WCMCAA Community Needs Assessment

This Community Needs Assessment is an overview of the current community conditions in the following Missouri counties: Bates, Benton, Cass, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, Morgan, St. Clair and Vernon.

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WCMCAA Mission Statement:



*West Central Missouri Community Action Agency is dedicated to empowering people to make positive change by coordinating and administering resources.*

*West Central Missouri Community Action Agency strives to be the voice in our communities and our governments for those in need.*

Introduction:

*Who Are We and What Do We Do?*

In the early 1960’s, a group of citizens representing all strata of society came together to form a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of providing services to better the lives of people in their community. Their shared belief was that the community could best serve its own citizens.  
       
In 1964, President Johnson signed into law the Economic Opportunity Act.  The overall purpose of the statute was to eliminate the causes and results of poverty in the United States.  Under the Act, a federal Office of Economic Opportunity was established, state Economic Opportunity offices were formed, and new community-based organizations called Community Action Agencies evolved.

In July of 1965, West Central Missouri Rural Development Corporation was designated by the Office of Economic Opportunity as a Community Action Agency (CAA) pursuant to enactment of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

In 1990, the decision was made by the Board of Directors to change the agency’s name from West Central Missouri Rural Development Corporation to include the Community Action designation to more closely identify with the state and national Community Action image and goals. Today, the Agency is known as West Central Missouri Community Action Agency (WCMCAA).

WCMCAA is proud to be a member of the Missouri Association for Community Action, along with the other 19 Community Action Agencies in the state, and the national Community Action Partnership, along with the over 1,000 Community Action Agencies in the nation, and to partner with the National Community Action Foundation.

It is impossible to count the number of lives that have been touched by Community Action.  Over the years, WCMCAA has administered a host of programs / services and partnered with West Central Missouri organizations and leaders to improve our communities.  Today, WCMCAA offers services in the areas of:  Community Development, Community Empowerment, Early Childhood Education, Emergency Assistance, Employment and Training, Energy Assistance, Energy Conservation, Family Support, Family Self-Sufficiency, Health Services, Home ownership, Housing Assistance, Housing / Debt Counseling, Nutrition, and Weatherization.

Agency Program(s) Locations by County:



Bates County Court House

**Bates County**

Estimated Population: 17,008 (2012 Census)

Population Change (2010-2012): -340

Land Area: 836.69 sq. miles

Persons per sq. mile: 20.4

Primary Language: English

Racial and ethnic demographic: 96.8%

Caucasian, 1% Black, 2.2% other

*Source Information: U.S. Census; www.quickfacts.census.gov*

WCMCAA Services Provided:

**Community Services Outreach Office**

**Energy Conservation; Employment and Training:**

5 East Dakota

Butler, Missouri 64730

(660) 679-4108

Fax: (660) 679-0765

**Head Start Centers:**

**Adrian Head Start**

311 West 1st Street

Adrian, Missouri 64720

(816) 297-8829

**Butler Head Start**

225 North Main Street

Butler, Missouri 64730

(660) 679-5046

**Rich Hill Head Start**

422 North 3rd Street

Rich Hill, Missouri 64779

**Women’s Health Services:**

Bates County Health Department

501 Orange Street

Butler, MO 64730



Benton County Court House

**Benton County**

Estimated Population: 18,962 (2012 Census)

Population Change (2010-2012): -94

Land Area: 704.06 sq. miles

Persons per sq. mile: 27.1

Primary Language: English

Racial and Ethnic demographic: 97.1%

Caucasian, .4% Black, 2.5 other

*Source Information: U.S. Census; www.quickfacts.census.gov*

WCMCAA Services Provided:

**Community Services Outreach Office**

**Energy Conservation; Employment and Training:**

300 Commercial Street

PO Box 726

Warsaw, Missouri 65355

(660) 438-5158

(660) 438-5159

Fax: (660) 438-4471

**Head Start Centers:**

**Warsaw Head Start**

800 East Wood Street

Warsaw, Missouri 65355

(660) 438-3773

**Women’s Health Services:**

**In-Home Services**

1330 Commercial Suite 203

Warsaw, Missouri 65355

(660) 428-2111

Fax: (660) 438-2711

**Women’s Clinic**

Benton County Health Department

1220 Commercial St.

Warsaw, Missouri

**Housing Services:**

**Oaktree Villa**

919 Walnut Drive #C-2

Warsaw, Missouri 65355

(660) 438-5007

Fax: (660) 438-2116

E-Mail: [oaktreevilla@wcmcaa.org](mailto:oaktreevilla@wcmcaa.org)



Cass County Court House

**Cass County**

Estimated Population: 100,376 (2012 Census)

Population Change (2010-2012): +898

Land Area: 696.84 sq. miles

Persons per sq. mile: 142.8

Primary Language: English Secondary: Spanish

Racial and ethnic demographic: 93%

Caucasian, 4.1% Hispanic, 2.9% other

*Source Information: U.S. Census; www.quickfacts.census.gov*

WCMCAA Services Provided:

**Community Services Outreach Office**

**Energy Conservation; Employment and Training; Women’s Health Clinic:**

109 Congress

PO Box 859

Belton, Missouri 64012

(816) 322-0502

(816) 322-0291

Fax: (816) 322-9017

200 North Oakland

PO Box 95

Harrisonville, Missouri 64701

(816) 380-5375

(816) 380-5377

Fax: (816) 380-5275

**Head Start Centers:**

**Belton Head Start**

127 Congress

Belton, Missouri 64012

(816) 322-0004

Fax: (816) 322-0007

**Harrisonville Head Start**

404 Lincoln Road

Harrisonville, Missouri 64701

(816) 380-1844

Fax: (816) 380-1847

**Housing Services:**

**Greenleaf Estates**

16805 Spring Valley Road

Belton, Missouri 64012

(816) 331-4620

Fax: (816) 322-2710

E-Mail: [greenleafestates@wcmcaa.org](mailto:greenleafestates@wcmcaa.org)

**Hawthorn Estates**

1900 Jenkins Drive

Harrisonville, Missouri 64701

(816) 380-6833

Fax: (816) 380-3459

E-Mail: [hawthornestates@wcmcaa.org](mailto:hawthornestates@wcmcaa.org)

**Walnut Estates**

412 West Walnut

Raymore, Missouri 64083

(816) 331-2959

Fax: (816) 318-4140

E-Mail: [walnutestates@wcmcaa.org](mailto:walnutestates@wcmcaa.org)



Cedar County Court House

**Cedar County**

Estimated Population: 13,799 (2012 Census)

Population Change (2010-2012): -183

Land Area: 474.48 sq. miles

Persons per sq. mile: 29.5

Primary Language: English

Racial and ethnic demographic: 97.1%

Caucasian, 1.7% Hispanic, 1.2% other

*Source Information: U.S. Census; www.quickfacts.census.gov*

WCMCAA Services Provided:

**Community Services Outreach Office**

**Energy Conservation:**

720 West 32 Highway

PO Box 953

Stockton, Missouri 65785

(417) 276-3758

Fax: (417) 276-3472

**Head Start Centers:**

**El Dorado Springs Head Start**

210 East Fields

El Dorado Springs, Mo. 64744

(417) 876-5895

**Stockton Head Start**

14246 East 32 Highway

Stockton, Missouri 65785

(417) 276-8332

**Housing Services:**

**Maplewood Estates**

1119 South Maplewood Place

Stockton, Missouri 65785

(417) 276-3330

Fax: (417) 276-3338

E-Mail: [maplewoodestates@wcmcaa.org](mailto:maplewoodestates@wcmcaa.org)

**Cedar Ridge**

1201 E. Patricia

Eldorado Springs, MO 64744

417-876-6114

FAX 417-876-0065

Email: [cedarridge@wcmcaa.org](mailto:cedarridge@wcmcaa.org)



Henry County Court House

**Henry County**

Estimated Population: 22,153 (2012 Census)

Population Change (2010-2012): -119

Land Area: 696.95 sq. miles

Persons per sq. mile: 32.4

Primary Language: English

Racial and ethnic demographic: 96.3%

Caucasian, 1.9% Hispanic, 1.2% other

*Source Information: U.S. Census; www.quickfacts.census.gov*

WCMCAA Services Provided:

**Community Services Outreach Office**

**Energy Conservation; Employment and Training:**

1701 N 2nd Street, Suite #19/21  
PO Box 99

Clinton, Missouri 64735

(660) 885-5508

**Head Start Centers**

**Clinton Head Start**

1003 East Clark

Clinton, Missouri 64735

(660) 885-8568

(660) 885-3764

Fax: (660) 890-6167

**Calhoun R-8 School District (Partner Site)**

409 South College

Calhoun, Missouri 65323

660-694-3344

**Women’s Health Services:**

**Clinic:**

The Christian Church

1201 E. Ohio Street

Clinton, MO 64735

**Housing Services:**

**Antioch Hills**

1819 North Gaines Drive

Clinton, Missouri 64735

(660) 885-8200

Fax: (660) 3089

E-Mail: [antiochhills@wcmcaa.org](mailto:antiochhills@wcmcaa.org)



Hickory County Court House

**Hickory County**

Estimated Population: 9,391 (2012 Census)

Population Change (2010-2012): -236

Land Area: 399.09 sq. miles

Persons per sq. mile: 24.1

Primary Language: English

Racial and ethnic demographic: 96.9%

Caucasian, 1.1% Hispanic, 2% other

*Source Information: U.S. Census; www.quickfacts.census.gov*

WCMCAA Services Provided:

**Community Services Outreach Office; Employment and Training; Energy Conservation:**

320 N Main Street

PO Box 188

Wheatland, Missouri 65779

(417) 282-5936

Fax: (417) 282-6966

**Head Start Centers**

**Hermitage Head Start**

Route 2 Box 2030

Hermitage, Missouri 65668

(417) 745-6941

**Housing Services:**

**Hickory Estates**

701 West Highway 54

Hermitage, Missouri 65668

(417) 745-0131

Fax: (417) 745-0132

E-Mail [hickoryestates@wcmcaa.org](mailto:hickoryestates@wcmcaa.org)



Morgan County Court House

**Morgan County**

Estimated Population: 20,117 (2012 Census)

Population Change (2010-2012): -448

Land Area: 597.63 sq. miles

Persons per sq. mile: 34.4

Primary Language: English

Racial and ethnic demographic: 96.3%

Caucasian, 1.9% Hispanic, 1.8% other

*Source Information: U.S. Census; www.quickfacts.census.gov*

WCMCAA Services Provided:

**Community Services Outreach Office; Employment and Training; Energy Conservation:**

18250 2nd Street

Versailles, Missouri 65084

(573) 378-4432

**Head Start Centers**

**Versailles Head Start and**

**Early Head Start Home Based**

510 South Walnut

Versailles, Missouri 65084

(573) 378-5929



St. Clair County Court House

**St. Clair County**

Estimated Population: 9,474 (2012 Census)

Population Change (2010-2012): -331

Land Area: 669.98 sq. miles

Persons per sq. mile: 14.6

Primary Language: English

Racial and ethnic demographic: 96.5%

Caucasian, 1.8% Hispanic, 1.7% other

*Source Information: U.S. Census; www.quickfacts.census.gov*

WCMCAA Services Provided:

**Community Services Outreach Office; Employment and Training; Energy Conservation; Women’s Health-Central Office:**

106 West 4th Street

Appleton City, Missouri 64724

(660) 476-2185

Fax (660) 476-5529

**Head Start Centers**

**Appleton City Head Start**

216 South Beech Street

Appleton City, Missouri 64724

(660) 476-5877

 Head Start Home Based – Central Office Contact

**Housing Services:**

**Appleton Estates**

300 South Beech

Appleton City, Missouri 64724

(660) 476-2184

Fax: (660) 476-5529

E-Mail: [appletonestates@wcmcaa.org](mailto:appletonestates@wcmcaa.org)



Vernon County Court House

**Vernon County**

Estimated Population: 20,748 (2012 Census)

Population Change (2010-2012): -411

Land Area: 826.40 sq. miles

Persons per sq. mile: 25.6

Primary Language: English

Racial and ethnic demographic: 96.3%

Caucasian, 1.8% Hispanic, 1.9% other

*Source Information: U.S. Census; www.quickfacts.census.gov*

WCMCAA Services Provided:

**Community Services Outreach Office; Employment and Training; Energy Conservation; Women’s Health**

1801 North Osage, Suite A

Nevada, Missouri 64772

(417) 667-5741

(417) 667-5779

Fax: (417) 667-6393

**Head Start Centers**

**Nevada Head Start**

1025 East Wooter

Nevada, Missouri 64772

417-667-5393

Fax: 417-667-8890

**Women’s Health Services, Women’s Clinic:**Vernon County Health Department

301 N Washington Street

Nevada MO 64722

**Key Findings: Population Profiles**

Population Profile: Age and Gender

* Age and Gender Demographics from the U.S. Census Bureau Fact Finder:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | Age 0-4  M/F | 5-9  M/F | 10-14  M/F | 15-19  M/F | 20-64  M/F | Over 65  M/F |
| Bates | 541/585 | 636/550 | 617/563 | 602/540 | 4,894/4,882 | 1,321/1,698 |
| Benton | 426/400 | 486/440 | 540/507 | 504/505 | 5,331/5,352 | 2,444/2,492 |
| Cass | 3,498/3,258 | 3,684/3,787 | 3,941/3,787 | 3,596/3383 | 29,253/30,350 | 5,925/7,565 |
| Cedar | 428/407 | 483/430 | 517/449 | 459/440 | 3,717/3,831 | 1,421/1,705 |
| Henry | 666/673 | 704/699 | 717/691 | 665/658 | 6,402/6,569 | 1,978/2,367 |
| Hickory | 213/228 | 210/221 | 236/249 | 271/224 | 2,500/2,616 | 1,408/1,438 |
| Morgan | 634/627 | 604/597` | 671/607 | 627/667 | 737/706 | 2,196/2,339 |
| St. Clair | 251/237 | 266/252 | 313/277 | 307/283 | 365/276 | 1,081/1,214 |
| Vernon | 769/695 | 739/671 | 754/709 | 761/854 | 6,007/6,413 | 1,522/1,954 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*Source Information: U.S. Census Bureau; Fact Finder 2007-2011*

* Note the sizable increase in the age group 20-64 from 2007-2012 while the age group over 65 decreased. Most of the nine counties that WCMCAA serves falls under the ‘rural’ category.

Population Profile: Number of Households

The change in the number of households within the nine county area comparison from 2007 to 2010 from the U.S. Census Bureau.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | Total Households 2000 | Total Households 2010 | Percentage of Change |
| Bates | 7,247 | 7,842 | 8.2 |
| Benton | 12,691 | 14,150 | 11.4 |
| Cass | 31,677 | 40,030 | 26.3 |
| Cedar | 6,813 | 7,224 | 6 |
| Henry | 10,261 | 10,886 | 6 |
| Hickory | 6,184 | 6,835 | 10.5 |
| Morgan | 13,898 | 15,517 | 11.6 |
| St. Clair | 5,205 | 5,640 | 8.3 |
| Vernon | 8,872 | 9,495 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |

*Source: US Census Bureau, 2010, Population and Housing Unit Counts*

Population Profile: Poverty by Household

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | 2007 Poverty Rate | 2011 Poverty Rate | Percentage of Change |
| Bates | 15.9% | 18.0% | 2.1 |
| Benton | 18.6% | 19.4% | .8 |
| Cass | 7.5% | 10.0% | 2.5 |
| Cedar | 20.0% | 26.7% | 6.7 |
| Henry | 16.8% | 21.1% | 4.3 |
| Hickory | 19.1% | 20.5% | 1.4 |
| Morgan | 18.3% | 19.2% | .9 |
| St. Clair | 21.7% | 20.1% | 1.6 |
| Vernon | 18.9% | 28.4% | 9.5 |

*Source:* *US Census Bureau, 2007-2011 America’s Fact Finder*

The county with the highest increase in poverty rates by household and by children under the age of 6, was in Vernon County, per the US Census. The average poverty rate for counties served in 2011 was 20.3% while the average for the state of Missouri came in at 14.3%

Population Profile: Children under the age of 6 in Poverty

*Source: Kids Count Data Center; datacemter.kidscount.org*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | Under age 6 in poverty: 1990 | Under age 6 in poverty: 2007 | Increase/Decrease in poverty numbers |
| Bates | 315 | 243 | +72 |
| Benton | 245 | 284 | +39 |
| Cass | 848 | 827 | -21 |
| Cedar | 317 | 277 | -40 |
| Henry | 458 | 217 | -241 |
| Hickory | 118 | 171 | +53 |
| Morgan | 297 | 362 | +65 |
| St. Clair | 253 | 209 | -44 |
| Vernon | 360 | 711 | +351 |

*Source: Kids Count Data Center; datacemter.kidscount.org*

The increase in poverty for children under the age of six has increased in over half of the counties served. Vernon county rates have doubled.

Population Profile: Adults 65+ in Poverty

*Source: Missouri Senior Report and American Community Survey*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | 65+ in Poverty – 2000 | 65+ in Poverty 2008 | Decrease in Poverty Percentages |
| Bates | 14.1 | 12.6 | 1.5 |
| Benton | 9.6 | 8.6 | 1.0 |
| Cass | 5.2 | 4.7 | .5 |
| Cedar | 14.2 | 12.7 | 1.5 |
| Henry | 13.9 | 12.4 | 1.5 |
| Hickory | 11.0 | 9.8 | 1.2 |
| Morgan | 9.7 | 7.8 | 1.9 |
| St. Clair | 17.6 | 15.7 | 1.9 |
| Vernon | 13.3 | 11.8 | 1.5 |

*Source: Missouri Senior Report and American Community Survey*

Population Profile: Crime Rates

*Source: Missouri Senior Report, 2009. Per 1,000 persons*

Population Profile: Crime Rates

*Source: Uniform Crime Reports. Mshp.dps.missouri.gove*

The incidents of domestic violence in the counties served are higher than reported. Most of the nine counties do not have shelters in their areas. WCMCAA has noted a direct correlation between the domestic violence rates and the increase in homelessness with the Head Start families served.

Population Profile: Crime Rates Aggravated Assaults:

*Source: Uniform Crime Reports. Mshp.dps.missouri.gove*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | Aggravated Assaults 2008 | Aggravated Assaults 2012 | Increase/Decrease |
| Bates | 46 | 28 | <18> |
| Benton | 58 | 43 | <15> |
| Cass | 120 | 108 | <12> |
| Cedar | 19 | 30 | +11 |
| Henry | 56 | 82 | +26 |
| Hickory | 2 | 3 | +1 |
| Morgan | 84 | 42 | <42> |
| St. Clair | 10 | 16 | +6 |
| Vernon | 58 | 83 | +25 |
|  |  |  |  |

*Source: Uniform Crime Reports. Mshp.dps.missouri.gove*

The incidents of violence in Vernon and Henry county parallels the increase in poverty numbers in these counties.

Population Profile: Crime Rates Drug Possession and DUI:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | Number of Drug Possession Arrests | Number of DUI Arrests | % of Arrests vs. Population |
| Bates | 146 | 79 | 1.24% |
| Benton | 41 | 18 | .3% |
| Cass | 115 | 182 | .3% |
| Cedar | 10 | 17 | .1% |
| Henry | 67 | 37 | .4% |
| Hickory | 15 | 3 | .2% |
| Morgan | 27 | 43 | .3% |
| St. Clair | 4 | 9 | .2% |
| Vernon | 21 | 20 | .2% |

*Source: Uniform Crime Reports. Mshp.dps.missouri.gove*

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*Missouri had been the nation's No. 1 meth-producing state every year from 2003 to 2009 until falling behind Tennessee for one year.* [*http://www.kshb.com/dpp/news/state/missouri/missouri-reclaims-name-of-top-meth-maker-in-united-states#ixzz2a42vBafF*](http://www.kshb.com/dpp/news/state/missouri/missouri-reclaims-name-of-top-meth-maker-in-united-states#ixzz2a42vBafF)

**Key Findings: Employment Profiles**

Employment Profile: Current Unemployment:

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, in 2013 the overall unemployment rate for the State of Missouri was 6.7%. The chart below outlines the unemployment rate in the nine counties served:

*Source: Department of Labor. Missourieconomy.org*

Employment Profile: Unemployment Change:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | Unemployment Rate 2008 | Unemployment Rate  2013 | Increase/Decrease |
| Bates | 7.2% | 7.2% | 0 |
| Benton | 7.7% | 7% | -.7% |
| Cass | 5.8% | 6.3% | +.5% |
| Cedar | 6.7% | 6% | -.7% |
| Henry | 7.2% | 6.5% | -.7% |
| Hickory | 9.9% | 11.8% | +1.9% |
| Morgan | 9.0% | 7.4% | -1.6% |
| St. Clair | 7.8% | 8.0% | +.2% |
| Vernon | 5.5% | 4.0% | -1.5% |

*Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

Employment Profile: Household Income:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| County | Median Household Income ($) 2007 | Median Household Income ($) 2011 |
| Bates | 37,981 | 40,376 |
| Benton | 31,140 | 36,255 |
| Cass | 61,025 | 54,969 |
| Cedar | 32,229 | 30,536 |
| Henry | 34,908 | 38,410 |
| Hickory | 28,840 | 30,049 |
| Morgan | 36,367 | 34,885 |
| St. Clair | 30,283 | 30,098 |
| Vernon | 34,320 | 37,342 |
| **Statewide Average** | **47,202** |  |

*Source: US Census Bureau, American Fact Finder 2007-2011.*

Employment Profile: Annual Wages:

The average wage for all nine counties served fall below the ‘living wage’ criteria.

Employment Profile: Living Wage (one adult one child) by county:

*Source: Poverty in America, Living Wage Calculator, 2012. livingwage.mit.edu*

Employment Profile: Families on TANF by County:

*Source: Health.mo.gov/data*

Employment Profile: Food Stamp Program Participation by County:

*Source: DSS Monthly Management Report 2013*

According to the data from the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, Missouri’s total personal income rates increased by 2.2%, this still fell below the US increase of 3.0%.

**Key Findings: Education Profiles**

Education Profile: **Infant Toddler** Daycare Costs (Licensed Facilities):

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| County | Infant Care Daily Cost ($) 2007 | Infant Care Daily Cost ($) 2011 |
| Bates | 18.50 | 22.00 |
| Benton | 13.00 | 26.00 |
| Cass | 33.70 | 33.00 |
| Henry | 17.00 | 24.00 |
| Hickory | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| Morgan | 20.00 | 25.00 |
| St. Clair | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| Vernon | 28.00 | No data |

Education Profile: **Preschool Costs** (Licensed Facilities):

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| County | Preschool Daily Cost ($) 2007 | Preschool Daily Cost ($) 2011 |
| Bates | 16.50 | 20.00 |
| Benton | 13.00 | 22.00 |
| Cass | 25.00 | 28.00 |
| Henry | 13.00 | 17.50 |
| Hickory | 15.00 | 12.00 |
| Morgan | 15.00 | 20.00 |
| St. Clair | 15.00 | 33.00 |
| Vernon | 23.00 | 18.00 (Family not Center) |

Education Profile: Licensed Child Care Facilities:

*Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Early Childhood and Prevention Services. 2012 Child Care Market Survey*

Education Profile: Adult Literacy Rates:

*Source: US Department of Education. Pbs.org/patchworknation*

Education Profile: Percent of Adults Without a High School Education:

*Source: Robert Wood Foundation/Obstacles to Health 2009*

The US Census identified that the rural areas in the state of Missouri have more than 20% of the population over 25 years of age without a high school education.

Education Profile: First Steps Program for Children 2009-2010:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | Participation Age 0-1 | % Rate Ages 0-1 | Participation Ages 1-2 | % Rate Ages 1-2 | Participation Ages 2-3 | % Rate Ages 2-3 | Participation All Ages | % Rate All Ages |
| Bates | 1 | .46 | 8 | 3.86 | 8 | 3.62 | 17 | 2.63 |
| Benton | 1 | .56 | 6 | 3.47 | 7 | 3.63 | 14 | 2.57 |
| Cass | 10 | .73 | 29 | 2.20 | 30 | 2.18 | 69 | 1.69 |
| Cedar | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1.92 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .62 |
| Henry | 2 | .79 | 9 | 3.75 | 9 | 2.97 | 20 | 2.47 |
| Hickory | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5.26 | 5 | 2.10 |
| Morgan | 0 | 0 | 1 | .37 | 8 | 2.85 | 9 | 1.11 |
| St. Clair | 1 | .95 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .99 | 2 | .65 |
| Vernon | 1 | .36 | 3 | 1.02 | 7 | 2.31 | 11 | 1.26 |

*Source: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Part C Participation Data.*

Education Profile: Count of Early Childhood Students (3-5 yrs.) with Disabilities by County 2012:

*Source: MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Count of students with disabilities as of December 1, 2012.*

Note: The top two disabilities identified in all 9 counties were: Speech Impairments and Developmental Delays.

**Key Findings: Health and Nutrition Profiles**

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Free and Reduced Lunch Programs for Children:

*Source: KIDS Count data center, Annie E Casey Foundation. 2013*

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program:

*Source: health.mo.gov/data/mica/wicprepost.php*

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Public Clinic Immunizations in Percentages:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Location | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| Bates | 83.7 | 83.7 | 68.4 | 71.0 | 68.4 |
| Benton | 78.2 | 78.2 | 78.8 | 91.8 | 78.8 |
| Cass | 81.0 | 81.0 | 87.5 | 80.8 | 87.5 |
| Cedar | 85.7 | 85.7 | 72.0 | 90.3 | 72.0 |
| Henry | 87.5 | 87.5 | 82.6 | 79.8 | 82.6 |
| Hickory | 84.2 | 84.2 | 66.7 | 85.7 | 66.7 |
| Morgan | 98.9 | 98.9 | 99.0 | 70.2 | 99.0 |
| St. Clair | 78.5 | 78.5 | 73.6 | 81.3 | 73.6 |
| Vernon | 89.6 | 89.6 | 89.2 | 83.5 | 89.2 |

*Source: KIDS Count data center, Annie E Casey Foundation. 2013*

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Low Birth Weight Infants:

*Source: KIDS Count data center, Annie E Casey Foundation. 2013*

Note: There was a documented increase in babies born with low birth rate in all counties with the exception of Bates and Hickory counties.

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Child Abuse and Neglect:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| County | Unsubstantiated Abuse Cases | Substantiated Cases |
| Bates | 89 | 16 |
| Benton | 95 | 34 |
| Cass | 580 | 86 |
| Cedar | 101 | 6 |
| Henry | 90 | 36 |
| Hickory | 33 | 15 |
| Morgan | 91 | 46 |
| St. Clair | 61 | 10 |
| Vernon | 166 | 37 |

*Source: Missouri Children’s Division FY 2012*

Note: According to the Children’s Division in regards to the number of Family Assessments and Child Abuse/Neglect per 1,000, Henry, Benton and Cedar County ranked the highest with **55.5%-73.5%.**

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Child Deaths Ages 1-14:

*Source: KIDS Count data center, Annie E Casey Foundation. 2013*

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Birth Rates to Females 15-19:

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Uninsured Populations:

*Source: Rural Health Plan 2010-2013. Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.*

Note: Approximately 75% of all Missouri Counties, most of which are rural, have a rate of individuals without insurance greater than the state rate.

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Number of Providers (Dental):

Source: MO Department of Health and Senior Services – Rural Health Plan 2012-2013

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Number of Providers (Primary Care Physicians):

Source: MO Department of Health and Senior Services – Rural Health Plan 2012-2013

Health and Nutrition Profiles: Number of Institutional Medicare and Medicaid Providers:

Source: US Department of Health and Human Services, Provider Services 2008

The number of dental providers is extrememly limited in all but one county served. Of these dental providers less than 1% of the providers accept medicade payments.

The numbers of medicade primary physicians in counties served has shown some increase, but the percentage that accept Medicaid payments still falls well below the need.

**Key Findings: Housing**

Housing Profiles: Housing Units:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | 2000 | 2010 | % Difference |
| Bates | 7247 | 7842 | 8.2% |
| Benton | 12691 | 14150 | 11.4% |
| Cass | 31677 | 40030 | 26.3% |
| Cedar | 6813 | 7224 | 6% |
| Henry | 10261 | 10886 | 6% |
| Hickory | 6184 | 6835 | 10% |
| Morgan | 13898 | 15517 | 11.6% |
| St. Clair | 5205 | 5640 | 8% |
| Vernon | 8872 | 9495 | 7% |

*Source: US Census 2010 Population and Housing Unit Counts*

Housing Profiles: Vacancy Rates:

*Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Aggregated USPS Administrative Data on Address Vacancies, Fourth Quarter 2008.*

Housing Profiles: Foreclosure Rates:

*Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Foreclosure 2008.*

Housing Profiles: Fair Market Rent:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| County | *One-Bedroom* | *Two-Bedroom* | *Three-Bedroom* | *Four-Bedroom* |
| Benton | $458 | $620 | $914 | $917 |
| Bates | $488 | $660 | $888 | $891 |
| Cass | $632 | $783 | $1,073 | $1,195 |
| Cedar | $440 | $595 | $836 | $919 |
| Henry | $448 | $598 | $847 | $1,041 |
| Hickory | $440 | $595 | $741 | $795 |
| Morgan | $460 | $623 | $776 | $881 |
| St. Clair | $488 | $595 | $741 | $795 |
| Vernon | $453 | $613 | $810 | $819 |

*Source: FY 2013 Fair Market Rent Documentation System. huduser.org/portal/datasets*

**In Summary:**

The top four areas of challenge identified in the Community Needs Assessment:

1. *According to the US Department of Health and Human Services; almost one in three adults living in rural counties are in poor to fair health. Children rank very high on the list of at-risk populations in regards to health needs not being met.* In an effort to address this need one goal will be to work towards coordinating services with existing clinics and Dental providers to meet the needs of the clients/children served in our nine county area. In addressing the need for accessing health care for our clients the following barriers need to be addressed:
   1. Insurance barriers both underinsured or uninsured
   2. Transportation to the existing providers
   3. Financial supports for co-pays and follow up medications as needed.
   4. Finding care that is quality and able to identify issues correctly.
2. The second area identified in this assessment as being a community concern is finding ways to work on assisting families in overcoming the negative effects of Methamphetamine addiction:
   1. Training staff to identify what the indicators are for Meth usage
   2. Educating the public on what they can do to report suspected drug use
   3. Connecting families with supports who are affected by this epidemic
3. The third area identified as one of concern is the need for supports with families affected by domestic violence. The negative effects of domestic violence range from poverty, poor health, homelessness and possible death. A few ways to assist in this effort are:
   1. Educating families on ways to remove themselves from a violent home
   2. Working with existing shelters to take in those individuals from neighboring counties
   3. Educating the staff on what supports are available and what they can do to assist
4. Fourth area would be working to reduce the incidents of child abuse and neglect. Ways to possibly address this area could be:
   1. Training staff on ways to do early identification of children in crisis
   2. Train staff that work with the elderly and adult population on keys for identifying abuse indicators
   3. Continue to provide supports and education for families in crisis.