



Helping People Help Themselves

YOU'RE INVITED

CALLING ALL ORGANIZATIONS

2011-13 COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- You are invited to participate in a community-wide planning process to establish a partnership between organizations that would like to be involved in developing a community needs assessment.
- During the first meeting we will work together to develop specific goals and objectives for the needs assessment process.

WHEN:

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 @ 10:00 A.M.

WHERE:

ACCESS, Inc., 3630 Aviation Way, Medford – behind Costco

COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS SUMMARY

ACCESS, Inc, the Community Action Agency for Jackson County, Oregon provides various services to seniors, people with disabilities, low-income individuals and families, and the general population. In developing our work plans for Jackson County for the 2011-2013 biennium, ACCESS will be conducting a community needs assessment to determine the most critical needs of low and moderate-income individuals and families in Jackson County, Oregon. ACCESS will establish a Community Planning Committee (CPC) partnership made up of agencies interested in participating to work together to assess current data and create two separate surveys, one for clients/customers and one for service providers. A final report will be prepared detailing the findings from the surveys.

The surveys will seek information from both consumers and service providers in order to offer a broad perspective of critical community needs from both points of view. Surveys will be designed to gather general information about community needs and help us prioritize services.

The 2009-11 CPC included representatives from Jackson County, the City of Medford, The Salvation Army, United Way, and ACCESS, Inc.

PLANNING PROCESS:

- Establish a Core Work Group – Community Planning Committee
- Data Collection and analysis – review past surveys, make revisions as necessary, etc...
- Develop Strategy for Implementation
- Determine Timeline
- Establish a meeting schedule
- Prepare Final Report
- Schedule Community Forum

Surveys will be distributed with instructions by mail and/or electronically to human service agencies throughout Jackson County. Clients receiving services from participating agencies will be asked to respond to a simple consumer survey and agencies will be requested to complete the agency survey.

Data will be collected throughout the process and it is anticipated that the surveys will be conducted during November 2010. Raw data will be compiled and reviewed by the CPC and a final Community Needs Assessment report will be prepared by the CPC in January or February 2011 providing information on the current most critical needs identified by both survey groups - consumers & agencies.

INITIAL PLANNING MEETING:

Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 10:00AM @ ACCESS, Inc. 3630 Aviation Way, Medford, Oregon

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