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**Report to the Community
Community Health Assessment
2011-2014**



What is a Community Health Assessment?

A community health assessment is a process by which community members gain an understanding of the health, concerns, and health care systems of the community by collecting information on community assets, strengths, resources, and needs. A report is written about the health of the community as it is today and about the community's capacity to improve the lives of residents. This report can provide the basis for discussion and action.

The community health assessment is completed every four years.

As part of our community health assessment, a health opinion survey was developed and distributed to a wide range of people in Madison County representing various age groups and income levels.

Over 500 surveys were completed!

Our community health assessment team consisted of employees of the Madison County Health Department and members of the Madison Community Health Consortium. Data about Madison County was collected from the survey as well as from a variety of outside sources and reviewed.

What is the Madison Community Health Consortium?

The Madison Community Health Consortium is a partnership that seeks to improve the overall health of Madison County citizens by networking with community agencies and groups in the on-going process of needs assessment, project development, implementation, and evaluation. The health consortium is the local Healthy Carolinians partnership and has been active in Madison County for 18 years.

It provides a forum for citizens, community agencies, groups and businesses to identify the health issues of Madison County and to seek solutions for those needs. Findings from the community health assessment will be used to develop action plans to target the health concerns of the county.

The Madison Community Health Consortium welcomes volunteers that may have a special interest in the health needs of the community. Please contact the Madison County Health Department for more information.

**Please take the time to review this very brief overview
of our findings.**

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Health Concerns to be Addressed 2011-2014



Chronic Disease

- *Top five causes of death in Madison County are: Cancer, Diseases of the Heart, Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease, Cerebrovascular Diseases, and Alzheimer's Disease.*
- *Health conditions reported by those surveyed included:*
 - 40.6% High Blood Pressure
 - 36.8% Arthritis
 - 32.8% High Cholesterol
 - 31.9% Overweight/Obesity



Mental Health/Substance Abuse

- *Suicide is one of the top five causes of death for Madison County residents in the following age groups: 0-19 years, 20-39 years, and 40-64 years.*
- *27% of those surveyed have been told they have depression/anxiety.*



Poverty

- *18% of the population is uninsured.*
- *Over half of those surveyed were concerned about limited employment opportunities and unemployment.*
- *The poverty rate, child poverty rate, and elder poverty rate in Madison County is higher than the state rates.*



Child Health

- *21.4% of Mothers smoke during pregnancy.*
- *24.8% of children ages 5-13 years are obese.*
- *69% of survey respondents indicate concern about child abuse and neglect.*



Access to Care

- *Madison County has 5.3 primary care physicians per 10,000, NC has 8.1.*
- *Madison County has 1.9 dentists per 10,000, NC has 4.4*
- *50% of those surveyed who earned <\$25,000 were concerned about availability of health services.*

**The number one concern of those surveyed – !
Affordability of Health Care Services and Lack of Adequate Health Insurance.**