

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT 2006 PULASKI COUNTY

Profile: Most of the households who responded to the Community Assessment in 2006 indicated there were three to five members living there. Seventy-one people indicated that there were two adults in the household with two children present.

The majority of people responded that there were children in the household under three years of age, and that at least one child had been in head start. The majority listed small, friendly community as the biggest assets to Pulaski County. Most indicated that the schools were good. The most frequent weakness listed was better paying jobs and more affordable children and youth programs.

Race: Seventy-six people indicated that the mother in the household was White, and seventy-four fathers were white. Minorities only counted for two of the surveys. There were one hundred-eighty white children listed from the assessment.

Housing: Do you own or rent your home?

To the housing question, fifty-nine people indicated that they own their own home. Twenty-two respondents said they rented their home. Sixty people said they did not have trouble locating housing, and that they had sufficient funds to rent or pay a mortgage. Fifty-three surveys said that they were able to meet monthly utilities; four did not answer; and eleven said they were not able to meet the monthly utilities.

Education: Of the people completing and returning the surveys, forty-three said they graduated from high school, and twenty-nine indicated they had graduated from college. Most heads of households were high school graduates. Most were employed fulltime followed by homemaker as the occupational status. The bulk of the respondents in Pulaski County indicated an income of over \$20,000 and said they were satisfied with their jobs and were not looking for a job without finding one.

Transportation: Eighty-two people checked that they have some form of transportation. Forty-three indicated that they access to public transportation while thirty-eight said they did not. Most indicated that they had funds for gas and insurance and that transportation was available for the head start child.

Services: A few people indicated that they were receiving assistance for disability. The largest number, which was seven, received SSI and Healthy Families assistance. Thirty-six respondents indicated their children would benefit from a four hour Head Start program while thirty indicated “no, and sixteen had no response.

Literacy: Seventy-eight people from Pulaski County indicated that they read on a regular basis, and eighty people indicated that they read to their children on a regular basis and have children’s books in their homes. Fifty said that they visit a library at least once a month.

Health: Four people indicated they had clothing needs. Seventy-five people said they had a family dentist while eighty-two said they had a family doctor. Seventy-six people said they schedule regular health appointments. The majority had a phone and had emergency contacts. The majority belonged to clubs, churches, or organizations, had hobbies and recreational activities, and spent time with friends on a regular basis. Most ate regular meals and had at least one meal a day with partners and family at home. Seventy-five said they exercised throughout the week. Fifty-eight responded that they had well water while twenty-eight did not. Forty-one said their water had been tested for fluoride. In the insurance category, forty-three had private insurance with thirty-five having Hoosier Health. Twenty-two Pulaski County residents who responded to the survey had services from WIC and sixteen received medical assistance. Seventeen received help from Healthy Families and fifteen received food stamps.

STRENGTHS OF THE COMMUNITY include small community, good school systems, and friendly community.

COMMUNITY NEEDS included better paying jobs and more affordable children and youth activities.