

# COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

## Primary Data Gathered

The Dyer County Health Council was determined to gather as much information as possible from the residents of Dyer 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 and include a brief explanation of their purpose and distribution.

### 1. Dyer Co. Community Survey:

The Dyer County Health Council created this survey in an effort to determine out the citizen's perceptions of the community's needs. The anonymous questionnaire was distributed throughout the county, which asked their options on particular health issues. The instrument also asked respondents about their personal health and collected some demographic information. With the assistance of council members the surveys were distributed to an appropriate representation of the community. A total of 146 surveys were returned.

### 2. Dyer County Provider Survey:

The council created this survey in an attempt to obtain information from the primary care physicians and practitioners providing services in Dyer County. The primary care providers and the local health department were asked to complete a one-page survey by which they identified health problems frequently seen and were asked to offer suggestions on improving health care delivery.

### 3. Behavioral Risk Factor Survey:

This survey was a random telephone survey conducted by the University of Tennessee. Approximately 200 Dyer County residents were surveyed. A majority of the questions pertained to the respondents' lifestyle and health behaviors, as well as their perception of the community and specific health concerns. It was reported that it took approximately 45 minutes to administer and the surveyors had a difficult time obtaining some of the information.