of top 11 issues (no rankings assigned)

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| Affordable Housing | Affordable Medical Care |
| Alcohol and Drug Abuse | Family Violence/Child Abuse |
| Inadequate Public Transportation | Independent Living |
| Leisure/Culture | Mental Health |
| Parenting Issues | Poverty |
| Teen Pregnancy | |
- ❖ Community Forum - Experts in each issue area completed summary matrices to compile survey results, indicator data, population affected, people accessing and not accessing services, causes and potential actions.
- ❖ Community Assessment Partnership Meeting- presentation of top 11 issues and prioritization of issues for focus:
 1. Inadequate Public Transportation
 2. Affordable Medical Care
 2. Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 4. Family Issues (housing, poverty, mental health, family violence/ child abuse and parenting skills)

February 2004

- ❖ Priority Issues Committee Meetings - selection of Long Term, Intermediate, and Short Term Outcomes for each of the top 4 issues.
 - "Affordable Medical Care" was amended to be "Access to Affordable Medical Care" and will address primary care, dental health, and mental health issues
- ❖ United Way Issue Councils Meetings - reviewed/edited selected outcomes
- ❖ Community Assessment Partnership Meeting - reviewed/edited/approved outcomes

March - April 2004

- ❖ Priority Issues Committee Meetings
 - Selection of indicators to measure progress for each long term, intermediate and short term outcome
 - Selection of action steps with timelines for each outcome
 - Selection of lead organizations for each issues area and/or each short-term outcome

May - September 2004

- ❖ Formal development of goals, objectives, strategies, indicators, etc. for each issue area by Priority Issue Committee members
- ❖ Assessment and Plan Presentations to First Friday Coffee (Cape Girardeau Chamber) and FACT (Family and Community Trust) Board of Directors for State Partnerships (Columbia, MO)

October 2004

- ❖ Presentation of Community Plan to Community Assessment Partnership
- ❖ Approval of plan with minor corrections
- ❖ Kick-off recruitment of community experts for Community Plan Oversight Committees

November - December 2004

- ❖ Solicitation of plan comments/corrections/deletions from all committee participants
- ❖ Plan Presentations to Jackson and Cape Chamber committees, United Way and Community Caring Council committees, Campus and Community Coalition for Change

January 2005

- ❖ Completion of "Final Draft" Community Plan of Action
- ❖ Recruitment of chairpersons for Plan Oversight Committees

February 2005

- ❖ Preliminary planning with committee chairs for first meetings
- ❖ Work with **Southeast Missourian** staff on newspaper publication

March - April 2005

- ❖ Oversight Committees named Priority Issue Councils (PIC's)
- ❖ Recruitment of members for PIC's and subcommittees
- ❖ Kick-off meetings for PIC's

May - June 2005

- ❖ Initial meetings for PIC subcommittees
- ❖ Finalize draft of newspaper publication
- ❖ **BEGIN PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Coming Soon

- ❖ SE Missourian Newspaper Publication of **Community Plan**