Community Forum on Poverty

Facilitated by the Community Building Institute
June 20 – June 24 – June 25
Open House
Presentation
CAA Assessment

- **Population** Analysis
- **Program** review
- Client and Parent **surveys**
- Client, Service Provider, and Community **Focus Groups**
- * **Community Forums**
- **Report** *(Fall 2015)*
CAA Mission

• To act as an **advocate, provider** and **facilitator** for the full range of public and private resources, programs and policies which give low- to moderate-income individuals the **opportunity to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families and their communities.**
• Suburban HC higher % of seniors and children than Cincinnati
• Cincinnati slightly more White than Black
• Suburban HC higher % White
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Families in Poverty

- About 40% of Cincinnati families live below 200% of poverty level (economic self-sufficiency)
- Families in poverty are mostly headed by females
Children 0 - 4 in poverty

- Children 0 - 4:
  - 1 in 2 in poverty in Cincinnati
  - 1 in 5 in poverty in Suburban HC

- About 70% of Black children 0 - 4 in Cincinnati are in poverty
Percent in Poverty, 2012

- < 7.5%
- 7.5% - 15%
- 15% - 30%
- 30% - 50%
- > 50%
- n/a

United States overall = 14.9% in 2012
(12.4% in 2000)

Data Source: US Census Bureau 2000 SF3, 2012 American Community Survey 5-yr Estimates
Percent Children Under 5 in Poverty, 2000

- < 12%
- 12% - 24%
- 24% - 48%
- 48% - 72%
- > 72%
- n/a

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Unemployment

- While unemployment rate is going down, poverty remains persistent

Data Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally unadjusted annual average unemployment (March, 2015); SAIPE Poverty Rate Data (2006-2013)
Transportation

Mode of Transportation
In Hamilton County and nationwide, most people drive a car to work. There is, however, a higher percentage of commuter that takes public transportation in Hamilton County and Cincinnati than in Ohio overall.

- Most get to work with a car
- 22% of Cincinnati households do not have a car (follows poverty concentration geographically)
Surveys Collected

• 1,392 surveys collected

• What basic needs went unmet?
  • Transportation (24%), rent or mortgage payment (17%), dental care (15%), food (14%)

• What makes it difficult to access services?
  • Money (50%), transportation (31%), time (28%)
Causes of Poverty

• Top 3 Causes
  • Not enough jobs
  • Lack of education
  • Low motivation

• Mostly consistent across programs
Community Needs

- Top 3 Needs
  - Job training
  - After-school programs
  - Educational improvement

- Mostly consistent across programs
2013 - 2014
Total HS/EHS Families
- 0 - 25
- 26 - 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 200
- > 200

Community Building Institute
Breakout Session
Brainstorming Topics

• Based on data, surveys, focus groups
• 7 TOPICS
• Topics address BIG question: How can we, as a community, improve the quality of life of those living in poverty?
TOPIC #1

How might we better deliver services to meet people where they live in communities?
TOPIC #2

How might we better connect residents to jobs, services, education and the things they need without the use of a car?
TOPIC #3

How might we combat the welfare cliff?
TOPIC #4

How might we support the whole family (kids, parents, grandparents)?
TOPIC #5

How might we approach generational poverty differently than urban poverty differently than situational poverty?
TOPIC #6

How might we change service delivery if mental health and addressing stress were our top priority?
TOPIC #7

How might we approach poverty differently in suburban Hamilton County than in the City of Cincinnati?
Breakout Discussion

• Pick a facilitator
• Pick 2 TOPICS
• Spend about 12 minutes on each TOPIC
• Pick a volunteer to report out
Report Out
Wrap-up and Next Steps