

# Community Needs Assessment 2014



178 COMMUNITY MEMBERS (CLIENTS) AND 33 PROFESSIONALS RESPONDED

Representation from Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, and Beacon Falls

Professionals worked in fields such as:

Child Care Education Finance Health Healthcare Human Services Non-profit Profit Social Youth

**Ages of Community Members ranged from 17 to 83**

## #1 Highest Need Employment

While most Professionals (62%) completely agreed that employment is an issue, only one quarter of Community Members completely agreed that it is a problem for them.



Both populations agreed that employment is a problem because "full time employment is hard to find."

Professionals most commonly reported that housing is an issue because "rent/mortgage payments equal more than 50% of income."

## Housing

Community Members most commonly reported that housing is an issue because "utility (gas, electric, oil, etc.) payments are too costly." The second most common response for community members was that "rent/mortgage payments equal more than 50% of their income."



Both Community Members (36.5%) and Professionals (48.2%) completely agreed that HOUSING is an issue.

#2 Highest Need



The majority of Community Members "completely disagreed" that Child and Youth Care is an issue for them.

## Child and Youth Care

The number one reason Community Members and Professionals reported Child and Youth Care as a problem is that "child and youth care programs are not affordable."



More than half of the Community Members who responded "completely disagreed" that education is an issue for them.

Forty four percent of Professionals "agreed" that education is an issue in the community.



BOTH POPULATIONS AGREED THAT EDUCATION IS A PROBLEM BECAUSE "TUITION FOR COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IS NOT AFFORDABLE."

## Nutrition

While most Community Members "completely disagreed" that nutrition is a issue for them, the number one reason they reported nutrition is a problem is that "there is not enough income to purchase food." The majority of Professionals agreed with that reason.

"I can go without. My kids can't, so they eat." - Community Member

"Communication [about nutrition] is the major issue here." - Professional

Although Community Members and Professionals alike don't consider healthcare a big issue, both agreed that the number one reason for the problem is "health insurance is too costly."

Professionals also think that a "lack of affordable adult daycare or home healthcare options" might contribute to the problem.

Healthcare

## Income/Money Management

More than half of Community Members and over seventy five percent of Professionals agreed or completely agreed that Income/Money Management is an issue.

LACK OF SAVINGS OR RESERVE CASH

BAD CREDIT HISTORY OR HIGH DEBT

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT BUDGETING



While 48% of Professionals "completely agreed" that transportation is an issue in this community, 58% of Community Members "completely disagreed" that it is an issue for them.



## TRANSPORTATION

For Community Members, transportation is a problem because of the "lack of a personal vehicle; can't afford to buy a car," and because they "don't have a driver's license."



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