

# Cooper Early Education Center

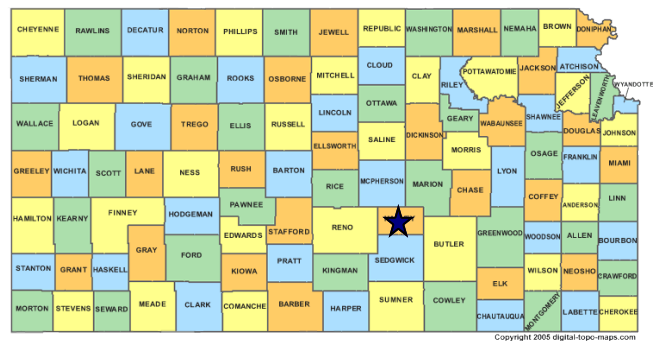
# Harvey County 2017 Harvey County Community Needs Assessment

## Areas of Assessment:

- General, Economic & Social Demographics
- Transportation
- Health, Mental Health, Dental Health & Nutrition
- Childcare/Early Education
- Disabilities
- Community Resources
- Community & Parent Survey Results

## Purpose

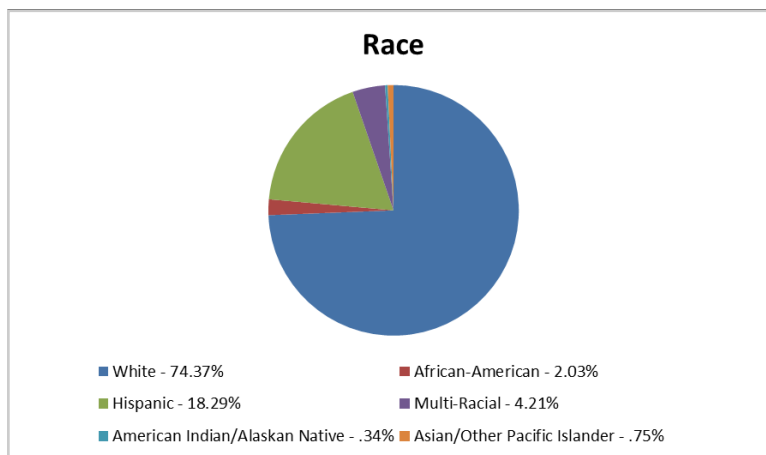
The purpose of the 2017 Harvey County Needs Assessment is to develop a strategic plan for the Head Start program at Cooper Early Education Center that will best serve and support the interests of the communities of Harvey County. The shared goal is to promote the program's success in serving the children and families throughout the county.



## Harvey County Demographics

### General:

Total Population (2015)	<b>34,820</b>
0 - 5 Year Olds (2015)	<b>6.7%</b>
18 Years and Older (2015)	<b>74.8%</b>
Median Age (2015)	<b>39</b>
Average Family Size (2015)	<b>3</b>



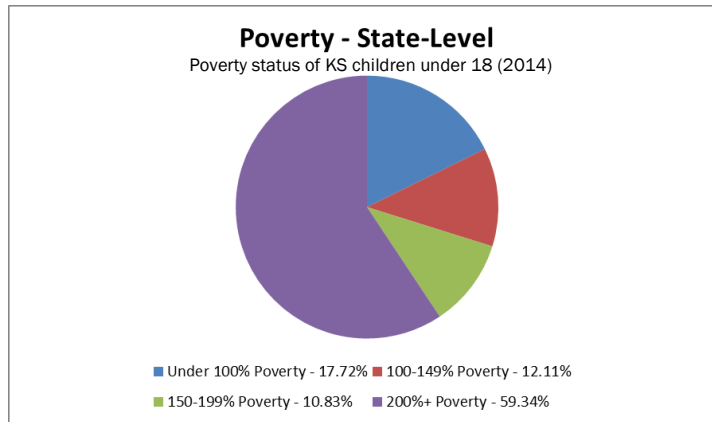
### Housing:

Total Household Population (2015)	<b>33,373</b>
Average Household Size (2015)	<b>2.47</b>
Owner Occupied Housing (2010)	<b>9480</b>
Renter Occupied Housing (2010)	<b>3831</b>
Subsidized Units (2010)	<b>458</b>

## Harvey County Demographics (cont'd)

### Economic:

Median Household Income (2015)	<b>\$54,135</b>
Median Family Income (2015)	<b>\$65,599</b>
Per Capita Income (2015)	<b>\$24,453</b>
In Labor Force 16 Years or Older (2015)	<b>63.6%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work (2015)	<b>17.8 Minutes</b>
SNAP Benefits (2014)	<b>1,409 Children</b>
TANF Benefits (2014)	<b>83 Children</b>



**During the 2014-15 school year, 50.83% of Harvey County public school children participated in the free or reduced lunch program. During the 2015-16 school year, 56.3% of USD 373 students participated in the free or reduced lunch program.**

### Parents' Employment/ Family Statistics:

% of children under 18 with no parent working 35+ hours/week (State-Level)	<b>24%</b>
% of children under 18 with at least 1 parent working 35+ hours/week (State-Level)	<b>76%</b>
Female (single parent) headed households with children (Harvey County)	<b>1171</b>
Male (single parent) headed households with children (Harvey County)	<b>535</b>
Subsidized Units (2010)	<b>458</b>

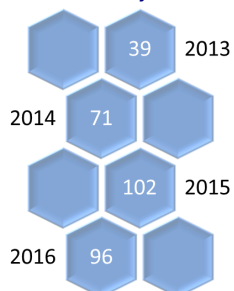
### Social:

High School Graduates (2015)	<b>86.76%</b>
High School Dropouts (2015)	<b>0.98%</b>
BA Degree or Higher (2015)	<b>26.5% of Persons 25 Yrs. +</b>
Homeless Families With Children	<b>USD 373 2014-15 - 13 Homeless Students 2014 - 10,400 Homeless Students in KS Public Schools</b>
Teenage Parents (2014)	<b>26 Live Births, 31 Total Pregnancies</b>
Speak a Language Other Than English At Home 5 Yrs. Or Older (2015)	<b>9.7% (3,137 Individuals) Most Common Language Spoken - Spanish</b>
Foreign Born (2015)	<b>5%</b>

**Grandparents headed 3.4% of households with children in 2015.**

**In 2013, 15.06% of live birth mothers did not have at least a high school diploma.**

**Number of USD 373 Head Start Students Receiving Transportation Services by Year**



## Transportation Services in Harvey County

Transportation services are provided for Head Start students at Cooper Early Education Center managed through USD 373 transportation staff with three buses owned by the Head Start program. Handicap accessible buses are available for those students with special needs.

Training for the transportation staff is provided by district staff on an annual basis. As space is limited on the buses, a screening process has been developed and continues to be strengthened to ensure the families in the most need are granted services first.

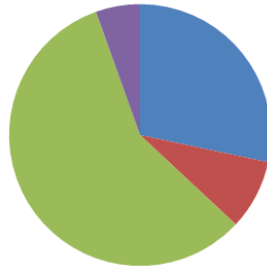
Public transportation services in Harvey County are limited to for-pay taxi services. These taxi services are costly and are not available seven days a week/24 hours a day. The Health Ministries clinic and Prairie View also provide transportation to and from appointments for clients.

# Harvey County Health, Nutrition, Mental Health & Dental Health

## Health Indicators:

Births (2014)	<b>414</b>
Low Birth weight Infants (2015)	<b>7.19% Under 5.5lbs.</b>
Infant Mortality (2015)	<b>7.25%</b>
Births to Teens 15-19 Years (2014)	<b>10% of All Births</b>
Pregnant Women Receiving Pre-natal Care (1st Trimester) (2015)	<b>80.7%</b>
0-3 Year Olds Who Are Immunized (2015)	<b>63% By Age 2</b>
3-5 Year Olds Who Are Immunized	<b>80 - 90%</b>

## Insurance Coverage



**In 2015, 13.1% of Adult Kansas residents smoke cigarettes.**

## Health Information

**Childhood Health Issues**

- Asthma - 8.7% (State-Level)
- Obesity - 12.8% (2-4 Year Olds, State-Level)
- Child Deaths - 0.6% (Harvey County)

**Communicable Diseases/ Diabetes**

- Tuberculosis - 36 Cases (2013, State-Level)
- Diabetes - 6.6% of Adults 18 years + (Harvey County)

Harvey County is home to one hospital, Newton Medical Center and eight medical clinics including two in Hesston, five in Newton and one in Halstead. There are two pediatricians in the county that serve low income families. The Harvey County Health Department located in Newton is also a reliable source of a variety of

health care services including providing WIC services to the community.

Bilingual staff and/or interpreters are available at Newton Medical Center, Via Christi Clinic in Newton, Health Ministries in Newton and the Harvey County Health Department.

In 2010, Newton Medical Center saw 12,164 emergency room visits. This number was down from previous year. This downward trend shows that residents of Harvey County have an increased knowledge of what is appropriate for an ER visit.

**With 80-90% of 3-5 year olds being immunized, Harvey County has a significantly higher rate of immunizations than the state average of 66.70%**

## Harvey County Nutrition Information

There are three supermarkets in Harvey County, two Dillons locations and one Wal-Mart located in Newton. There are also a variety of smaller local grocery retailers in Harvey County - Weaver Grocery in Hesston, Halstead Market in Halstead, as well as four discount/lower priced options

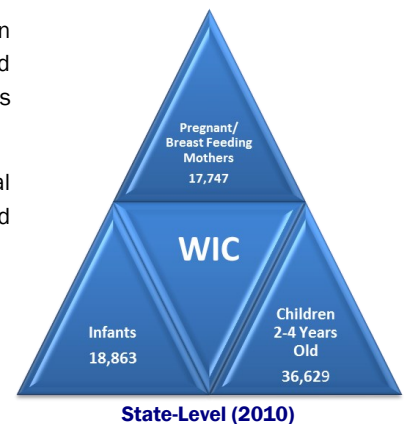
in Newton - Meridian Market, Dollar Tree and two Dollar General locations.

There are twelve fast food restaurant locations in Newton, one in Halstead and two in Hesston.

Newton has two Hispanic food markets and one organic market.

There are no transportation services available for food shopping besides for-pay taxis in Harvey County.

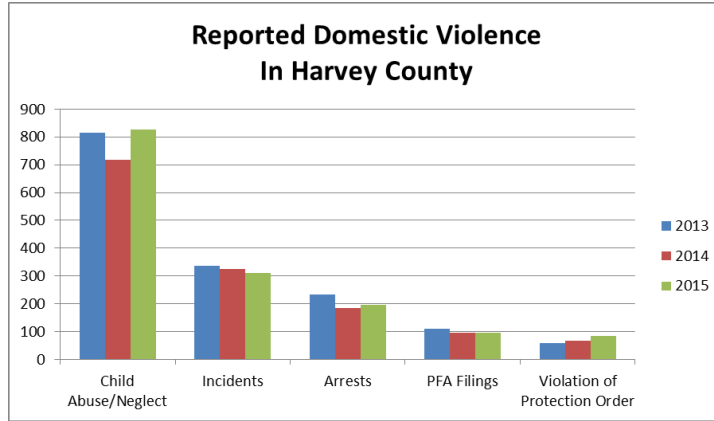
The Salvation Army and several local churches provide food pantry type services.



## Harvey County Mental Health

### Statistics:

- Mental Health Clinics/TX Facilities **8**
- Mental Health Providers Serving Low Income Families **6 Accept Medicaid or Have Sliding Scale**
- Parent Education Programs **2**
- Households with Substance Abuse **15.1% - Alcohol**  
**13.1% - Tobacco**



**In Harvey County, Prairie View provides bilingual staff and/or interpreters for their mental health clients and provides transportation for appointments.**

## Harvey County Dental Health

**16% of K-12 students in Harvey County have obvious dental decay.**

**Families in Harvey County are not strongly encouraged to have their children see a dentist until 4 years of age, unless enrolled in the Cooper Early Education Center Pre-K programs.**

### Statistics:

- Dental Clinics **7**
- Dentists Who Serve Low Income Families **3**
- Households With Fluoride In Water **1.7 Million in Kansas**
- Bilingual Staff/Interpreter **1 Clinic**
- Availability of Transportation to Services **1 Clinic Provides Transportation for Clients**

## Disabilities

Number of 0-5 Year Olds Receiving Services for Exceptionalities by Cooper Early Education Center by Year

0-3 Yrs. Old		3-5 Yrs. Old	
2013-14	80	2013-14	88
2014-15	85	2014-15	90
2015-16	94	2015-16	91
2016-17(YTD)	51	2016-17(YTD)	76

Prevalence of Exceptionalities in Children 5 and Under Served by Cooper Early Education Center

Exceptionality	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (YTD)	
	0-3	3-5	0-3	3-5	0-3	3-5	0-3	3-5
Developmental Delay	80	46	85	63	94	63	51	51
Hearing Impairment	-	4	-	4	-	2	-	-
Other Health Impairment	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	-
Speech Only Walk-In	-	13	-	14	-	16	-	15
Speech Only Preschool	-	23	-	14	-	8	-	9
Traumatic Brain Injury	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Visual Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

## Disabilities (cont'd)

### Early Intervention Programs

Harvey County currently has five early intervention programs for 0-5 year olds: Infant-Toddler Services, Parents as Teachers, State Pre-K (4 year olds), Head Start (3 - 4 year olds) and Early Childhood Special Education.

Program	2015-16				2016-17 (YTD)			
	Number Served	Transportation	Bilingual Staff	Interpreter	Number Served	Transportation	Bilingual Staff	Interpreter
Infant-Toddler Services	94	N	N	Y	51	N	N	Y
Head Start	116	Y	Y	Y	99	Y	Y	Y
Head Start SPED	36	Y	Y	Y	36	Y	Y	Y
Parents as Teachers	93	N	N	Y	62	N	N	Y
Early Childhood Special Education	55	Y	Y	Y	40	Y	Y	Y
State Pre-K	58	Y	Y	Y	61	Y	Y	Y

Prior to July 1, 2016, Parents as Teachers was available to all families with children 0-3 years of age. Due to a change in funding, the program now serves only families meeting at-risk criteria.

## Community Resources & Child Care/Education

**Harvey County Community Resources:**

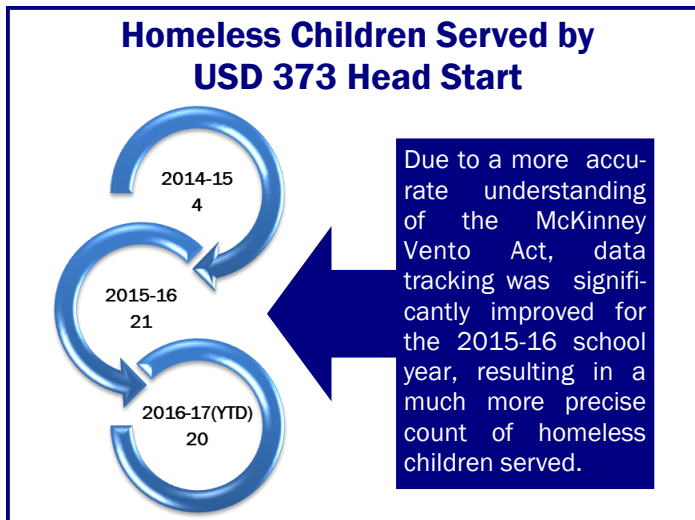
Libraries	3
Book Stores	2
Museums	5
Parks & Playgrounds	12
Recreational Centers	2
Cultural Centers	2
Thrift Shops	4
Crisis Assistance Programs	5
Legal Services	10
Employment Services	2

There are currently 19 child care centers located in Harvey County and 46 other documented family daycare providers. USD 373 and USD 440 partner to provide the only pre-school programs with licensed school teachers. This partnership also provides one of the very few five-day a week pre-school programs in the county.

While other child care centers and providers serve low-income families and accept DCF assistance, Cooper Early Education Center and USD 440 house the only programs in Harvey County that focus their services to low-income, at-risk and special education students for free.

**Family Centered Resources:**

Marriage Promotion Programs	0
Family Preservation Programs	2
Family Support Services	3
Services that Support the Inclusion of Fathers	3



## Community Survey Results

The Community Survey was created to collect information from Harvey County agencies, businesses, community leaders and residents about their role in addressing the needs of Harvey County families. Organizations such as shelters, health providers, childcare centers, churches and public resource providers, along with USD 373 Board of Education members and residents were asked to complete the online survey. Eighteen responses were received. What follows is the aggregate data derived from the survey responses and a summary of the findings.

### In the last year, has your agency seen changes in Harvey County in the following:

	Increase		Decrease		No Change		N/A	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Average Household Income	1	5.56%	10	55.56%	4	22.22%	3	16.67%
Number of Low Income Families Contacting Your Agency	11	61.11%	0	0%	4	22.22%	3	16.67%
Number of Individuals or Families Slightly Over Your Income Guidelines	7	38.89%	1	5.56%	7	38.89%	3	16.67%
Number of Multi-Generational Families You Serve	3	16.67%	0	0%	9	50.00%	6	33.33%
Number of Female Head of Households	5	27.78%	0	0%	7	38.89%	6	33.33%
Number of Teen Pregnancies	5	27.78%	3	16.67%	6	33.33%	4	22.22%
Number of Licensed Childcare Providers	1	5.56%	6	33.33%	6	33.33%	5	27.78%
Job Availability in the Community	0	0%	10	55.56%	4	22.22%	4	22.22%
Drug Abuse in the Community	12	66.67%	0	0%	3	16.67%	3	16.67%
Low Income Housing Availability	1	5.56%	6	33.33%	6	33.33%	5	27.78%
Homelessness	11	61.11%	0	0%	2	11.11%	5	27.78%
Transportation Needs	13	72.22%	0	0%	2	11.11%	3	16.67%
Access to Adequate Health/Dental Care	4	22.22%	5	27.78%	6	33.33%	3	16.67%

***“There is no question that the children receiving educational, health and social services from the blended program at Cooper are much better prepared for kindergarten and a successful K-12 experience than if these services were not available. Cooper’s programs strengthen our community and improve the lives of all of us who live here. Keep up the great work!”***

### Are your services free?

	Response Count	Response %
Yes	9	50.00%
No	7	38.90%
N/A	2	11.10%

### **What do you believe are the community’s strengths when working with low-income family?**

***“Many active churches, homeless shelter, new Goodwill store, active Salvation Army, Head Start program, excellent Health Dept. and Health Ministries programs/staff.”***

***“The coordination of resources among those serving this population. Healthcare options expanded with Health Ministries Clinics’ expansion and transportation for their clients.”***

## Community Survey Responses (cont'd)

### Are your fees based on income?

	Response Count	Response %
Yes	10	55.60%
No	6	33.30%
N/A	2	11.10%

**What other programs/ services do you believe the Head Start program at Cooper could offer to better serve our Community?**

***“Parenting classes - teaching parents the importance of general childcare - hygiene, nutrition, discipline, (respecting adults and rules), basic healthcare, etc.”***

### Do you have a sliding scale based on income?

	Response Count	Response %
Yes	11	61.10%
No	5	27.80%
N/A	2	11.10%

In analyzing the results of the Community Survey, the following concerns and needs of the Harvey County community have been identified:

#### Public Transportation:

Of the responding agencies, 72.22% have seen an increase in transportation needs in the populations they serve. There is no public transportation available in Harvey County with the exception of for-pay taxi services. The taxi services are costly and not available seven days a week/24 hours a day. One health clinic in Newton provides transportation to and from appointments for their clients and one doctor on staff at Prairie View in Newton will make house calls to clients. The need for reliable transportation can affect numerous aspects of everyday life, such as the ability to commute to a job and getting children to school consistently. USD 373, 460 and 440 provide transportation service to families who qualify.

#### Parenting Classes:

The need for parenting classes was brought up repeatedly in the results of the Community Survey. Prairie View in Newton offers eight week group courses and special seminars. The eight week program has a cost of \$12.50 per session which can be billed to insurance if the child is on a Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) waiver. The seminars currently available are grant funded and some scholarships are available. If ineligible for the scholarship, the cost of the seminar is \$99. There are also six week course sessions available throughout the school year at Cooper Early Education Center. The program offered at Cooper has an enrollment/materials charge of \$25 per session and is taught by a licensed social worker. No scholarships are in place for these programs currently. The focus of both of these options is dealing with behaviors, implementing discipline methods, and understanding special needs, common diagnoses and IEPs. One comment from the survey suggested offering classes about how to meet the everyday needs of your child, such as hygiene, nutrition, basic healthcare, etc.

#### Job Availability:

While there are employment agencies in Newton, the majority of the surveyed agencies have seen a decrease in job availability throughout Harvey County (55.56%). Another factor that plays into employment rates in Harvey County is the perceived decrease in licensed childcare providers.

#### Housing:

The results of the survey show a decrease in the availability of low income housing in Harvey County and an increase in homelessness. The decrease in annual household income and job availability correlates to this finding.

There is a great deal of support for the programs at Cooper Early Education Center. Some of the comments reflected an interest in collaborating more with Cooper and working to line up resources throughout the county to provide services to as many families as possible, spreading the benefits out proportionate to need. One agency suggested planning collaborative services earlier in the school year to maximize benefit to Cooper families.

## Parent Survey Results

The Parent Survey was created to collect information from families residing in Harvey County who are currently served at Cooper Early Education Center. An online survey was created and distributed to families via social media, district website and email distribution group. Computers were also available at Cooper for those without internet access. Eighty five responses were received. What follows is the aggregate data derived from the survey responses and a summary of the findings.

### The location of Cooper is convenient for my family.

	Response Count	Response %
Yes	78	91.8%
No	7	8.2%

### My child receives transportation from Head Start.

	Response Count	Response %
Yes	43	50.6%
No	42	49.4%

### My child attends child care before or after their Cooper session.

	Response Count	Response %
Yes	21	24.7%
No	64	75.3%

Comments pertaining to this question reflected that many families rely on other family members to provide child care before and/or after their pre-school session at Cooper.

### Information provided by Cooper includes material specifically for fathers.

	Response Count	Response %
Yes	37	43.5%
No	48	56.5%

### The current 3.25-hour/day, 5-day/week, 9-month/year meets the needs of my family.

	Response Count	Response %
Yes	74	87.1%
No	11	12.9%

### My family's needs would be better served with a full school day program at Cooper.

	Response Count	Response %
Yes	42	49.4%
No	43	50.6%

*"A full day, with nap time would be amazing. My son currently goes to the afternoon classes and is completely and utterly exhausted and grumpy when he gets home from school at any time between 4:30-5."*

*"This program is INCREDIBLE and Everyone there works Super hard to make it Outstanding !!! It would be A LOSS to this community and children it helps to change it in ANY way !!!! A 6 hr day IS NOT APPROPRIATE for children THIS AGE !!!! Not to mention it will help LESS kids than it is currently."*



## Parent Survey Responses (cont'd)

I am satisfied with the Cooper services my family receives from:

	Agree		Disagree		Does Not Apply	
Classroom Staff	83	97.6%	1	1.2%	1	1.2%
Transportation	49	57.7%	7	8.2%	29	34.1%
Family Consultants	80	94.1%	1	1.2%	4	4.7%
Office Staff/Administrator	77	90.6%	4	4.7%	4	4.7%
Overall Program	81	95.2%	2	2.4%	2	2.4%

***“I really enjoy Cooper because no matter what is going on at my house I know my child will be taken care of...”***

Cooper has helped my child(ren) get ready for school by:

	Agree		Disagree	
Becoming More Independent	83	97.6%	2	2.4%
Learning Basic Concepts in Language	83	97.6%	2	2.4%
Learning Basic Concepts in Math	82	96.5%	3	3.5%
Learning to Share and Cooperate	83	97.6%	2	2.4%

***“There should be more than one school like this. There are so many kids that don't get in because of limited space. It would benefit many people, students and teachers alike if we had another school.”***

**Cooper gives my child(ren) a safe and clean environment to learn.**

Agree - 84 (98.8%)  
Disagree - 1 (1.2%)

**Cooper is friendly and inviting for fathers.**

Agree - 80 (94.1%)  
Disagree - 5 (5.9%)

**Cooper is friendly and inviting for grandparents and other family members.**

Agree - 83 (97.7%)  
Disagree - 2 (2.4%)

**My child's teacher:**

	Agree		Disagree	
Worked with me to plan my child's learning and development	83	97.6%	2	2.4%
Planned activities around my child's individual needs	79	92.9%	6	7.1%
Helped me have a better understanding of my child's social/emotional development	79	92.9%	6	7.1%

**When I request help for my child's social/emotional development, it is:**

	Agree		Disagree	
Delivered in a timely manner	79	92.9%	6	7.1%
Useful and successful	80	94.1%	5	5.9%
Supportive of my family's values	79	92.9%	6	7.1%

## Parent Survey Results (cont'd)

### Cooper has told me how to be involved with:

	Agree		Disagree	
Policy Council	68	80.0%	17	20.0%
Classroom Volunteering	80	94.1%	5	5.9%
PACT (Parents and Children Together) Nights	75	88.2%	10	11.8%
Fatherhood Events	48	56.5%	37	43.5%

### Cooper has provided me with information about:

	Agree		Disagree	
Child Development	81	95.3%	4	4.7%
Community Resources	76	89.4%	9	10.6%
Personal Relationships	71	83.5%	14	16.5%
Disabilities	71	83.5%	14	16.5%
Mental Health	70	82.4%	15	17.6%
Health/Dental Health	80	94.1%	5	5.9%

***“Cooper has been amazing at communicating resources and needs for our kids!!”***

### Cooper has enabled me to:

	Agree		Disagree	
Define my own life goals	61	71.8%	24	28.2%
Pursue and accomplish my goals	61	71.8%	24	28.2%
Understand my role as the primary educators for my child(ren)	79	92.9%	6	7.1%

### My family's biggest stressor(s) this year are: (check all that apply)

	Response Count	Response %
My child's disabilities	15	17.6%
Educational/Job Training	12	14.1%
Employment	27	31.8%
Financial	52	61.2%
Housing	12	14.1%
Marital/Personal	15	17.6%
Medical/Dental	18	21.2%
Transportation	18	21.2%
Other (please specify)	10	

#### Other Specifications:

1. N/A
2. None
3. N/A
4. None of the above
5. [Head Start] want[s] too much medical intervention
6. N/A
7. Transitions
8. My child's speech delay
9. Would like to put my kid on a bus...but there is a waiting list!
10. Expanding family

***“Cooper is an amazing school, I have 6 children and 5 have gone and this coming new school year will be my last with them. They have always found ways to help me or my children in many ways.”***

## Parent Survey Responses (cont'd)

These sources of information would be helpful for my family:

	Agree		Disagree	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
School Newsletters	82	96.5%	3	3.5%
Classroom Newsletters	82	96.5%	3	3.5%
Family Handbook	79	92.9%	6	7.1%
Parent/Teacher Conferences	84	98.8%	1	1.2%
Monthly Calendars	84	98.8%	1	1.2%
Emails	76	89.4%	9	10.6%
Text Messages	70	82.4%	15	17.6%
Phone Calls	75	88.2%	10	11.8%
School Website	81	95.3%	4	4.7%
Home Visits	65	76.5%	20	23.5%
Other (please specify)				

Other Specifications:

1. More transportation [information] available
2. I think teachers could interact with parents better when dropping/picking child up from class.
3. Yearly calendar handed out at the beginning of the year



In analyzing the results of the Parent Survey, the following concerns and needs of the families served have been identified:

### Transportation:

Cooper Early Education Center provides transportation to a limited number of students each year. The availability of services is based on need and on a first come, first served basis. Priority is given to special education students as required by law. The survey results reflected an increased need for transportation. Parents also expressed the need for clarity in the process to obtain transportation.

### Father/Family Involvement:

There is an increased focus on father/father figure involvement and family engagement in the new Head Start standards. Cooper has hosted father focused events in past years, but not in the last two years. The survey results reflect the absence of these events in recent years. Cooper is in the early stages of planning for the next five year grant cycle for Head Start and will be including father focused events again. The program will also be exploring more ways of encouraging family engagement.

### Duration:

While 87.1% of families agreed that the current 3.25 hour school day serves their needs, there was nearly a 50/50 split of support for moving to a full school day program.

### Family Stressors:

The majority of families express the biggest stressors for them are financial, employment, transportation and medical/dental related.

Overall family satisfaction with the programs at Cooper is high. Parents value the professional staff and the effort put forth to ready their child for kindergarten. The understanding of transportation policies and procedures needs to be strengthened and more sources of program information will be explored.

## Summary of Findings

The Community Needs Assessment includes county demographics, community services information, and parent and community survey results. The compilation of this information and analysis of data will be used by the early education programs at Cooper Early Education Center to plan for the next grant cycle.

### **Economic:**

The demographics show the majority of Harvey County residents are living above the poverty line. According to the results of the Community Survey, however, agencies perceive a drop in household income and homelessness. There is also a perceived decrease in the availability of low-income housing with the demographics showing 458 subsidized units available in 2010. More current data on the number of units is not available. Housing shows to be a moderate concern for families in the Parent Survey.

### **Transportation:**

Public and school transportation presents as a reoccurring concern throughout each section of the assessment. There is only one source of public transportation in Harvey County, limited transportation services provided by clinics and limited spots available for school transportation. Parents and community members alike voiced concerns related to the lack of transportation.

### **Health, Nutrition, Mental Health and Dental Health:**

Harvey County has an exceptionally high immunization rate for 3-5 year olds, approximately 20% higher than the state average rate.

There are several food resources for families in need in Harvey County as well as discount/lower priced store options.

There are eight mental health clinics available in the county, six of those serve low-income families by accepting Medicaid or having a sliding scale for payment. There are only two parenting education programs available. This is an area of concern expressed by the community. The rate of reported child abuse and neglect is by far the highest of all reported domestic violence in the county.

Of all K-12 students in Harvey County, 16% have obvious dental decay. While there are family dentistry practices in the county, there is not a pediatric dentist. Families are not strongly encouraged to have their children see a dentist until 4 years of age. Transportation services are available at one dental clinic in the county.

### **Disabilities:**

There has been an increase in the number of 0-5 year olds receiving services for exceptionalities at Cooper for the past four years. There are five early intervention programs available in Harvey County and monthly Child Find screenings to help identify children in need of services.

### **Community Resources & Child Care/Education:**

There are a variety of community resources available in the county including but not limited to crisis assistance programs, legal services and employment services.

There are 19 child care centers in Harvey County and 46 other documented family daycare providers. The Community Survey shows a perceived decrease in the number of licensed day care providers. The programs at Cooper Early Education Center the partnership with USD 440 provide the only five day a week program with licensed teachers. These programs are also the only no-cost option in the county. It was expressed in the Parent Survey results that there should be more than one school like Cooper to serve more families in need. The Community Survey results showed an appreciation for the variety of services provided to families through Cooper.

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