



2014 Community Resource Assessment

Lower Brule/Pierre

Pine Ridge

Huron

Spearfish/Belle Fourche

Sisseton Wahpeton First 1000 Days

Completed through a contract with SD Dept of Health



The South Dakota Head Start Association (SDHSA) entered into a contract with the South Dakota Department of Health for the Bright Start Home Visiting program to conduct a Community Resource Assessment in five areas served by Bright Start. The survey was developed after reviewing other assessment surveys used by groups concerned with resources available for children ages 0-5 and their families. After question and answer formats were formulated, the Bright Start Federal Technical Assistance team reviewed the survey and made suggestions for additions and wording changes. SDHSA also contacted some of its members to review the assessment, asking if there were additional areas that could be assessed to aide our organization. Once all revisions were complete, the SDHSA Community Resource Assessment was ready for release to the pilot area, Pierre/Lower Brule.

The Pierre/Lower Brule survey was completed and data compiled and analyzed by SDHSA. Results of the survey were presented at a meeting on April 15, 2014 at the Golden Buffalo Casino meeting room. Members of the community discussed results and commented on misconceptions from the data, both in areas of services available and services needed.

Once the pilot assessment was completed, the survey was released to stakeholders in the other four areas served by Bright Start. Minor revisions were made to the survey before the statewide release. A question was added to identify the survey takers by groups. The Huron survey was released at their meeting, but Karen and Spanish translations were completed and distributed in the community. The Sisseton survey added four Home Visiting programs to the list asking about awareness in their communities.

The following timeline shows meeting dates, release dates, ending dates, and number of responses. Full reports for individual assessments are included in State Report documents.

Introductory meetings were conducted by SDHSA in Lower Brule and Huron. Bright Start staff presented the survey at area meetings in Pine Ridge, Spearfish, and Sisseton. Stakeholder lists were compiled collaboratively through SDHSA, Bright Start, and the Communities and emails were sent to all which included information about the assessment and an online link to the survey.

Post-survey Results meetings were conducted by SDHSA in all assessment areas. Some flexibility was allowed in the open dates of the survey to accommodate special needs of each community. The target frame for surveys was 4-6 weeks with time allowed for collection and manual entry of hard copies of the survey.

Pierre/Lower Brule

January 13, 2014 Introductory Meeting - SDHSA/Survey Release
February 24, 2014 Survey closed - received 101 Responses
April 15, 2014 Results Meeting and Comment Session

Pine Ridge

March 12, 2014 Community Resource Meeting – Bright Start/Survey Release
April 30, 2014 Survey closed – received 62 Responses
July 17, 2014 Results Meeting and Comment Session

Spearfish/Belle Fourche

March 26, 2014 Survey release via email and phone contacts – SDHSA
April 15, 2014 Child Protect Team & Northern Hills Agency meetings – Bright Start
July 4, 2014 Survey closed – received 53 Responses
September 9, 2014 Results Meeting and Comment Session

Huron

April 1, 2014 Introductory Meeting – SDHSA/Survey Release
June 15, 2014 Survey closed – received 108 Responses (extended for Karen population)
July 15, 2014 Results Meeting and Comment Session

Sisseton Wahpeton First 1000 Days Initiative

May 15, 2014 Interagency Forum –Bright Start – review assessment
April 29, 2014 Survey revisions for SWO area (grant fulfillment -GPTCHB)
May 22, 2014 Survey Release – SDHSA email link, Bright Start- Women’s Wellness event
July 18, 2014 Survey closed – received 165 Responses
August 28, 2014 Results Meeting and Comment Session

Statewide Data

The SDHSA Community Resource Assessment was divided into four sections: Health, Family Resources, Mental Health Services, and Pre-School. Throughout the analysis of individual areas, rated areas were combined to show positive ratings (Adequate Availability/Some Availability) and negative ratings (Not Available/Don’t Know). Each separate report includes a chart showing each individual rating category and highest responses. Combining two categories provides clarity in the results.

Once all individual area results were calculated and analyzed, all data was combined to provide a statewide perspective. Those statewide results follow. Full results per question are included in report documents.

Health: Eight questions – Healthcare, Dental, Substance Abuse & Depression Screenings, Child development screening, Breastfeeding education and support, Preconception Education

Not Available	9%	27%
Don't Know	18%	
Some Availability	33%	74%
Adequate Availability	41%	

Family Resources: Six questions – Family needs, Early Development, Child Care, Traumatic Experiences

Not Available	13%	31%
Don't Know	18%	
Some Availability	44%	69%
Adequate Availability	25%	

Family Resources (cont.): Eight questions – Food sources, Financial Assistance, Domestic Violence, Mental Health & Substance Disorders, Organizational knowledge of Available Resources

Not Available	10%	27%
Don't Know	17%	
Some Availability	41%	73%
Adequate Availability	32%	

Mental Health: Two questions – Early Childhood Assessment of Social Emotional/Mental Health, Group Education & Parenting Networks for Social/Emotional Child

Not Available	15%	42%
Don't Know	27%	
Some Availability	39%	58%
Adequate Availability	19%	

Preschool Resources: Three questions – Availability of Preschools, Preschool Parent Involvement, School Staff trained to Identify Educational and Social/Emotional Red Flags

Not Available	7%	24%
Don't Know	17%	
Some Availability	36%	76%
Adequate Availability	40%	

State Summary

Statewide Resource Strengths

Areas in the tables above highlighted in green are strengths in resources for the state. Availability includes “adequate” and “some” ratings.

- Preschool Resources 76% Availability
- Health 74% Availability
- Family Resources (second group question) 73% Availability

Statewide Resource Weaknesses

Areas in the tables above highlighted in yellow are weaknesses in resources for the state. Availability includes “Not Available” and “Don’t Know” ratings.

- Mental Health 58% Availability
- Mental Health 42% Not Available
- Family Resources (first question) 31% Not Available

The strengths and weaknesses above are based on a compiled rating of all areas where the Community Resource Assessment was distributed. While some individual sites showed other areas of strength or weakness, there were many that remained prevalent for all areas.

Access to Regular Healthcare before, during, and after pregnancy and Access to Food Sources and Programs were consistently the top two strengths, with Routine Dental Screenings and Preschools Available in Community in the top six strengths. Specific area strengths vary and can be found in their individual reports. The grouping and number of questions in each section skews the strength results above.

There were three questions in the Preschool Resources area, with favorable ratings of 85%, 75%, and 69%, giving it the highest over-all rating.

The Health section consisted of eight questions with favorable ratings of 91%, 82%(2), 76%(2), 73%, 55%, and 53%. The Health section has several questions that have higher ratings than those in the Preschool section, but the lower ratings (for Depression & Substance Abuse Screenings) bring the total percentage down.

The Family Resources section was broken into two groups of questions. The first group contained six questions with an average total favorable rating of 69%. The second group contained eight questions (see average above) with favorable ratings of 96%, 80%, 75%, 73%, 70%, 69%, 68%, and 52%. The wide range of resources in this question affects the category total as well.

A clearer picture may be provided by dividing these larger questions into smaller groups. Parentheses at end indicate number of questions in each category and include both Family Resources questions.

- Programs for assistance (4) 84% favorable
- Domestic Violence resources (2) 73% favorable
- Child Development & Care (4) 69% favorable
- Treatment for Disorders – Mental Health, Substance Abuse (2) 69% favorable
- Coping with Traumatic Experiences (1) 56% favorable
- Respite Care (1) 52% favorable

Looking at individual items assessed in question groupings, Statewide strengths (highest favorable ratings) are:

- Access to Food Sources and Programs 96%
- Regular Healthcare Before, During, and After Pregnancy 91%
- Programs to Help Access Available Resource for Family Needs 88%
- Routine Dental Screenings 82%
- Education about Breast-feeding Benefits 82%
- Financial Assistance to Parents to Help Meet Basic Needs 80%

Individual items showing Statewide weaknesses (lowest favorable ratings) are:

- Respite Care/Temporary Caregiver Services 52%
- Group Education/Networking for Parent with Social/Emotional Child 52%
- Routine Depression Screening 53%
- Routine Substance Abuse Screening 55%
- Resources to Cope with Traumatic Experiences 56%

Statewide Ranking of the Importance of Resources

Those taking the survey were asked to rate the importance of needs in their community.

The question was ranked on a three point scale – Not Important (1), Important (2), and Very Important (3).

How Important is This Need In Your Community?

The top ranked need by importance for children ages 0-5 statewide are:

- Amount of High Quality Child Care Available 2.75
- Child Development Screening 2.70
- Parent Education on Child Development 2.70
- Parent Education about Child Care 2.70
- School & Community Staff Trained to Identify Educational and Social/Emotional Red Flags 2.70
- Formal Preschool Availability 2.69

How Important is This Need In Your Community?

The lowest ranked need by importance for children ages 0-5 are:

- Education About Breastfeeding 2.51
- Breastfeeding Support 2.52
- Preconception Health & Wellness Counseling 2.56
- Respite Care/Temporary Relief for Caregivers 2.57
- Group Education/Networking for Parents of Social/Emotional Child 2.59

It should be noted that even though these are the lowest ranked in importance/need, all average above 2.5 which would place them well above Important (2) and closer to Very Important (3).

Analysis of these rankings and conversations with community stakeholders show that items ranked the highest throughout the state are programs and resources that are valued by the communities in order to best serve children ages 0-5 and their families in an ideal situation. The ranking does not indicate that those programs or resources are highly available, and in some instances were not favorably rated in survey results. In contrast, those items with the lowest ranking often received the ranking due to stakeholder perception that the items are being provided (items 1-3). The exception is Respite Care and Group Education/Networking. Stakeholders felt that these items were not available, and ranked their importance low primarily due to lack of personal need.

Statewide Community Comments

After a presentation of the survey results, stakeholders present at the meeting were asked to comment and discuss the survey findings to note any inaccuracies or misconceptions, and to cite any concerns that were not addressed in the assessment.

All communities cited problem issues during these discussions. Those that were common to all were:

- Transportation – lack of vehicle or funds for gas, lack of public services
- Mental Health – lack of providers, stigma in accessing services
- Childcare – More needed in all communities Quality needed
- Coordinated Services – Programs of all kinds need to collaborate and coordinate to provide continuity of care and better availability through scheduling

Stakeholders discussed ways to address some of the issues. Many determined that they need to promote available services more so that young families are more aware.

Each individual report has a more detailed report of comments for each community.

Report Documents:

- All States data
- Individual area reports

Survey Question 1 - Health Section	Not Available	Don't Know	Some Avail	Adequate	Total Responses		
Preconception health & wellness counseling (stress and impact on unborn babies through nutrition education, screening for substance use, smoking cessation support)	35	90	170	163	458		
Regular health care before, during, and after pregnancy	10	32	97	321	460		
Ongoing education about benefits of breast feeding during and after pregnancy	30	56	140	233	459		
Breastfeeding support	45	70	154	193	462		
Routine depression screening	73	144	150	90	457		
Routine substance abuse screening	64	144	153	97	458		
Routine child developmental screenings include social/emotional and mental health	34	77	174	174	459		
Routine Dental screenings and referrals for care	29	54	158	219	460		
Total Rating	320	667	1196	1490	3673		
	9%	18%	33%	41%			
Survey Question 3 - Family Resource Part 1	Not Available	Don't Know	Some Avail	Adequate	Total Responses		
There are programs in your community to help you access available resources for your family's needs	15	44	238	155	452		
Parents are educated on the importance of early development including social-emotional development (attachment and bonding)	42	78	210	122	452		
Parents are educated about stages of child development and what to look for to assess their child	44	61	211	136	452		
Parents are educated on characteristics of high quality childcare	84	84	188	96	452		
Adequate number of high quality child care settings are available	98	77	185	91	451		
Resources are available to assist in coping with traumatic experiences	65	133	164	86	448		
Total Rating	348	477	1196	686	2707		
	13%	18%	44%	25%			

Survey Question 5- Family Resources Part 2	Not Available	Don't Know	Some Avail	Adequate	Total Responses		
Access to food sources and programs - Food Pantry/WIC/SNAP	3	16	118	311	448		
Assistance to parents with financial problems that impact meeting basic needs	38	53	219	136	446		
Outreach for families experiencing domestic violence (victims, offenders, witnesses)	45	68	192	143	448		
Intervention for families experiencing domestic violence (victims, offenders, witnesses)	55	83	191	120	449		
Treatment for mental health disorders	64	80	198	107	449		
Treatment for substance disorders	55	88	199	105	447		
Respite Care/Temporary Caregiver Services (information about formal and informal support systems)	75	139	149	80	443		
Agencies and organizations have adequate knowledge about the availability of early childhood and parent support resources and services in the community	39	84	194	129	446		
Total Rating	374	611	1460	1131	3576		
	10%	17%	41%	32%			
Survey Question 10 - Mental Health	Not Available	Don't Know	Some Avail	Adequate	Total Responses		
Early childhood social emotional/mental health assessment resources	48	107	190	92	437		
Group education & parenting networking opportunities for parents of children with social-emotional problems	82	127	150	77	436		
Total Rating	130	234	340	169	873		
	15%	27%	39%	19%			

Ranking Question2 - Health	PLB	HUR	PR	SWO	SPBF	State Average
Preconception Health & Wellness Counseling	2.51	2.65	2.43	2.58	2.62	2.56
Regular Health Care	2.61	2.64	2.62	2.68	2.79	2.67
Education about Breast Feeding	2.49	2.53	2.49	2.57	2.48	2.51
Breastfeeding Support	2.49	2.57	2.46	2.57	2.5	2.52
Depression Screening	2.64	2.59	2.52	2.65	2.62	2.60
Substance Abuse Screening	2.72	2.68	2.56	2.67	2.64	2.65
Child Development Screening	2.74	2.71	2.66	2.69	2.69	2.70
Dental Care/Hygiene Resources	2.68	2.62	2.66	2.7	2.69	2.67
Ranking Question 4 - Family Resources 1	PLB	HUR	PR	SWO	SPBF	State Average
Parent education on child development	2.73	2.73	2.64	2.7	2.68	2.70
Parent education about childcare	2.73	2.69	2.62	2.71	2.73	2.70
Amount of high quality child care available in community	2.71	2.78	2.67	2.71	2.88	2.75
Resources to cope with traumatic experiences	2.76	2.59	2.66	2.68	2.73	2.68

Ranking Question 6 - Family Resources 2	PLB	HUR	PR	SWO	SPBF	State Average
Food source availability	2.73	2.64	2.7	2.69	2.64	2.68
Financial Assistance for families in need	2.67	2.6	2.67	2.66	2.64	2.65
Domestic Violence Outreach	2.69	2.67	2.59	2.64	2.69	2.66
Domestic Violence Intervention	2.71	2.64	2.6	2.64	2.68	2.65
Mental Health Treatment	2.76	2.62	2.59	2.61	2.64	2.64
Substance Abuse Treatment	2.75	2.65	2.61	2.65	2.67	2.67
Respite/Temporary Care information	2.65	2.56	2.56	2.59	2.51	2.57
Ranking Question 11 - Mental Health	PLB	HUR	PR	SWO	SPBF	State Average
Early childhood assessments of emotional/mental health	2.71	2.62	2.6	2.68	2.71	2.66
Group education and networking opportunities	2.61	2.58	2.58	2.59	2.58	2.59

Ranking Question 13 - Preschools	PLB	HUR	PR	SWO	SPBF	State Average
Formal Preschool availability	2.65	2.82	2.57	2.71	2.72	2.69
Parent Involvement in Preschools	2.65	2.71	2.59	2.73	2.67	2.67
School and Community staff training for identifying educational and emotional concerns	2.7	2.72	2.6	2.73	2.77	2.70
Highest importance ranking	2.70 and above					
Important	2.67 - 2.69					
Lowest - Areas of concern						