

# COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

## Community Health Priorities

1996-97

**Exercise/Obesity**  
**Child Abuse and Neglect**  
**Cancer**  
**Heart Disease/Diabetes**  
**Lack of Financial Resources**

The Community Health Council selected five problems from the list of health concerns to be addressed during the first project year. These community health priorities were adolescent pregnancy and motor vehicle crashes. When selecting these priorities for 1996-97, the Council worked through the entire sequence of interacting factors that contribute to each community health problem identified. Links between problems, barriers to effective intervention and the availability of resources were all-important considerations.

### Community Resources

- ◆ University of Tennessee Extension Services
  - ◆ API Council
  - ◆ March of Dimes
  - ◆ Resource Mothers
  - ◆ CHAD
  - ◆ West Tennessee Health Care
  - ◆ Methodist-LeBonheur Health Care
  - ◆ American Heart Association
  - ◆ American Diabetes Association
  - ◆ Regional Inter-Faith Association
  - ◆ Area Agency on Aging
  - ◆ SW Council on Children and Youth
  - ◆ Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Ctr.
  - ◆ STAR Center
  - ◆ Boys and Girls Club of Jackson
  - ◆ YMCA
  - ◆ Lambuth University
  - ◆ Union University
  - ◆ Jackson State Community College
  - ◆ University of Memphis
  - ◆ Civic Clubs
  - ◆ March of Dimes
  - ◆ Southwest Human Resources Agency
  - ◆ TN Department of Human Services
  - ◆ American Red Cross
  - ◆ Aspell Manor
  - ◆ JACOA
  - ◆ West Tennessee Legal Services
  - ◆ WRAP
  - ◆ Southwest Community Services Agency
- ◆ Local Physicians
  - ◆ Madison County Health Dept.
  - ◆ Regional Health Department
  - ◆ Schools
  - ◆ TN Department of Children's Services
  - ◆ Churches
  - ◆ Madison County Juvenile Court
  - ◆ Pathways, Inc.