

Community Assessment Results

2014 – 2017

Community Action Wayne/Medina (CAW/M) conducts an in-depth assessment of its target population (low income) every three years and updates annually. Not only are these assessment activities required by law for every community action agency, but CAW/M seeks to maintain its customer-lauded ability to serve low income customers with services directly related to their needs.

CAW/M's assessment results can be found below, beginning with raw data in 'Counties At a Glance'. This raw data, gleaned from the most current US Census updates (American Fact Finder and various state of Ohio governmental departments' data reports), gives the reader a quick view of the similarities and the differences of the counties' population characteristics within a variety of categories.

Necessarily most of these categories represent characteristics of CAW/M's targeted population in order to assure continuation of funding for the purpose of addressing low income population needs and to remain consistent with CAW/M's Articles of Incorporation's Purpose.

The 'Counties At a Glance' is followed by a brief summary of conclusions drawn from that data and other information gleaned from

- in-depth review of community assessment documents generated by local entities,
- internal staff reports, and
- customer surveys conducted by CAW/M over a period of time.

These conclusions drive CAW/M's Strategic Plan updating and CAW/M's development of funding opportunities for maintaining existing and creating new services to address the needs of the low income population of Wayne and Medina Counties for the coming years.

Counties At a Glance

Characteristics	Wayne	Medina
1. Total Population	115,071	174,915
Seniors 65+	17,260	23,745
Children < age 5	7,711	10,134
2. Poverty	Wayne	Medina
Population in Poverty – 100% or below	11.8% (13,578)	7.3% (12,769)
Population in Poverty – 50% or below	4.6% (5,146)	2.8% (4,801)
Families in Poverty - 100% or below	8.7% (2,633)	5.1% (2,435)
Of those, single female householder with children < 6	7.5% (198)	2% (49)
Children < age 5 in Poverty – 100% or below	1,829 *	618
Seniors (65+) in poverty	6.8%	5%
3. Health	Wayne	Medina
Total Births in one year	1,509	1,719
Total Medicaid Births	31.9% (418)	22.3% (383)
Teen Births (ages 15 – 19)	99	87
Children Lead Screened	1,231	1,297
Children enrolled in Medicaid	33.7%	22.1%
Dentists accept Medicaid	6	22
Physicians accept Medicaid	30	40
Of total population, SNAP (food stamps) participation	11%	7%
Total Persons without health insurance	16.7%	11.1 %
Children < 19 without health insurance	9.9%	5.9%
Persons aged 65+ and any aged persons with a disability receiving health insurance through Medicare	19,560 (16,715 age 65+)	25,095 (22,362 age 65+)
Medicaid and Medicare Providers – Hospitals and Nursing Facilities only	22	52
4. Community Health - High Incidence	Wayne	Medina
Children ages 2 – 5 overweight	18.5%	14.6%
Children ages 2 – 5 obese	13.6%	8.8%
Adults -- obese	29.1%	27.9%
Adults - diabetes	9.9%	8.2%
Initiating prenatal care after first trimester	39.2%	26.5%
Mothers on Medicaid with 2 or more risk factors during pregnancy	62.9%	58.8%

Food Security All Wayne County elementary schools: Four highest school districts: Rittman, Orrville and Wooster, Northwest	Free lunch: Average 26%	
Food Security All Medina County elementary schools: Four highest school districts: Brunswick, Medina City Cloverleaf, Wadsworth		Free lunch: 10.2%
The number of households at or below 100% poverty receiving SNAP	2,352 (52% of all SNAP recipients)	1,899 (44% of all SNAP recipients)
Emergency Room dental care Medicaid and charity visits	459 cavities 34%	273 cavities 26%
5. Child Welfare	Wayne	Medina
Children ages 0 – 5 in foster care (temporary or permanent)	122	47
Reports of child neglect, higher than all other child welfare categories in both counties	39% (472)	28% (127)
Foster children served by CAW/M in its EHS and HS programs 2013-2014	26	14
EHS children served in CAW/M's special program for child welfare families	13	13
6. Unemployed rate	Wayne	Medina
August 2014	4.3%	5.4%
7. Homelessness	Wayne	Medina
Homeless children served by CAW/M in its EHS and HS programs 2013-2014; rate of finding housing was 40%	52	47
8. Availability of Early Childhood Education and Care	Wayne	Medina
<u>Ohio Job and Family Services - Licensed sites (includes all Head Start/Early Head Start sites)</u>	58	109
Centers with Infant space/Number of infants spaces	11/162	28/350
Centers with Toddler space/Number of toddlers spaces	14/200	41/761
Centers with preschool space/Number of preschoolers spaces	31/1,001	53/2,328
Centers with a Step Up to Quality rating (All CAW/M Head Start Centers included)	13	20
<u>Ohio Department of Education - Licensed sites</u>	16	15
Number of preschool spaces – non-special education	537	990

Number of preschool spaces – special education	Approx. 250	Approx. 300
Number of preschool special education students received services (diagnosed with a disability)	549	333
<u>Ohio Department of Health Early Intervention Services</u>	County wide	County wide
Number of birth to three aged children received Part C services (diagnosed with a disability)	125	206
Number of children birth to 6 who are in the above services (ODE and ODH) that come from families at 100% poverty or below	384	418
9. School Readiness	Wayne	Medina
Number of school districts	10	7
Number of kindergarten bound children in need of intensive school readiness services	205	190
Number of kindergarten students ‘not on track’ as determined by the Kindergarten Reading Diagnostic in the highest poverty areas of each county	94 (highest in Wooster with 43)	32 (highest in Brunswick with 14)
Adults lacking a high school diploma	14.45%	6.59%
Adults (over age 16) with Low Literacy skills	9%	6%
10. Children with Diagnosed Disabilities	Wayne	Medina
Projected occurrence, birth to three based on 8% of total age population (percent used by Ohio Department of Education)	617	811
Projected occurrence, aged 3 to 5 based on 4% of total age population (percent used by Ohio Department of Education)	462	608
Total served (EHS and HS) by CAW/M during 2013 – 2014 year (Total with both counties = 16% of enrollment)	76	27
Total served birth through age 5 by Early Intervention and public schools during 2013/2014 school year	674 (62.5%) (includes those served by CAW/M Head Start)	539 (37.9%) (includes those served by CAW/M Head Start)
11. Race/Ethnicity/Language	Wayne	Medina
White	96%	96.3%
Black	1.6%	1.3%
Asian	.8%	1.1%

American Indian or Alaskan Native	.2%	.2%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	.05	.0%
Multiracial	1.4%	1.2%
Hispanic	1.6%	1.7%
Non-English at home	10.7%	5.3%
12. Criminal Justice	Wayne	Medina
Top three crimes	1. Property 2. Theft 3. Burglary	1. Property 2. Theft 3. Burglary
13. Levels of Eligibility for Early and Preschool Head Start	Wayne	Medina
Pregnant Women	Est. 100	Est. 75
EHS (Birth to 3 years)	1097*	371
HS (3 years to school age)	731*	247
Total children	1828*	618
14. Housing	Wayne	Medina
Owner occupied units	31,103	52,107
Renter occupied units	11,384	13,392
Median gross rent per month	\$665	\$821
Units without plumbing	379	380
Units without heating fuel source	255	262
Renter occupied units built before 1975	8,082	7,500
Owner occupied units built before 1975	18,662	25,011
Of owner occupied units, the seniors whose monthly owner costs are > 30% of monthly income	21.8%	25.5%
Of renter occupied units, the seniors whose monthly owner costs are > 30% of monthly income	46.6%	54.6%
15. Grandparents (grandparents > 30 years of age) caring for children < 6 years of age	146	64
16. Transportation	Wayne	Medina
Use public transport, bicycle, taxi, other to get to work	6.9%	2.6%
Number of households without vehicles	3,588	2,609

*NOTE: This US Census number includes Amish children who do not access preschool programs; best estimate of non-Amish preschoolers in poverty is from the Ohio Department of Education which is for EHS – 964 and for HS – 643 totaling 1,607.

Brief Summary of Conclusions

CAW/M, as directed by federal legislation, continually seeks 'to assist low income individuals and families to reduce poverty, revitalize low income communities and empower low income individuals and families to become self-sufficient' (PL 113-234; 42 US Code; Chapter 106; § 9901.

CAW/M concludes the following services are needed by individuals and families of the low income population based on its extensive review of all assessment data as described previously:

1. Basic Survival – assist with heating and other shelter costs in order to reduce the annual percentage of those costs from annual incomes.
2. Basic Survival – address food insecurity with assistance, especially with perishables, hygiene, paper and cleaning products.
3. Increase Self-Sufficiency – support long-term family stability through access to sustainable employment opportunities for individuals unemployed or underemployed by addressing barriers that may inhibit them through service coordination, stabilization, skill development and employability training.
4. Increase Self-Sufficiency – help with costs associated with job training/employment such as vehicle repairs and medical care costs; home repairs to reduce monthly costs of utilities (weatherization, electrical, heating and plumbing repairs, etc.).
5. Empowerment – generally related to increased education -- help with increasing adult education levels; help with school readiness of young children AND their parents; help with reducing rates of child neglect (mental health services for parents), improved dental health of children; improved nutrition for children and their families, improved prenatal education levels and appropriate community resource referrals to all CAW/M customers.

CAW/M's Board of Directors, Head Start's Policy Council and all staff will continue their dedication to the stated purpose of community action agencies:

1. 'strengthening of community capabilities for planning and coordinating the use of a broad range of Federal, State, local, and other assistance (including private resources) related to the elimination of poverty, so that this assistance can be used in a manner responsive to local needs and conditions;
2. offering a range of services related to the needs of low-income families and individuals, so that these services may have a measurable and potentially major

impact on the causes of poverty in the community and may help the families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency;

3. the greater use of innovative and effective community-based approaches to attacking the causes and effects of poverty and of community breakdown;
4. working towards maximum participation of residents of the low-income communities and members of the groups served by programs assisted through the block grants made under this chapter to empower such residents and members to respond to the unique problems and needs within their communities; and
5. helping to broaden the resource base of programs directed to the elimination of poverty so as to secure a more active role in the provision of services for private, religious, charitable, and neighborhood-based organizations; and individual citizens, and business, labor, and professional groups, who are able to influence the quantity and quality of opportunities and services for the poor.'

- PL 113-234; 42 US Code; Chapter 106; § 9901.

Below is a listing of services needed as identified that are not currently provided or that need to be enhanced by CAW/M. This list will serve as a guide to future program development within CAW/M and/or the community of service entities within Wayne and Medina Counties:

- Employment assistance: Financial assistance for advancing education attainment, work clothing, vehicle insurance, access to sustainable employment opportunities
- Housing assistance: financial rental assistance, functioning and energy-saving appliances, foreclosure prevention, window repair/replacement
- Legal assistance: bankruptcy, divorce actions and credit repair
- Pet supplies
- Increased coordination with veterans services
- Nutrition and home health and cleanliness education and assistance (need vacuum cleaners, for instance) preferably through home visiting
- Unique services and support needed by single parents.

Renewed Focus

Community Action Wayne/Medina has also identified its need to re-commit and deepen its focus on providing the underpinnings for customers to achieve sustainable self-sufficiency. Specific efforts will begin with a review of the agency's Strategic Plan and in the process, identifying revisions to goals, measures and outcomes for more planned, intentional self-sufficiency services. Guiding this review will be the Self-Sufficiency Standard, first developed by 'Dr. Diana Pearce,

who at that time was Director of the Women and Poverty Project at Wider Opportunities for Women.'

The Standard was 'intended initially as a performance measure for the goal of "self-sufficiency" in federal job training programs (now known as WIA, the Workforce Investment Act program). It was a measure that provided realistic and detailed data on what clients individually needed to be self-sufficient. First calculated for Iowa in 1996, it experienced a major expansion with funding by the Ford Foundation in the early 2000s, and today, the Standard can be found in 37 states and the District of Columbia. The Standard defines the amount of income necessary to meet basic needs (including taxes) without public subsidies (e.g., public housing, food stamps, Medicaid or child care) and without private/informal assistance (e.g., free babysitting by a relative or friend, food provided by churches or local food banks, or shared housing).'

The Standard takes into consideration housing, child care, food, transportation, healthcare, taxes and tax credits and miscellaneous household expenses in determining the level of self-sufficiency a family possesses/needs to reach to become independent from government assistance as much as feasible. CAW/M will reference The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Ohio 2013 while conducting its Strategic Plan review.

Sources of Data

1. American Fact Finder – US Census
2. Community Action Partnership -- Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment (CCNA) Online Tool
3. Ohio Quick Facts – US Census
4. Ohio Department of Education – School Report Cards
5. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – County Profiles and Labor Market Statistics
6. Public Children's Services Association of Ohio
7. Early Childhood Ohio – Supply and Demand County Profiles
8. Community Action Wayne/Medina Customer Survey
9. Community Action Wayne/Medina Head Start Parent Survey and End of Year Evaluation
10. Community Action Wayne/Medina Head Start Program Information Report (PIR)
11. Community Action Wayne/Medina Strategic Planning Group
12. Community Assessment Results from local agencies
13. County Courts
14. Center for Women's Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Washington