

**Livingston County Community Assessment Survey: Winter 2019**

Instructions

The Livingston County Community Initiatives Council is conducting a survey to help us better understand the needs and strengths of our community. We are interested in your thoughts on poverty and people in need in Livingston County. The survey takes only a few minutes to complete, and your responses are 100% anonymous. The findings from this survey will become part of the 2019 Livingston County Community Assessment and will help us to direct funding to programs.

*Please return this survey to Livingston County Government Center - Workforce Development Room 105, Geneseo, NY 14454 by February 15, 2019.*

**Thank you!**

If you prefer to complete this survey online, please visit:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QMN38DG>

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**Section 1:Needs**

Based on your experiences and/or those of your friends and family, tell us what you believe are the three biggest problems facing families in **Livingston County**. Put a “1” next to the biggest problem, a “2” next to the second biggest problem, and a “3” by the third biggest problem.

- A. Not enough food (See A on page 2)
- B. Housing costs are too high (See B on page 2)
- C. Lack of good work paying a liveable wage (See C on page 2)
- D. Lack of education (See D on page 2)
- E. Unhealthy neighborhoods(See E on page 2)
- F. Discrimination (See F on page 2)
- G. Poor health (See G on page 2)

## Section 2: Specific Needs

Please find the three problems you selected in Section 1 (above) in the list below. Place a check mark in the box next to the specific problems you or your friends and family have had. (*check all that apply*)

### A. Not enough food

- Not enough money to purchase food
- Not enough time to shop for or cook food
- The kinds of food we like are not available
- Too hard to get to the store
- Don't have working appliances for food storage or preparation
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Housing costs are too high

- Rent is too high
- Mortgage payment is too high
- Utility costs are too high
- House is not energy efficient
- House needs too many repairs
- Affordable housing is too far from employment opportunities
- Offender status makes it hard to find housing
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Lack of good work paying a liveable wage

- Don't have the technical skills to find work
- Don't have the soft skills to keep a job (e.g., good communication skills, appropriate clothing, etc.)
- Offender status makes it hard to get a job
- Don't have personal transportation to get to work
- Don't have access to public transportation to get to work
- Don't have affordable child care/pre-school programming to allow me to work
- Jobs don't pay enough
- Jobs don't give enough hours
- Jobs don't come with benefits (e.g., health insurance, sick time, etc.)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### D. Lack of education

- Don't have high school education or equivalent
- Don't speak English fluently enough to participate in educational opportunities
- Post-secondary education programs (e.g. Associate's, Bachelor's Degrees, Vocational Certificates) are too expensive
- Available post-secondary programming is not relevant to the local job market
- Limited number of affordable trade/technical training opportunities
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### E. Unhealthy neighborhoods

- High crime rates
- Road and sidewalks are not well maintained
- No available recreational spaces (e.g., parks, bike paths, etc.)
- Abandoned buildings/properties
- Domestic violence
- Bullying
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### F. Discrimination

- Cultural groups are discriminated against
- Low-income individuals and families are discriminated against
- People with different lifestyles are discriminated against
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### G. Poor health

- Health insurance is too expensive
- The enrollment process for health insurance is too complicated
- There aren't enough primary care providers
- Wait times for appointments with primary care providers are too long
- Copays are too expensive for visits with primary care providers
- There aren't enough primary care providers who speak my language/understand my culture
- There aren't enough mental health and substance abuse providers
- Wait times for appointments with mental health and substance abuse providers are too long
- Copays are too expensive for visits with mental health and substance abuse providers
- There aren't enough mental health and substance abuse providers who speak my language/understand my culture
- There aren't enough dentists
- Wait times for appointments with dentists are too long
- Copays are too expensive for visits with dentists
- There aren't enough dentists who speak my language/understand my culture
- I don't have transportation to health care appointments
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3: Youth & Seniors**

Based on your experiences and/or those of your friends and family, please mark the boxes next to the biggest challenges facing youth and seniors in Livingston County. (select all that apply)

**Youth**

- Lack of before/after school opportunities
- Lack of summer education/recreation opportunities
- Lack of homework assistance
- Dropout
- Lack of jobs especially for youth
- Teen pregnancy
- Lack of support for parenting teens
- Alcohol abuse
- Other drug abuse
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seniors**

- Isolation
- Lack of social opportunities
- Lack of in-home care services
- Medical expenses
- Poor nutrition
- Lack of support for caregiving family members
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4: Other Needs**

A. Do you or your family have significant needs which are not listed above and which are not being addressed in the community?

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**Section 5: Community Strengths and Assets**

In this section, we want you to tell us what our community does well and where you have found support in the community.

A. What are the greatest strengths of our community? (select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-able, bike-able community   | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to affordable, healthy food (fresh fruits, vegetables)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to affordable housing for everyone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet access for all   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to health care for everyone, including mental health, substance abuse, and dental | <input type="checkbox"/> Good paying jobs and a healthy economy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to arts and cultural events   | <input type="checkbox"/> Living in a friendly community  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local 24-hour police, fire and rescue services   | <input type="checkbox"/> Low crime   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet basic needs of everyone (food, shelter, clothing)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Low violence (domestic, elder, child)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Well prepared for emergencies  | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs, activities and support for <i>youth and teens</i> during non-school hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social and cultural diversity is appreciated by community members                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs, activities & support for the <i>senior community</i>                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to parks and recreation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe neighborhoods  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High quality education for our youth   | <input type="checkbox"/> Services and support for everyone needing help during times of stress and crisis    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to high quality post-secondary education for young adults and adults              | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living in a clean and healthy environment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other(s): _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working toward an end to homelessness  |  |

B. Several community groups and institutions in Livingston County currently offer programs to help at-risk populations. Please look through the list below and tell us which, if any, of these programs you had heard of before this survey.

- Catholic Charities of Livingston County (Help\*Works Program)
- Chances & Changes (Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter)
- Geneseo Parish Outreach (low cost and free medical and dental aid)
- Noyes Memorial Hospital Lifeline program for the Elderly & Disabled
- Livingston County Workforce Development (Financial assistance for CNA Training)
- I have not heard of any of these programs

C. Which, if any, of these programs have you or a member of your household used:

- Catholic Charities of Livingston County (Help\*Works Program)
- Chances & Changes (Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter)
- Geneseo Parish Outreach (low cost and free medical and dental aid)
- Noyes Memorial Hospital Lifeline program for the Elderly & Disabled
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### Section 6: Demographics

The following information about you will help us compare the opinions and experiences of different groups of community members.

A. What is your gender?  Male  Female  Transgender  Other

B. What is your race:  White  Black/African American  American Indian or Native Alaskan  Asian  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  Multi-Racial  Other

C. What is your ethnicity:  Hispanic  Non-Hispanic

D. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

E. In what village or town do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

F. How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

G. What is your household's approximate annual income before taxes? \_\_\_\_\_