

# COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

## Perceived Health Problems

Through the collection of primary data in the community, the council compiled a list of several perceived health problems, which they felt were important to improving the health of Henry County residents. They're perceived list of concerns is as follows:

### Perceived Health Problems

- \* **Teen Pregnancy**
- \* **Parenting**
- \* **Late Prenatal Care**
- \* **Low Birth Weight**
- \* **Infant Mortality**
- \* **A&D Treatment/Rehabilitation Services**
- \* **Hypertension**
- \* **Stroke**
- \* **Coronary Heart Disease**
- \* **Smoking/Tobacco Use**
- \* **Obesity**
- \* **Seatbelt Usage**
- \* **Suicide**
- \* **Child Abuse**
- \* **Domestic Violence/Shelters/Counseling**
- \* **Coordination of Programs and Services**

## Secondary Data Analyzed

The Henry County Health Council reviewed and analyzed secondary data collected by the Tennessee Department of Health, National Center for Health Statistics, and other sources, in order to determine if the perceived health problems were actually problems that required attention. The Community Development Staff reviewed the entire health data set provided by the Department of Health to ensure that the council did not overlook any major health problems. The categories of data and their source are identified in the chart below.

- \* **Demographic and Socioeconomic Population Information**  
*(U.S. Census - 1990)*
- \* **U.S. Healthy People 2000 Objectives**
- \* **Tennessee Healthy People 2000**
- \* **Adolescent Pregnancy Rates**
- \* **Live Birth by Age and Race**
- \* **Birthweight Trends**
- \* **Infant Deaths**
- \* **Leading Causes of Death**
- \* **Cancer**
- \* **Heart Disease**
- \* **Diabetes**
- \* **Sexually Transmitted Diseases**  
*(Tennessee Department of Health)*
- \* **U.S. Teenage Pregnancy Information**
- \* **U.S. Teenage Illicit Drug Use**  
*(National Center for Health Statistics)*  
*(World Wide Web)*