

2. “What Creates Health”

A survey in Monroe County by Lancaster Consulting and DYG, Inc. was completed to identify the community’s idea of what is involved in creating health. After reviewing the data from this survey issues that emphasize what Monroe Countians feel makes their community healthy are:

Table 10
ISSUES FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- **A good place to bring up children**
- **Strong family life – Spirituality**
- **Affordable health care**
- **Healthy environment**
- **High quality education**
- **Low level of child abuse**

3. Community Forum

“Creating Healthier Communities Together” was the theme of the day long community forum held on October 25, 1996, at Sequoyah High School. This forum was a collaborative effort of many agencies in and around Monroe County . The purpose of the forum was to bring members from various aspects of the community together to share their vision for a healthier Monroe County. Outcomes of the forum were:

- ❖ *Understanding a Healthy Community*
- ❖ *Developing a shared community vision for Monroe County’s future*
- ❖ *Identifying major areas of concern*
- ❖ *Identifying assets and obstacles toward achieving our vision and goals*

Major areas of concern or issues that were most important in creating a healthier community were selected. Table 11 lists the top five issues or areas of concern as prioritized by the group.

Table 11
Monroe County Community Health Forum
Overall Top Five Issues:

- **1. EDUCATION**
- **2. TEEN ISSUES**
- **3. SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY**
- **4. PREVENTIVE HEALTH**
- **5. FOCUS ON CHURCH AND VALUES**