

2005 COMMUNITY REPORT CARD
CAYUGA COUNTY, NEW YORK



REPORT CARD DATA

**Local and State Data Information to Accompany the 2005 Report Card.
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TWO IMPORTANT NOTES ON DATA

We strive to use the most up-to-date information available in this document. However, because the data used are from the most reliable and comparable sources possible, not all is from as recent as 2004 or 2005.

Healthy People 2010 is a project which is tracking and measuring the health of our Nation. It is comprised of goals to guide individuals and communities in improving their health by the year 2010. A 2010 goal is used in this document to show how the county compares with the national goal.

OUR ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

1. Estimate of Insured Adults

Health insurance provides access to health care. Those with insurance are more likely to have a primary care provider. Nationwide the percentage of persons under 65 with health insurance (any type of public or private health insurance) has been about 85%. The Healthy People 2010 target rate is 100%. The county is in line with the rest of the nation. An estimated 15% are under or uninsured in the county. According to the NYS Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, 2003, the percentage of those insured by age was as follows: Ages 18-34 - 73.1%; Ages 35-54 - 91.7%; and Ages 55-64 - 90.9%.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Healthy People 2010 Goal
Insured Adults (age 18 – 64)	85.30% (2002)	100%

2. Physician Access

Access to physicians for health care is impacted by insurance acceptance and supply of particular specialists. The number of primary care providers who accept Medicaid in Cayuga County is the lowest in the eight county region. The county has a higher percentage of Medicaid eligible residents yet the lowest provider rate. Access to care, for this population, is the worst in the region. Many providers will serve their patients who have converted to Medicaid while under their care, but not accept new patients with Medicaid coverage. The lack of local Medicaid access to particular specialty services forces residents to find care outside of the county, outside of the region, or perhaps not obtain that care if transportation is not available. Medicaid access to the following specialties is a concern: dental services, general surgery, orthopedics, neurology, podiatry, family planning and dental health services. Sources of information: County Dept. of Health and Human Services/CHA/2005, Cayuga Community Health Network, Inc; Commission for a Healthy CNY, and the Regional Medical Society.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Regional Data
Number of Medicaid Providers per 1,000 Medicaid Population	2.5 (2003)	4.8 (2003)

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OUR ECONOMY

1. Poverty – Children and Families

The poverty rate measures the percent of children living in households considered to have too little income to meet basic needs. Poverty in childhood is associated with a wide range of social, educational, health and employment problems. The 1999 poverty rate, from the 2000 census, for a family of four (couple and two related children) was \$16,895. The data sources are KIDS Count Data Book/Small Areas Income & Poverty Estimates Program (SAIPE) and 1990 & 2000 Census data.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State Data
Percent of Children Living Below Poverty Level (birth - 17yrs.)	18.4% (1995)	16% (2002)	20.2% (2002)

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State Data
Percent of Families Living Below Poverty Level	10.2% (1989)	9.5%(1999)	12.8%(1999)

2. Median Family Income

The median family household income increased between the 1990 and 2000 US Census. Purchasing power for a median income family increased by 2 ¼%. Median income means that 50% had incomes greater, and 50% had incomes less, than the median dollar amount. The data source is US Census.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Cayuga County Baseline Data Adjusted for Inflation	Current Cayuga County Data
Median Family Income	\$32,736 (1990)	\$43,988 (1990)	\$44,973 (2000 [2.24%])

3. Unemployment, Resident Civilian

The rate of unemployment in a community is one indication of that area's economy and the opportunities for gainful employment. Included in this indicator are adults 16 years of age and older who were not employed but were able, available and actively looking for work. The data source is NYS Dept. of Labor, Division of Research & Statistics (www.labor.stats.ny.us).

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State Data	US Data
Unemployment	4.6% (2000)	4.3% (5/2005)	5.0% (5/2005)	5.1% (5/2005)

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4. Homelessness and At-Risk of Homelessness

The number of homeless, or at-risk of homelessness, indicates those individuals and families who are housing vulnerable and often have other problems such as joblessness, poor health, mental illness, etc. The data source is the Cayuga Homeless At-Risk Task Force.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data
Number of Unduplicated Homeless or At-Risk	391 (2003) annual	779 (2004) annual

OUR HEALTH

1. Infant Mortality

Infant mortality is the number of infant deaths (under age one). It is considered an indicator of the health and welfare of a community, reflecting the general state of maternal health and the effectiveness of primary health care systems. In Cayuga County there has been steady improvement in reducing infant mortality. The rate remains above the Healthy People Goal however. The data source is Kids Count/NYS Dept. of Health and Bureau of Biometrics.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	Healthy People 2010 Goal
Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births (3 Year Average)	10.5 per 1,000 (1994-96)	6 per 1,000 (2000-02)	4.5/1,000
Number of Infant Deaths (3 Year Average)	11 (1994-96)	6 (2000-02)	-----

2. Prenatal Care

Early, high quality care for pregnant women, which begins during the first three months of pregnancy, can help to prevent poor birth outcomes, as well as improve the health and well-being of the baby. The data source is Kid's Count/ NYS Department of Health.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State Data	Healthy People 2010 Goal
Percent of Live Births to Women Receiving Early Care	72.4% (1995)	76.1% (2002)	73.8% (2002)	90%

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3. Oral Health of Children

Poor dental health is the most common chronic disease in children. It can impact their overall health, growth, and oral function. Children in Cayuga County have a history of poor dental health. The percentages of children with decay increased between 1998 and 2002/04. The percent of 3rd graders screened with untreated decay was well above the Healthy People 2010 goal. The data source is County DHHS (1998) and NYSDOH, Community Health Assessment Indicators/HIN (2002-04).

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data 1998	Current Cayuga County Data 2002-04	Healthy People 2010 Goal
Percent of Children Screened with Untreated Decay	37% 2 nd & 3 rd Graders	60.2% 3 rd Graders	21% 3 rd Graders

4. Hospitalizations from Asthma

Without effective management (control of environmental factors, medication and monitoring), asthma can have serious negative consequences for the health and functioning of those who suffer from it, especially children and elderly. Overall, Cayuga County's hospitalization rate for all ages has been above the regional average since 1998 and was the 3rd highest rate in the region during 2000-2002. The data sources are NYS Dept. of Health/CHA/SPARCS and Kids Count.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	Regional Rate
Hospitalizations from Asthma Per 100,000 population	164.9/100,000 (1998-2000 Ave.)	132.2/100,000 (2000-2002 Ave.)	116.5/100,000 (2000-2002 Ave.)
Hospitalizations from Asthma Per 100,000 Age 65+	338.6/100,000 (1998-2000 Ave.)	291.2/100,000 (2000-2002 Ave.)	184.3/100,000 (2000-2002 Ave.)

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	State Data	Healthy People 2010 Goal
Hospitalizations from Asthma per 10,000 Age birth- 4	25.1/10,000 (1994 -1996 Ave.)	33.6/10,000 (2000-2002 Ave.)	65.8/10,000 (2000-2002 Ave.)	17/10,000

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5. Heart Disease Deaths

Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the county. Although there was some decrease in the rate of cardiovascular disease deaths during 2000-02, the county remains much higher than the Healthy People 2010 goal. The data source is NYSDOH CHA Data Set/HIN/Age Adjusted.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State Data	Healthy People 2010 Goal
Cardiovascular Disease Deaths Per 100,000 Population	355/100,000 (1998-2000)	297/100,000 (2000-2)	369/100,000 (2000-2)	166/100,000
Heart Disease Per 100,000 Population	277.3/100,000 (1998-2000)	223/100,000 (2000-2)	274/100,000 (2000-2)	-----

6. Hospitalizations for Unintentional Injuries

Unintentional injuries can result in temporary or permanent disability or eventual death. The county rate of hospitalizations per 100,000 residents has increased while the state rate has decreased. The elderly make up 70% of these hospitalizations during 2000-2002. The data source is the NYSDOH/CHA/HIN.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	Regional Data	New York State
Hospitalizations from Unintentional Injuries per 100,000 Population	677/100,000 (1998 – 2000)	694.8/100,000 (2000 – 2002)	620/100,000 (2000 – 2002)	594/100,000 (2000 – 2002)

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State
Hospitalizations from Unintentional Injuries Per 100,000 Population Age 65 and Older	2,634/100,000 (1998 – 2000)	2,736/100,000 (2000 – 2002)	2,327/100,000 (2000 – 2002)

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7. Drug/Alcohol-related Hospitalizations

Drug-related hospitalizations reflects crises related the use, and abuse, of drugs and alcohol. The number of hospitalizations increased from 143 (1997-99) to 152 (2000-2002). The hospitalization rates reflect a slight increase, yet the county remained well below the regional and state rates. The data source is the NYSDOH/CHA/HIN.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	Regional Data	New York State
Drug-related Hospitalizations per 10,000 population	5.6/10,000 (1997 -1999)	6.2/10,000 (2000 - 2002)	10.7/10,000 (2000 - 2002)	30.5/10,000 (2000 - 2002)

8. Alcohol-related Deaths and Injuries

Alcohol-related deaths and injuries can be an indicator of serious alcohol abuse locally. The county rate is approximately twice the state rate. The data source is the NYSDOH/CHA/HIN.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State
Alcohol-related Deaths and Injuries per 100,000 Population	108.4/100,000 (1996- 1998)	92/100,000 (2000 - 2002)	49/100,000 (2000 - 2002)

9. Hospitalizations for Self-Inflicted Injuries

Self-inflicted injury hospitalizations represent intentional injuries associated with attempted suicides. The data is also an important indicator of mental health status. Cayuga County has experienced very high rates of suicidal behavior, through self-inflicted injuries, over time. During 2000-2002, the county had the third highest discharge rate per 100,000 population for self-inflicted injury in the region. The Cayuga County rate was almost twice that of the state rate. For youth, ages 15-19, the county rate was more than double. The data sources are NYSDOH/CHA/HIN, "Saving Lives in New York"/Office of Mental Health and Kids Count/NYSDOH.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State
Hospitalizations from Self-Inflicted Injuries Per 100,000 Population	62.6/100,000 (1998-2000)	72/100,000 (2000-2002)	44/100,000 (2000-2002)
Hospitalizations from Self-Inflicted Injuries Per 100,000 Population Age 15 -19	240/100,000 (1994-96)	201.6/100,000 (2000-02)	97.9/100,000 (2000-02)

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10. Overweight and Obesity

Overweight and obesity are major contributors to many preventable causes of death. More than half of the adults in the US are overweight or obese. In 2003, for the three county group Cayuga County is a part, thirty-six percent (36%) were overweight and almost one quarter, 23%, were obese. Only 40.8% of adults age 18 and older were at a healthy weight. The Healthy People 2010 target is that 60% of adults be at a healthy weight. The data source is NYS BRFSS, 2003.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data 2003	New York State Data 2003	Healthy People 2010 Goal
Adults at Healthy Weight	40.8%	43.3%	60%
Adults Overweight or Obese	59.2%	56.7%	-----
Adults Obese (Body Mass Index 30 or above)	23%	20.6%	15%

11. Use of Tobacco/Smoking

Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease, stroke, lung cancer and chronic lung diseases – all leading causes of death. Smoking during pregnancy can result in miscarriages, premature delivery, and sudden infant death syndrome. Second hand smoke increases the risk of heart disease and significant lung conditions, especially asthma and bronchitis in children. As of 2004, approximately one quarter of the county’s adult population used tobacco. The data sources are 2003, BRFSS and Cayuga County Tobacco Free Coalition, 2004.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State Data	Healthy People 2010 Goal
Tobacco Smoking (Ages 18+)	24.3% (2003)	24.7% (2004)	20.3%(2003)	12%

OUR FAMILIES

1. Teen Pregnancy

Adolescent mothers are less likely to complete high school, more likely to live in poverty, and their children are at a greater risk for infant mortality, poor health, and lower cognitive development. In Cayuga County the pregnancy rate in teens aged 15 – 17 has decreased between 1995 and 2002. This decrease has also occurred on a state level. The data source is NYS Kids Count/NYS Dept. of Health.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State Data	Healthy People 2010 Goal
Pregnancies per 1,000 Females Age 15 - 17	35.3/1,000 (1995)	29/1,000 (2002)	41.8/1,000 (2002)	43/1,000

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2. Children/Youth in Foster Care

Children are placed in foster care through Cayuga County Dept. of Health & Human Services for a variety of reasons including safety issues, their families are temporarily unable to care for them, specialized care or treatment is needed, or behavioral problems have lead to a placement. The data source is Kids Count/NYSOCFS/MAPS.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	Comparable Counties	New York State
Children/Youth in Foster Care per 1,000 Age birth - 21	5.1/1,000 (2000)	4.7/1,000 (2003)	3.8/1,000(2003)	5.7/1,000 (2003)

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Cayuga County Data
Number in Foster Care Age birth – 21	129 (2000)	114 (2003)

3. High School Dropouts

The dropout rate is the proportion of students in grades 9-12 who have left school prior to graduation for any reason, except death, and did not enter another school or high school equivalency preparation program. Young people who do not complete high school have far higher unemployment rates than high school graduates and, when they are employed, they earn less and work in poor conditions. The Auburn School district, the largest in the county, continued to have a drop-out rate higher than the state. The data source is Kids Count and NYS Education Dept. School Report Cards.

Indicator	County Baseline Data 1997-2000 3 Yr. Ave	County Current Data 2000-2003 3 Yr. Ave	New York State Data 2000-2003 3 Yr. Ave
Percent of High School Dropouts All Districts	3.9%.	3.2%.	4.6%

Indicator	Auburn Baseline Data 1997-2000 3 Yr. Ave	Auburn Current Data 2000-2003 3 Yr. Ave	Auburn 2003/04 School Year
Percent of High School Dropouts Auburn District	4.7%	6.3%	7.1%

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4. Indicated Reports of Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Victims of child abuse and neglect can suffer long-term social and psychological consequences. A report of an alleged incident of abuse and neglect becomes "indicated" when there is credible evidence that a child has experienced abuse or neglect. Abused and neglected children are at a higher risk of abusing their own children. This indicator is an important measure of child abuse and neglect, however the rate of indicated reports is influenced by: (1) some cases are never reported; (2) increased public awareness over time may result in an increase in reporting; (3) the level of evidence required. In Cayuga County the number of indicated reports increased between 1996 and 2004. The data source is Kids Count (NYS Office of Children and Family Service/MAPS).

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Cayuga County Data
Indicated Reports of Child Abuse & Maltreatment (Birth - 17yrs.)	126 (1996)	187 (2004)

OUR ENVIRONMENT

1. Drinking Water Quality

The total number of people served by the community public water supplies (municipalities and mobile home parks) is 57,322. Those served are monitored to determine compliance with the Sanitary Code. During 2004, 1899 septic system inspections were performed and there were 45 (2.4%) failures discovered.

Indicator	Cayuga County Data
Percent Served Who Are In Compliance	99.11% (2005)

Indicator	Cayuga County Data
Percent Failed Septic System Inspections	2.4% (2004)

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2. Lead Poisoning

Human contact with lead is most dangerous for children under age 6, even in small amounts. Older homes are more likely to contain lead paint and over 50% of the housing stock county-wide could contain lead. Other sources of lead are soil near highways, as well as particular occupations and hobbies which use lead solder. The data sources are the US Census and Cayuga County DHHS.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data 1990	Current Cayuga County Data 2000	Current Auburn Data 2000
Percent of Housing Built before 1960	63%	59%	75%

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data 2000	Current Cayuga County Data 2004
Number of Children (Birth to Age 6) Tested for Lead	1100	1160
Number and Percent of Children (Birth to Age 6) Tested with Elevated Lead Levels	33 (3%)	11(.9%)

OUR CRIME

1. Domestic Violence

Domestic violence can include physical, sexual, economic, emotional, social and/or psychological abuse most often exerted by an intimate partner over another with the goal of establishing and maintaining power and control. In addition to being at increased risk for physical harm, victims of all forms of domestic violence are at risk for other complications which eventually lead to the need for medical care and other services. In addition to police reports increasing over time, there were 2 child homicides related to domestic violence during 2004 and 2005. These recent child deaths, at the hands of family members, are of serious concern. Reasons for the increased shelter use may reflect increasing need, or a better local response to the need. The data sources are Cayuga Seneca Action Agency and DHHS.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data 2002	Current Cayuga County Data 2004
Domestic Violence Police Reports (Auburn Police and Sheriff)	1,783	2,050
Shelter use related to Domestic Violence	51 people for 489 bed nights	70 people for 1,090 bed nights

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2. Violent Crime

Violent crimes include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. There has been a decrease in the number of reported violent crimes between 1995 and 2004. The rate remained lower than the state. The data source is Kid's Count/Division of Criminal Justice Services. However, there was an increase in the number of homicides between 1997 and 2005. Two of the homicides during 2004 and 2005 were child homicides related to domestic violence. These recent child deaths, at the hands of family members, are of serious concern. The data source is NYSDOH County Health Indicator Profiles/HIN; Local Sheriff's Department).

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data	New York State Data
Reported Crime per 1,000 persons	2.8 per 1,000 (1995)	1.6 per 1,000 (2004)	4.4 per 1,000 (2004)
Number of Violent Crimes Reported	233 (1995)	131 (2004)	-----

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Cayuga County Data	Current Cayuga County Data
Number of Homicide Deaths	1 (1997)	1 (2001)	4 (2005)

3. Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Arrests

The use of alcohol impairs vision, cognitive judgment, coordination and motor skills. It can inhibit short term memory and the ability to concentrate. The average number of DWI arrests of county residents age 16 and older has decreased over time. The number has also decreased across the state. The data source is the Division of Criminal Justice Services, Computerized Criminal History System (as of 01/25/2005).

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data	Current Cayuga County Data
DWI Arrests (Ages 16+)	547 (1994-96 Average)	438 (2002- 04 Average)

Since youth have less driving experience than adults, the effects of alcohol put them at an increased risk of auto accidents, injury and death. In Cayuga County the rate of DWI arrests for youth ages 16-20 decreased between 1995 and 2001, however, the county's rate was higher than the state. The data source is NYS Kids Count/Division of Criminal Justice Services. Local resources worthy of note include a county-level Integrated Alcohol and Drug Court and a STOP DWI program.

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data, 1995	Current Cayuga County Data, 2001	New York State, 2001
DWI Arrest Rate (Youth 16-20 Years)	45.6/10,000 youths	37.4/10,000 youths	30.9/10,000 youths

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4. Juvenile Arrests

Looking at arrests of adolescents for property and violent crime, for drug use/possession/sale and driving under the influence of drugs is an indicator of the relative level of criminal activity among youth. Property crimes include burglary, larceny and automobile theft. Violent crimes include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. The data source is Kids Count/NYS Dept. of Probation and Correctional Alternatives.

PROPERTY CRIME

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data 1999	Cayuga County Data 2002	Upstate New York Data 2002
Number of Arrests for Property Crimes Youth Ages 13-15 years	50	41	-----
Arrest Rate for Property Crimes per 1,000 Youth Ages 13-15 years	14.1/1,000	11.5/1,000	11/1,000
Number of Arrests for Property Crimes Youth Ages 16-19 years	138	143	-----
Arrest Rate for Property Crimes per 1,000 Youth Ages 16-19 years	31.9/1,000	29.2/1,000	21.2/1,000

VIOLENT CRIME

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data 1999	Cayuga County Data 2002	Upstate New York Data 2002
Number of Arrests for Violent Crimes Youth Ages 13-15 years	1	3	-----
Arrest Rate for Violent Crimes per 1,000 Youth Ages 13-15 years	.3/1,000	.8/1,000	2.4/1,000
Number of Arrests for Violent Crimes Youth Ages 16-19 years	30	11	-----
Arrest Rate for Violent Crimes per 1,000 Youth Ages 16-19 years	6.9/1,000	2.2/1,000	5.9/1,000

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DRUGS (AOD-Alcohol and Other Drugs)

Indicator	Cayuga County Baseline Data 1999	Cayuga County Data 2002	Upstate New York Data 2002
Number of Arrests for Drug Use/Possession Youth Ages 10-20 years	98	117	-----
Arrest Rate for Drug Use/Possession per 10,000 Youth Ages 10-20 years	78.6/10,000	87/10,000	118.4/10,000

OUR POPULATION

The population of Cayuga County continues to decrease. The trend is accompanied by the aging of the population which, by 2015, will significantly impact the community. The larger proportion of older adults, and decreasing proportion of younger residents, will have serious implications for the local work force. It will also require action to meet the special needs of those older citizens in the county. The data source is US Census.

Indicator	Cayuga County Data (1997)	Cayuga County Data (2000)	Cayuga County Data (2002)
County Population	85,200	81,963	81,562

Indicator	Cayuga County Data (2000)	Cayuga County Data (2015)	Rate of Growth (2000- 2015)
County Population Ages 65 and Older, Projected	11,809	13,970	+18.3%

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Community Report Card?

The Community Report Card is a short, simple document to inform the public about how their community looks regarding its health and well-being. The report card itself is only one, two-sided page. To provide more information (explaining the data and why certain topics were viewed the way they were), a document called "Report Card Data" is available to look at as well. It provides the actual data on which the report card was based.

Why have one?

The New York State Department of Health has encouraged each county to create a Community Report Card. As the card evolved locally, its value to the department, local professionals and the general public became evident. It will increase everyone's awareness about their community.

How was it put together and who was involved?

Throughout 2005, intensive work focused on developing a vision for this first card. We identified key data to include, drafted the document, tested it and finalized the first model to distribute to the general public. Input into the design and the final perspectives, reflected on the card, was the work of department staff in partnership with staff of the Human Services Coalition. A community planning consultant guided and supported the project.

What real value does this report card have now and in the future?

- ✦ It will be helpful for community planning and problem solving
- ✦ We will gain a better understanding of how the public sees its community
- ✦ We will learn where to target our health education and awareness efforts
- ✦ Grant writing, in response to funding opportunities, will be supported by the card data

How was it tested and what was the result?

A small sample of general public was the target group. Approximately 35 individuals had the chance to review and comment on the draft card. They were people who were not working in human or social services jobs. The card tested with very positive results. People found it interesting and wanted to know more. As a result of the feedback we received, we made improvements as well as added to the information we were providing the community.

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What's next?

This is the first report card for this community. As we gain experience with it, continue to listen seriously to the feedback we receive and involve more individuals, it will evolve over time. In the future, it will relate not only to the department's community planning goals but also to broader community-wide goals (helping to move the community into increased integrated planning).

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

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