



2009 Benton County Needs Assessment

PARTNERS: United Way . Benton County . City of Corvallis . The Corvallis Clinic . Samaritan Health Services . OSU .
SCOPE: Basic Needs . Cultural Diversity . Education . Employment . Health . Transportation & Built Environment .



Meeting Notes from December 16, 2009

Benton County United Way Needs Assessment Community Forum Notes

BASIC NEEDS

1. Resources: anything missing?

Alpine Community Center
 CARDVA – basic shelter, safety & basic needs
 Childcares Services Scholarships for homeless families, transition parents/children
 Corvallis Environmental Center Sage Garden
 DHS
 Dial-A-Bus
 Emergency Food
 Emergency Housing options – age, gender, family, health (mental/physical) appropriate
 Food Bank – Monroe
 Hygiene Resources (Shower/Laundry)

Kiwanis, Rotary, Vina Moses
 Non-Corvallis – Great Benton County Resources/Needs
 OSU Bruce Weber – collecting data by rural communities 760 in rural Oregon
 OSU Community Service Center
 OSU HS & Recourse
 Rural Community People/Banks
 South Benton Lions, Furniture Store
 Stone Soup Corvallis
 Utility Assistance
 Vina Moses (+ other clothing options)

2. Gaps: how do we bridge them?

Awareness Raising – put faces on problems
 Bridge communication gap in needs versus available goods
 CARDVA – 20% county residents
 Coordination among groups working on problems
 County wide service – Philomath nurse at school district
 Emergency Housing coverage 24/7/365
 Food banks in community centers; Monroe, Alsea, Philomath, past Summit
 Grant calendar
 Greater County Services
 Hygiene Center

Immediate resource for services
 Info sharing—Metro, Greater County Jail
 Resource person in rural communities, long term discussion of service delivery model SRF (Meredith Howell)
 Rural barriers – not transportation distribute more evenly thought the county
 Shelter basic needs, safe place to live
 Training on how to do follow up services by non-profits
 Transit gap in South Benton within the community

3. Priorities: how should we prioritize – or – what should we focus on?

Transportation
 Plan by population/large group
 Perspective of client
 Sustainable support
 Raising Awareness – putting faces on issues
 Info sharing/coordination
 County-wide Services
 Training on how to something
 Info
 Emergency 24/7/365 for H, HY, Laundry

Prioritize gaps per identified groups needing service
 Finding a system for sharing information to facilitate collaboration
 Provide training to provide service information
 Emergency Housing - all year sheltering, Hygiene/laundry
 Transportation van or local delivery, County-wide, broad
 Housing - local people in house, prevention rental assistance

Homeless – domestic violence, safe place to live and supportive services
Jail access for perpetrators of DV, safety
Emergency food – 40% need are children, seniors, disabled, on edge families

More food to meet the need – freezers and coolers needed in local food pantry
Utility assistance – CSC needs state funds for matching federal funds

EDUCATION

1. Resources: anything missing?

ASP- After School Programs
Boy & Girl Scouts
Boys & Girls Club Power Hour – assistance program K-12
CAL
Churches
College Compact
Community Services Consortium
Corvallis Library
Corvallis School District
Corvallis Sustainability Coalition
High School leadership class
Jackson Street Youth Shelter
Jackson Youth Shelters
JSYSI Mentoring – Jackson Street Youth Shelter
Kids Spirit
New Beginnings
No Business Contacts – internships, education assistance

Old Mill
OSU Community Service Center
OSU Cultural Centers
OSU Extension
OSU Federal Credit Union
Parks & Recreation – Youth Volunteer Corps
Philanthropies from fraternities and sororities
Rural Parenting Iniative
Saturday Academy
SMILE: Science, Math, Investigative Learning, Experience
STARS
Strengthening Rural Families
Toubedon Music – Music lessons to h/c, at risk youth
Willamette Neighborhood Housing Society
Yellow Pages
YEP – Youth Education Program

2. Gaps: how do we bridge them?

Day treatment of county
Getting the yellow pages distribution
18 year olds aging out of the OHP
3rd-5th graders missing specialized care
Knowledge of services
Lack of hub or place for children
Central Repository of services (is the bridge to the lack of education about what services exist)

How can, when talking of Benton County, Rural towns step out of shadow of Corvallis?
Latino services: lack of interpreters and of online classes
One-on-one assistance for filling out forms for high school students
Transportation - especially rural

3. Priorities: how should we prioritize – or – what should we focus on?

Central Repository of services
Transportation-Rural
Focus on ways to ease county education institutions to utilize OSU and LBCC resources. Primarily, resources in this case can mean Higher Education for students but be sure to create meaningful experience for those Higher Education students not just being used as “free labor.”
Gap of services/availability of service documents

Information hub
Lack of community center
Meals for students
Accessibility of overcoming barriers to discover resources for higher education
Academic support
Adult education –training or retraining
Vocational skills – parents/youth
Engagement w/business, community partnerships, connection and collaboration
Collaboration between agencies to understand programs, offerings, collaborations, etc.

Educated in such a way that you know what is helpful.
Education – what assistance is helpful?
Health group labeled a gap as lack of crisis line support for youth

Jackson Street Youth Shelter has this. We have our local number and a 800 number for youth to access 24/7.

HEALTH

1. Resources: anything missing?

ARC of Benton County
Benton County Development Disabilities
Benton County Mental Health: Adults & kids
CASA
Cornerstone Associates
Dial-A-Bus
EMS/MDT (Police Depts)
Grace Center
Healthy Active Benton County (Multiple Health Coalition)
Hospice
Kids Spirit
Linn Benton County Child Victim Assessment (ABC House)
Living Well (SHS) (Linn Benton Counties) (w/chronic conditions)
Meals on Wheels (safety)
Neighbor –to—Neighbor Soup Kitchen

Osborne Aquatic Center
OSU Students Health
OSU SUS impact program
Parent Enhancement (PEP)
Parish Nurses
Physical wellness; boys & girls club, school district, Corvallis/Philomath Clinic
Pregnancy Center
RAFT/Benton County Relief Nursery/Healthy Start
Senior Companion Program
Senior Peer Counseling
SHIBA: Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance
South Benton Nutrition Site
SRF Strengthening Rural Families
Visiting Angels
Work Unlimited

2. Gaps: how do we bridge them?

Information hub for I&R (Brochure or Decision ?), plus public information/education
211 call center
24 hours crisis services for children
Dental services – access not adequate/prevention services/capacity
Increased capacity for existing services – medical, dental, ?
Case management/1-on-1 advocacy guidance/outreach

At risk youth programs (i.e. girl's groups) especially rural areas
Child abuse reporting training
Senior dental care (& adults)
Health education and school nursing
Health promotion, physical education
Need for respite care
Special needs services
Culturally competent health services
Programs for emancipated foster children

3. Priorities: how should we prioritize – or – what should we focus on?

Create connection between services and providers to coordinate resources and direct client to best services (resource fair of social service providers)
Pediatric dental care as a gateway to social services
Services to rural communities/transportation

Medical detox/sobering station
Public awareness/information/referral services
Oral health
Rural health
Physical health and nutrition
Chronic disease and aging