

United Way of Monmouth County Community Leaders Survey

Early Childhood Education

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't Know		Response Count
Quality child care	3	1.4%	12	5.8%	60	29.0%	114	55.1%	18	8.7%	207
Quality preschool	6	3.0%	23	11.6%	63	31.8%	86	43.4%	20	10.1%	198
Affordable child care	1	0.5%	8	3.8%	47	22.5%	138	66.0%	15	7.2%	209
Affordable preschool	3	1.4%	21	10.1%	62	30.0%	101	48.8%	20	9.7%	207
Other (please specify)										12	
										<i>answered question</i>	210
										<i>skipped question</i>	7

Other (please specify)

Affordable aftercare for working parents with transportation provided
State mandated pre-school in distressed communities lessens the severity of this initiative.
If child care and preschool are not affordable -- parents may not be able to send children, decreasing the earning potential for the family.
other youth development programs
families should know that their children are safe and being taken care of, educated... without worry; I dont know of many affordable, quality programs for child care and pre school - much is either expensive for good care & education or less expensive lower quality
safe
Affordable and quality health care
State Mandated preschool by school districts in the next few years will impact this category
choice in schools . we need vouchers
As a working mother of two in daycare, I can't imagine how a family with less money could possibly afford childcare in this state.
All of the above are very serious
Full Day Kindergarten with programs teaching a second language and sign language

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Academic Achievement

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Elementary school academic	1	0.5%	21	10.2%	77	37.6%	93	45.4%	13	6.3%	205
Middle school academic performance	2	1.0%	16	8.0%	69	34.3%	100	49.8%	14	7.0%	201
High school academic performance	1	0.5%	17	8.3%	62	30.4%	115	56.4%	9	4.4%	204
Graduation from high school	2	1.0%	14	6.9%	48	23.5%	131	64.2%	9	4.4%	204
School drop out	3	1.5%	15	7.4%	48	23.5%	119	58.3%	19	9.3%	204
Transition from school to employment	3	1.5%	9	4.4%	61	29.8%	117	57.1%	15	7.3%	205
Truancy	4	2.0%	25	12.5%	65	32.5%	69	34.5%	37	18.5%	200
Other (please specify)										11	
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										skipped question	12

Other (please specify)

Currently, Asbury Park has the worst educational system in the State of NJ
We are training the next generation to be able to compete in a global marketplace -- they should be prepared and ready.
Problem is by school district not by county
education has lowered standards - children are getting higher standards in private schools; this causes problems for employers. The drop out rate in communities with lower incomes is too high. Traditional schools do not have alternative programs within the schools to make teaching methodology different for the needs of their students
Spec. Ed for those who require these services
Lack of teaching of practical skills
This is related to specific communities in the county, the Abbott districts in particular, and is very serious in some.
Comments relate to particular schools....many schools do well in these areas
school choice, waste in BOE budgets ,
All of the above are very serious
Concern is w/ certain high risk towns / teens who do not succeed in school

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Student Environment

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count	
Delinquency prevention or diversion	0	0.0%	10	4.9%	74	36.1%	101	49.3%	20	9.8%	205	
Parent involvement	0	0.0%	6	2.9%	57	27.9%	130	63.7%	11	5.4%	204	
Recreation/cultural services for youth	3	1.5%	21	10.2%	87	42.2%	83	40.3%	12	5.8%	206	
Self-esteem	4	1.9%	18	8.7%	63	30.6%	111	53.9%	10	4.9%	206	
Substance/alcohol abuse in school	1	0.5%	7	3.4%	55	26.7%	129	62.6%	14	6.8%	206	
Violence in school	2	1.0%	16	8.0%	61	30.3%	105	52.2%	17	8.5%	201	
Bullying	0	0.0%	9	4.5%	54	26.9%	119	59.2%	19	9.5%	201	
Gang prevention	0	0.0%	7	3.4%	47	22.8%	139	67.5%	13	6.3%	206	
After school programs	3	1.5%	12	5.9%	83	40.5%	89	43.4%	18	8.8%	205	
Summer programs/camps	5	2.4%	31	15.1%	82	40.0%	72	35.1%	15	7.3%	205	
Teen pregnancy	2	1.0%	20	9.7%	70	34.0%	95	46.1%	19	9.2%	206	
Other (please specify)											8	
											<i>answered question</i>	208
											<i>skipped question</i>	9

Other (please specify)

Violence outside of school is a very serious concern

FREE summer programs and camps, single parents cant afford them

Again by school district and community Not universal problems

Many of these issues vary by school district

school prayer

All of the above are very serious

Focus on prevention esp. in high risk areas of county

teen age driving safety suicide prevention

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Basic Needs

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Utility-bill assistance	2	1.0%	21	10.4%	88	43.8%	75	37.3%	15	7.5%	201
Emergency food	3	1.5%	9	4.5%	69	34.3%	111	55.2%	9	4.5%	201
Congregate/group meals	6	3.0%	38	19.1%	101	50.8%	36	18.1%	18	9.0%	199
Home-delivered meals	4	2.0%	28	13.9%	99	49.0%	48	23.8%	23	11.4%	202
Clothing	7	3.5%	48	24.2%	92	46.5%	39	19.7%	12	6.1%	198
Furniture	7	3.5%	67	33.3%	92	45.8%	13	6.5%	22	10.9%	201
Legal services	11	5.4%	41	20.3%	88	43.6%	45	22.3%	17	8.4%	202
Other (please specify)											6
<i>answered question</i>											204
<i>skipped question</i>											13

Other (please specify)

Transportation to services as well as telephone/computer access to enlist services

Affordable housing - Very serious

Rental assistance, health insurance

emergency food, legal services, and utility-bill svcs. are very serious

Emergency assistance and legal services continue to be crucial for many in the county

Low-income/homeless people placed in motels/boarding homes regularly lose belongings due to bed bug epidemic.

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Income/Employment

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response
Budget or credit counseling	3	1.5%	16	7.9%	90	44.6%	86	42.6%	7	3.5%	202
Consumer/asset protection	5	2.5%	37	18.6%	90	45.2%	52	26.1%	15	7.5%	199
Employment counseling or placement	3	1.5%	11	5.4%	100	49.5%	81	40.1%	7	3.5%	202
Employment training	3	1.5%	16	8.0%	86	42.8%	92	45.8%	4	2.0%	201
English language training	6	3.0%	23	11.5%	91	45.5%	70	35.0%	10	5.0%	200
Financial assistance	3	1.5%	22	11.1%	84	42.2%	80	40.2%	10	5.0%	199
Literacy training/education programs	3	1.5%	21	10.6%	89	44.7%	82	41.2%	4	2.0%	199
Tax preparation assistance	14	7.0%	61	30.7%	82	41.2%	24	12.1%	18	9.0%	199
Vocational rehabilitation	5	2.5%	29	14.6%	94	47.2%	56	28.1%	15	7.5%	199
Other (please specify)											5
										<i>answered question</i>	202
										<i>skipped question</i>	15

Other (please specify)

Accessible affordable dependable transportation - especially for those with disabilities.

For few, very serious

Job coaching to get and hold a job; savings programs; debt repayment programs

budget and employment counseling are very serious as well as vocational rehab

What programs are avail to people coming out of jail/prison - I have not been able to found any and I have people who are looking for jobs.

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Housing

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Affordable housing	4	2.0%	8	4.0%	47	23.3%	143	70.8%	0	0.0%	202
Short-term/emergency shelter	2	1.0%	17	8.4%	61	30.2%	107	53.0%	15	7.4%	202
Transitional housing	5	2.5%	22	11.2%	69	35.0%	78	39.6%	23	11.7%	197
Supportive housing	3	1.5%	19	9.5%	58	28.9%	97	48.3%	24	11.9%	201
Housing for people who are mentally ill	3	1.5%	10	5.0%	64	31.7%	115	56.9%	10	5.0%	202
Housing for people with disabilities	2	1.0%	13	6.5%	67	33.3%	111	55.2%	8	4.0%	201
Housing for seniors	2	1.0%	31	15.5%	82	41.0%	76	38.0%	9	4.5%	200
Housing rehabilitation or repair	3	1.5%	24	12.0%	95	47.5%	61	30.5%	17	8.5%	200
Rent/mortgage assistance	3	1.5%	20	9.9%	81	40.1%	89	44.1%	9	4.5%	202
Other (please specify)										9	
										<i>answered question</i>	202
										<i>skipped question</i>	15

Other (please specify)

Safe housing for those that are elderly &/or have disabilities

Housing for people w/disabilities judged as somewhat serious for those with true physical disabilities.

We should be providing supportive housing noit transitional housing

Housing and resources for ex-offenders

Rent subsidy solves many problems; concern with separation of people into disability groups.

Home purchase programs (Individual Development Accounts); home maintenance education

All of the above are very serious

Core services for the at risk in Monmouth County

Supportive housing should include a broader base - not just for people with disabilities. Homeless families transitioned into housing also need supportive housing services

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Abuse/Neglect

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Child abuse/neglect	0	0.0%	9	4.6%	58	29.7%	118	60.5%	10	5.1%	195
Family & relationship violence	1	0.5%	8	4.1%	66	33.8%	110	56.4%	10	5.1%	195
Services for victims of rape/sexual abuse	2	1.0%	17	8.8%	60	30.9%	102	52.6%	13	6.7%	194
Elder abuse/neglect	0	0.0%	18	9.4%	65	34.0%	87	45.5%	21	11.0%	191
Other (please specify)											7
										<i>answered question</i>	195
										<i>skipped question</i>	22

Other (please specify)

People who have mental/cognitive disabilities - protection from abuse by care takers

Shut-in Elderly

If you are wrestling with these problems, very serious. How many people?

New County Child Advocacy Center will address some of these needs

All of the above are very serious

very serious about the needs of children in foster care

help for children in out-of-home placement

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Maternal and Infant Health

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Infant health	2	1.1%	25	13.2%	61	32.3%	83	43.9%	18	9.5%	189
Parent education/support	1	0.5%	24	12.6%	71	37.2%	80	41.9%	15	7.9%	191
Prenatal care/maternal health	2	1.1%	29	15.3%	71	37.4%	72	37.9%	16	8.4%	190
Postpartum depression	2	1.0%	34	17.8%	72	37.7%	57	29.8%	26	13.6%	191
Family planning services	4	2.1%	33	17.4%	66	34.7%	70	36.8%	17	8.9%	190
Other (please specify)										6	
										<i>answered question</i>	192
										<i>skipped question</i>	25

Other (please specify)

Transportation

Again - are we talking about how serious the problem, or how many people are involved?

Individual coaching for personalizing family planning or healthy parenting style

infant health, prenatal care and parent education are very imp.

There are many who do not get care,

The bigger question I believe is how to connect individuals with existing services

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Mental Health

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Emergency/crisis services	2	1.0%	15	7.7%	55	28.4%	112	57.7%	10	5.2%	194
Mental health counseling	1	0.5%	15	7.8%	72	37.3%	97	50.3%	8	4.1%	193
Mental health treatment	1	0.5%	15	7.8%	68	35.2%	101	52.3%	8	4.1%	193
Respite care	0	0.0%	18	9.5%	69	36.5%	76	40.2%	26	13.8%	189
Other (please specify)										9	
										<i>answered question</i>	194
										<i>skipped question</i>	23

Other (please specify)

Education to caretakers as to how to successfully access mh services especially during crisis - police do come but often do not know how to help the family & person other than arresting, jail etc. Followup & care are mandatory in order to stop the cycle. MMC & LBPD are examples of not working together - with follow up, care and preventative measures to caretakers/families to stop the repeat cycle.

Mental Health treatment and respite care are judged not very serious, because I feel there is adequate care via current social services system.

hospice is wonderful but not always all aspects of it is known - i think many people dont have the bigger picture as to what they do

Wellness and recovery programs; peer to peer programs; self-help programs; coaching; back to work programs; financial literacy and anti-poverty incentive programs

Individual coaching for wellness recovery crisis planning

All of the above are very serious

Availability of these services for low income/welfare population is lacking especially for people taking care of the elderly (respite care)

There is nowhere near enough therapists/psychiatrists and/or quality day treatment programs to meet the need.

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People with Disabilities

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Employment	3	1.5%	16	8.2%	74	38.1%	74	38.1%	27	13.9%	194
Mental health	2	1.0%	18	9.2%	69	35.4%	80	41.0%	26	13.3%	195
Physical health	2	1.0%	21	10.8%	73	37.6%	70	36.1%	28	14.4%	194
Social/recreational	3	1.5%	27	13.9%	82	42.3%	53	27.3%	29	14.9%	194
Transportation	2	1.1%	18	9.7%	64	34.6%	78	42.2%	23	12.4%	185
Respite care	0	0.0%	20	10.4%	71	36.8%	64	33.2%	38	19.7%	193
Home health care	2	1.0%	24	12.4%	72	37.3%	67	34.7%	28	14.5%	193
Adult day programming	2	1.0%	24	12.3%	79	40.5%	61	31.3%	29	14.9%	195
Other (please specify)										2	
										<i>answered question</i>	195
										<i>skipped question</i>	22

Other (please specify)

Housing is a major issue for people with disabilities - especially those with dual diagnosis of mental health. Waiting lists are YEARS long - some families do not have years left, they need help now. Other than abandoning your adult child there is little or no immediate help available.

All of the above are very serious

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People with Mental Illness

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Employment	3	1.6%	16	8.3%	74	38.3%	69	35.8%	31	16.1%	193
Mental health	5	2.6%	15	7.7%	59	30.3%	87	44.6%	29	14.9%	195
Physical health	3	1.6%	19	9.9%	77	40.3%	60	31.4%	32	16.8%	191
Social/recreational	3	1.5%	25	12.9%	79	40.7%	55	28.4%	32	16.5%	194
Transportation	2	1.1%	14	7.7%	60	33.1%	76	42.0%	29	16.0%	181
Respite care	2	1.0%	18	9.2%	74	37.9%	62	31.8%	39	20.0%	195
Home health care	4	2.1%	27	13.9%	68	35.1%	59	30.4%	36	18.6%	194
Adult day programming	3	1.5%	18	9.2%	77	39.5%	66	33.8%	31	15.9%	195
Other (please specify)										5	
										<i>answered question</i>	195
										<i>skipped question</i>	22

Other (please specify)

Affordable safe transportation and housing remain a major barrier. Those areas that housing maybe affordable are not safe for the general population never mind someone who has a mental illness as they are at greater risk.

Wellness and recovery programs; peer to peer programs; self-help programs; coaching; back to work programs; financial literacy and anti-poverty incentive programs

Individual coaching to achieve a healthy balanced lifestyle

All of the above are very serious

Mental health supportive housing (permanent) is crucial.

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Physical Health

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Cancer	2	1.0%	13	6.7%	69	35.6%	85	43.8%	25	12.9%	194
Dental care	3	1.5%	24	12.4%	79	40.7%	77	39.7%	11	5.7%	194
Emergency medical care	11	5.6%	27	13.8%	60	30.8%	81	41.5%	16	8.2%	195
Health care coverage/insurance	2	1.0%	10	5.2%	35	18.1%	137	71.0%	9	4.7%	193
Heart disease	3	1.5%	21	10.8%	68	35.1%	72	37.1%	30	15.5%	194
HIV/AIDS	2	1.0%	28	14.7%	63	33.0%	70	36.6%	28	14.7%	191
Home health care	1	0.5%	24	12.5%	82	42.7%	64	33.3%	21	10.9%	192
Nutrition counseling	7	3.6%	44	22.7%	79	40.7%	53	27.3%	11	5.7%	194
Obesity-adult	3	1.6%	26	13.5%	79	40.9%	72	37.3%	13	6.7%	193
Obesity-child	1	0.5%	17	8.8%	61	31.4%	105	54.1%	10	5.2%	194
Prescription assistance	1	0.5%	15	7.8%	63	32.8%	100	52.1%	13	6.8%	192
Preventative health care	2	1.0%	20	10.3%	70	36.1%	92	47.4%	10	5.2%	194
Regular/timely medical care	1	0.5%	20	10.3%	77	39.7%	85	43.8%	11	5.7%	194
Alzheimer's Disease	1	0.5%	18	9.4%	71	37.2%	71	37.2%	30	15.7%	191
Other (please specify)										2	
										<i>answered question</i>	195
										<i>skipped question</i>	22

Other (please specify)

Although it is difficult to find a medical dr that accepts medicaid/care, it is even more difficult to find affordable dep

All of the above are somewhat serious

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Seniors

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Mental health	1	0.5%	18	9.3%	84	43.5%	64	33.2%	26	13.5%	193
Physical health	2	1.0%	21	10.9%	80	41.7%	63	32.8%	26	13.5%	192
Social/recreational	4	2.1%	34	17.6%	85	44.0%	45	23.3%	25	13.0%	193
Transportation	2	1.0%	18	9.3%	73	37.8%	79	40.9%	21	10.9%	193
Respite care	2	1.0%	23	12.0%	71	37.2%	63	33.0%	32	16.8%	191
Home health care	1	0.5%	20	10.4%	80	41.5%	68	35.2%	24	12.4%	193
Adult day programming	2	1.0%	29	15.0%	88	45.6%	48	24.9%	26	13.5%	193
Other (please specify)											3
										<i>answered question</i>	193
										<i>skipped question</i>	24

Other (please specify)

Communication with caregivers needs to improve. If an elderly parent is being cared for by their adult children who work, effective communication with the dr, visiting nurse, aid, etc needs improvement to ensure followup and proper care.

We have excellent services - do people know about them?

All of the above are very serious

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Substance Abuse

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Alcohol abuse-adult	1	0.5%	17	8.8%	71	36.6%	93	47.9%	12	6.2%	194
Alcohol abuse-youth	0	0.0%	9	4.6%	53	27.3%	122	62.9%	10	5.2%	194
Substance abuse-adult	1	0.5%	18	9.2%	65	33.3%	99	50.8%	12	6.2%	195
Substance abuse-youth	0	0.0%	8	4.1%	47	24.2%	129	66.5%	10	5.2%	194
Tobacco use-adult	7	3.6%	36	18.5%	84	43.1%	55	28.2%	13	6.7%	195
Tobacco use-youth	4	2.1%	21	10.9%	70	36.3%	87	45.1%	11	5.7%	193
Other (please specify)											4
										<i>answered question</i>	195
										<i>skipped question</i>	22

Other (please specify)

And we will all wear halos.

All of the above are somewhat serious

Difficult to find openings for treatment

Substance abuse treatment in nearly all cases must be coordinated with mental health counseling/treatment.

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For each of the following barriers that might prevent people from using existing services, please indicate your view of how serious this barrier is for people in Monmouth County.

Answer Options	Not at all serious		Not very serious		Somewhat serious		Very serious		Don't know		Response Count
Cost/affordability	1	0.5%	11	5.9%	63	33.5%	109	58.0%	4	2.1%	188
Eligibility restrictions	0	0.0%	27	14.4%	93	49.7%	52	27.8%	15	8.0%	187
Inconvenient hours of operation	6	3.2%	52	27.5%	79	41.8%	28	14.8%	24	12.7%	189
Inconvenient locations	2	1.1%	44	23.7%	76	40.9%	45	24.2%	19	10.2%	186
Information/knowledge of services	4	2.1%	19	10.1%	74	39.2%	79	41.8%	13	6.9%	189
Lack of access for people with disabilities	7	3.7%	33	17.6%	70	37.2%	45	23.9%	33	17.6%	188
Lack of child care	3	1.6%	25	13.4%	73	39.0%	64	34.2%	22	11.8%	187
Language	5	2.7%	32	17.0%	84	44.7%	42	22.3%	25	13.3%	188
Stigma	7	3.7%	43	22.9%	68	36.2%	46	24.5%	24	12.8%	188
Transportation	2	1.1%	17	9.0%	72	38.3%	79	42.0%	18	9.6%	188
Wait for services	7	3.7%	34	18.0%	74	39.2%	50	26.5%	24	12.7%	189
Telephone access	16	8.6%	67	35.8%	59	31.6%	20	10.7%	25	13.4%	187
Computer access	10	5.3%	57	30.3%	70	37.2%	23	12.2%	28	14.9%	188
Lack of funding	0	0.0%	14	7.6%	41	22.2%	114	61.6%	16	8.6%	185
Other (please specify)											2
										answered question	191
										skipped question	26

Other (please specify)

Cost/Affordability and lack of funding are very serious.

Many of our clients report that they are turned away from Social Services without having the chance to file an application. They're just told they don't qualify. In many cases, however, they do qualify. And the only way to show that is to appeal a written denial from the agency; but the agency doesn't take the application so there's no written denial. It's a basic and chronic due process violation in Monmouth County.

United Way of Monmouth County Community Leaders Survey

Please select the box that best describes your organization

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Nonprofit agency	67.1%	106
Government agency	12.0%	19
Private/for profit agency	3.2%	5
Corportation	10.8%	17
Not applicable/individual	8.2%	13
<i>answered question</i>		158
<i>skipped question</i>		59