



Community Needs Assessment 2006

The Youth Grant Allocation Board, upon direction from staff from The Community Foundation of South Alabama, performed a rudimentary assessment during the month of November, 2006. Members were directed to call several nonprofit agencies, visit friendly neighborhoods, interview community leaders, review other needs assessments and write down their own observations. Members were given a script with five questions to use in the survey and were also given a list of over 500 nonprofit organizations located within Baldwin, Escambia and Mobile Counties that were grouped by mission. Members selected their own areas of interest and several nonprofits with various missions to call. CFSA staff kept a record of who was calling which nonprofit to avoid over duplication of efforts. Nonprofits within all seven mission areas were selected.

The following questions and answers were given in their survey:

1. What top 3 problems do you see in your county?
Answers: affordable housing and medication for seniors, education, drug use, poverty, homelessness, transportation, health, insufficient planning of transportation.
2. Which areas of your county appear to need more help?
Answers: Prichard, N. Baldwin Co., S. Mobile Co., rural Escambia
3. What group of people do you think are lacking the most services? (children, teens, seniors, minorities, disabled, other)
Answers: Elderly, low income, teens, children
4. What are the greatest needs of these groups:
 - Infants/children
 - Teens
 - Adults
 - seniors**Answers: Seniors: transportation, financial aid, long term care;
Adults: affordable housing
Children: education to break a downward cycle, recreation, teen agencies**
5. Do you have any suggestions as to solutions for any of these problems?
Answers: collaboration, pilot program, money, community involvement, mentoring, financial aid, awareness, medical aid