

How can I or my organization become involved in the assessment?

Personal/Community involvement:

Go to the SCA website, click on the Assessment icon, and participate in the Community Survey. Encourage others in your community to take the survey.

Stakeholder/Service Provider/Client involvement:

Identified Stakeholders/Service Providers/Clients can participate in the Assessment by completing their respective survey.

General Involvement:

Other organizations, businesses, and civic organization can encourage their staff, customers, or members to complete the Community Survey and display information flyers announcing the Survey.

How is the Assessment supported?

- The Assessment is made possible through the Financial generosity of **Community Banks**.
- The Assessment has received the approval of the **Schuylkill County Board of Commissioners, Schuylkill Community Action Board of Directors and The Association of Schuylkill County Services**.

A Word of Thanks.

Thank you, in advance, to the many local organizations, agencies, and individuals that have joined SCA's effort to assess the needs of our community.

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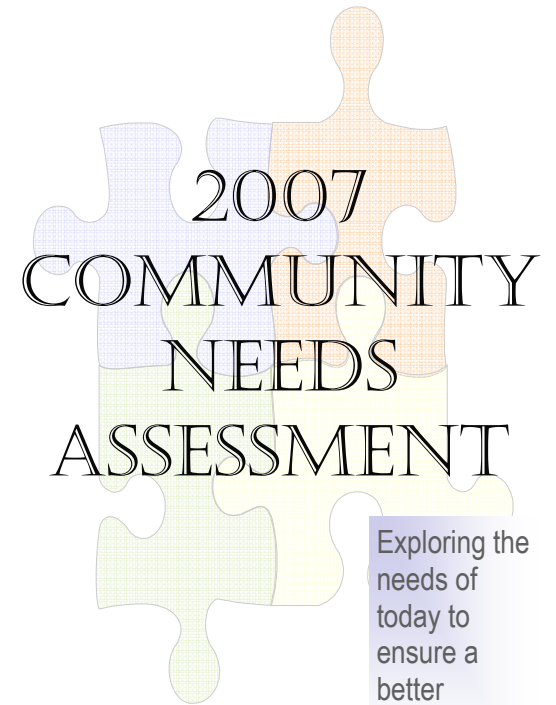
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Exploring the needs of today to ensure a better tomorrow

About the 2007 Community Needs Assessment

What is the 2007 Community Needs Assessment?

The 2007 Community Needs Assessment is Schuylkill Community Action's (SCA) effort to report on the needs and resources for low income persons, social/human service providers, stakeholders, and the general community. SCA conducts an assessment every five (5) years in accordance with the development of the SCA five (5) year plan.

What is Schuylkill Community Action?

SCA is a private, non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The primary purpose of SCA is to coordinate and focus all available resources upon the needs of low-income Schuylkill County residents enabling them to obtain adequate, affordable housing and secure the opportunities necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.

What is involved in the Assessment process?

There are three (3) components of the Assessment:

- **Surveys** (web-based)
- **Forum on Poverty**
- **Final Assessment Report**

Surveys

A total of four (4) surveys will be conducted:

1. **The Client Survey** is designed to collect information from SCA's low-income client population, including people who obtain services from other non-profit/community-based service agencies.
2. **The Service Provider Survey** is designed to collect information from human/social service agency directors and administrators.

SCA is working with **The Association of Schuylkill County Services (ASCS)** to engage agencies to complete the Client and Service Provider Surveys.

3. **The Stakeholder Survey** is designed to collect information from those community residents, who, because of their professional training and/or affiliation with a particular agency are in a prime position to know what the needs facing the community are likely to be. SCA will identify stakeholders such as elected officials, key persons in institutional areas of the community, leaders of public service organizations, and professionals in specific service areas.
4. **The Community Survey** is designed to collect information from the general community regarding current needs.

How can respondents access the surveys?

The Surveys are primarily web-based (made available for easy access through the world wide web/the internet). Surveys can be accessed by visiting the SCA website:
www.schuylkillcommunityaction.com

Are paper-based surveys available?

Paper-based surveys will be made available upon request of the survey respondent.

What is the Survey privacy policy?

Survey participation is completely voluntary and can be discontinued at any time. All responses are anonymous. The surveys do not collect any personal identifiable information. Responses are not linked to the respondent. Responses will be compiled into a statistical analysis program that will only be utilized for planning and reporting purposes by Schuylkill Community Action. Data analysis will be performed by Schuylkill Community Action for planning purposes solely. Survey result summaries will be provided in a comprehensive report.

Poverty Forum

The forum will elicit information from a wide range of community residents, public officials, and service provider's concerning community needs and issues via group discussion taking place at a meeting. The forum will provide awareness of poverty in Schuylkill County and will provide a way for public officials, service providers, business leaders, and low-income people to come together to discuss issues of poverty.

Final Assessment Report

A Final Assessment Report that includes the results of the surveys, the public forum, and other available data will be made available to interested parties.

How can the Report be utilized by organizations, etc.?

The report may be beneficial during strategic planning processes, and may be used by local communities to attract resources necessary to combat poverty and related issues.

What is the Assessment tentative timeline?

- Web-based Surveys- 2007
- Public Forum- August 2007
- Final Assessment Report-January, 2008

How can I receive additional information?

- Contact the SCA Director of Planning at (570) 622-1995.
- Go to the SCA website for the latest news and updates : www.schuylkillcommunityaction.com
- Obtain the latest copy of SCA Quarterly, SCA's newsletter.
- Email: info@schuylkillcommunityaction.com (subject: Community Assessment)



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