

**CARROLL COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

INTRODUCTION

Mission Statement

The mission of the Community Diagnosis Program is to help communities to assess the county's current health status and problems and to develop a localized plan to improve the health status, the health delivery system, and to correct identified problems.

Definition of Community Diagnosis

Community Diagnosis is a
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COUNTY DESCRIPTION

Geographical Facts

Carroll County is located in the southern part of North West Tennessee, bordered on the north by Henry and Weakley Counties, on the

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Community Diagnosis Process

The Carroll County Health Council was established on August 19, 1997, by the Community Development Staff of the West Tennessee Regional Health Office in Union City, Tennessee.

An initiating group meeting was held on

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Primary Data Gathered

The Carroll County Health Council was determined to gather as much information as possible from the residents of Carroll County. The council felt that community input was the most valuable component to completing a thorough assessment. Three different survey instruments were used during the Community Diagnosis Process, and they are listed individually below and include a brief explanation of their purpose and distribution.

1. **Carroll Co. Community Survey:**

The Carroll County Health Council created this survey in an effort to determine out the citizens perceptions of the communities needs. The anonymous questionnaire was distributed throughout the county.

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HEALTH ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

Adolescent Smoking

Tobacco use is addictive and is responsible for more than one of every five deaths in the United States (CDC Report, 1997). On average, more than 3,000 young persons, most of them children and teens, begin smoking each day in the United States. National surveys indicate that 70 percent of high school students have tried smoking and that 28 percent reported having smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days (CDC, 1991).

Cancer/Breast Cancer:

In 1994, Malignant Neoplasms, which made cancer the 2nd leading cause of death in Carroll County. In 1996, 3,303 women in Tennessee were diagnosed with Breast Cancer, 77 percent of these women were age 50 or over. The following chart indicates risk of developing breast cancer by age.

Age **Life Related Risk**

INTERNET HOME PAGE INFORMATION

“Hit the Spot” is our abbreviation for Health Information Tennessee - Statistical Profile of TennesseeH which is now on the Internet. The Community Development staff, the county health councils around the stateH and the general public now have immediate access to voluminous health statistical information instantly on the Internet.

This Internet project grew out of a partnership between the Department of Health and the Community Health Research Group (CHRG) at UT-Knoxville. CHRG staff under the leadership of its Director, Dr. Sandra PutnamH and Mr. Don Broach have worked closely with the Department of Health’s Director of Assessment and Planning, Judy DiasH and Bill Wirsing to make this project a reality.

Another product which has grown from this fruitful partnership is the *Tennessee Health Status Report of 1997, Volume 1* which was published in paper form in September 1997. Volume 1 is a summary of the health status of Tennesseans in its many aspects and can be viewed on the Internet like turning the pages of a bookH after downloading the fle8wecrobat Reader software which is included in the site.

Volume 2 is a very large data base providing the actual statistical information which was summarized in Volume 1. Volume 2 is