

Resources

Additional Resources: Needs and Resources Assessment

[Beyond Risk: Improving Assessments to Keep People Safer](#), Kinney, Vaughn, & Strand (2000).

This tool encourages child welfare agencies to consult community members when identifying strengths and needs of neighborhoods and families. Includes brief screening measures.

[Community Needs Assessment: Taking the Pulse of Your Community](#)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Laboratory for Community and Economic Development (2002)

Explains reasons for conducting a community needs assessment, who should be involved, the steps in conducting the assessment, and where to go for help.

Minnesota Department of Health – Community Engagement Needs Assessment Fact Sheets available at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/communityeng/needs/needs.html>

The Fact Sheets provide instructions on how to conduct focus groups, key informant interviews, surveys, community forums and hearings, and community resource inventories.

The Asset-Based Community Development Institute available at <http://www.northwestern.edu/ipr/abcd.html>

This organization produces resources and tools for communities to identify, nurture, and mobilize community assets.

The Community Tool Box available at http://ctb.ku.edu/tools/en/chapter_1003.htm

The Tool Box provides over 6,000 pages of practical skill-building information on over 250 different topics. This link takes you to a chapter on “Assessing Community Needs and Resources”.

The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Data Resource Center available at <http://www.jrsa.org/dvsa-drc/index.html>

This website provides information on how data about domestic violence and sexual assault are collected and used in the states.

The Needs Assessment Kit, Altschuld, J. and Eastman, Jr., J.N.(Eds.) (2010). SAGE Publications, Inc.

This kit is a set of 5 interrelated and sequenced books that take the reader through the needs assessment (NA) process. The volumes explain how to implement an assessment and explain how to identify and prioritize needs.

The Search Institute available at <http://www.search-institute.org/>

This organization identified 40 Developmental Assets which are positive experiences and personal qualities that young people need to grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

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