

Bad River Headstart Community Assessment Results 2004-05

The Bad River Headstart Community Assessment was completed in 2 parts. One part was completed in concert with the tribal planning office as part of a community assessment forum for strategic planning purposes. The other part was conducted with only Headstart Parents involved so we could find out what Headstart specific needs might be. Headstart parents were asked to complete a five page survey on what they saw as needs. Not all respondents answered all questions so numbers can vary. Here are the results:

AGE 4% of parents were 19 yrs old or under
 50% were aged 20-30
 28% were aged 31-40
 12% were aged 41-50
 4% were over 51 years of age

HOUSEHOLD 32% of households were single parent
 58% of households were two parent families
 8% were extended family households and
 2% listed other

Size There were 97 adults over 18 years old
 43 school age children between 6 and 18 years old
 78 children under 5 years old

Disabilities 2% of household said they had a child with a disability
 In the 0-5 year old age group and were receiving services
 98% said there were no children with disabilities in this group

Disaster Evacuation Plan 32% of respondents did not have a plan, 46% said
 their family would benefit from a plan, 98% had a
 smoke alarm

LEVEL OF EDUCATION

48% indicated they had a high school diploma
26% indicated they had a GED
46% indicated they had some college
10% had Bachelors degrees
16% had Associate degrees
10% said they would be interested in GED study

Respondents indicated a wide variety of other training they might be interested in including; cda, cpr, math, history, English, gardening, police science and native Crafts

50% indicated they would be interested in a family reading program
52% indicated they would be interested in a parenting program

EMPLOYMENT

68% indicated they worked full time
4% work part time
2% own their own business and
10% are students
various types of employment were indicated with the most being casino or gaming related

24% of parent indicated they made less than \$10,000 annually
24% made \$10-20,000
12% made \$20-30,000
18% made \$30-40,000 and
4% made in excess of \$40,000

36% indicated they live in the Birch Hill area of the reservation
26% indicated they live in Ashland and the remainder in other small villages on the reservation

32% own their own homes and 62% rent, rental or mortgage costs varied from a low of 0 to a high to \$620/month

NEEDS

The needs were indicated as follows: extra bathroom, yard, bigger house, car, money, repairs, job, food, father figure, dressers, love/support, new washer, window screens, full time parents, budgeting, clothing, organization, central air, transportation, outdoor toys, more books, fire alarm, satellite, water/sewer repairs

STRENGTHS

Household strengths were listed as follows: togetherness, happiness, Employment, support, space, roof overhead, caring, loving, family vacations, Family night, attention, cultural practices, communication, needs are met, meals

Together, read together, outdoor activities, structure, unity, health, stability, trust, sobriety, close bonds, friends, environment, ambition, talking, listening

ELECTIONS

46% voted in the last national election, 44% in the last local election and 64% in the last tribal election

12% of respondents indicated membership on boards or tribal organizations
Boys and Girls Club, Parent Policy Council, Health Board, Post 25 American Legion

TRANSPORTATION

72% indicated they own a vehicle and 10% said they ride a bus

DAYCARE/HEADSTART

38% of respondents indicated parents provide day care, 34% said a relative, 16% said tribal day care, 10% indicated a friend and the rest were 'other'

30% said they would use a new day care center if provided, 14% said no and 56% said maybe

Of those who had a child enrolled in Headstart in the last two years 44% felt The program and services were excellent, 20% said good, 2% said fair and 2% Said poor

When asked when was the best time for home visits; 48% indicated evening or After 4pm, 18% said afternoon and 16% said daytime

PETS

44% of respondents indicated they had dogs, 20% had cats, 2% had birds, 16% had fish and 2% indicated 'other'

SHOPPING

58% indicated they use tribal IGA, 50% tribal C Store, 12% tribal smoke shop 76% use Ashland County Market, 2% 6th st market, 84% use Walmart 6% use Ironwoods Super one, 6% use COPS and 36% use K Mart

EATING OUT PREFERENCE

When asked to choose the top three eating out places: 64% chose McDonalds, 56% chose Frankies Pizza and 34% chose Subway, the next three were Chinese Café – 26%, Dairy Queen – 20% and Kentucky Fried Chicken – 20%

LEISURE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF HOME

The most popular leisure activities included: walking – 80%, Movies – 58%, Swimming – 56%, bicycling – 30%, dancing – 18%, baseball and basketball – 12%, water Sports – 8%, other sports at 6% or less included: bowling, football, golf, roller blading and volleyball

AT HOME ACTIVITIES

The most popular at home activities included: reading books – 74%, video/dvd – 60%, television – 58%, cooking - 50%, yard work and crafts – 28%, video games – 18% and gardening – 14%

COMPUTERS/TV

When asked if they had computers at home 44% said yes, 54% said no 58% indicated they had computer training 40% said no, 58% indicated they would like computer training while 40% said no

100% of respondents indicated that they have TV at home and 100% indicated their children watch TV

The children watch TV an average of 2.6 hours per day with a low of 0.5 hours and a high of 8 hours per day

Parents watch TV an average of 3.3 hours per day with a low of 0 and a High of 9 hours per day.

68% indicated they have Nintendo, xbox or playstations in their home children played these games at an average of 0.6 hours per day with a low of 0 and a high of 4 hours per day

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

When asked to describe the public school system 36% said good, 32%
Said fair, 16% said poor or needs improvement

COMMUNITY/RESERVATION

When asked what they value most about the community/reservation, the
Following were listed: location, good teachers, living expenses, family
Orientation, help when needed, Headstart, stick together, store, close
Relations, kids, work, quietness, ethnicity, good neighborhood, expanding,
land ownership of tribe, activities, transit, help available, natural resources,
scenic views and locations, historical places, ricing

The community's greatest strengths were listed as follows: people, sense of
Family, friendly, TRAILS, Boys and Girls Club, summer feeding, help
When needed, programs, police and fire departments, closeness-no secrets,
Kids, grocery store, gas station, clinic, headstart, car seat safety, fishing,
Casino, elder programs, everything in traveling distance, don't see any,
Pride, growth, business, sovereign government, tribal courts

The major concerns about the community were listed as follows:
Not enough money, youth problems, underage drinking, shopping, events,
More native education, gossip, drug abuse, public trash, drinking, not
enough to do, garbage, ghetto ditches, nepotism, alcoholism, crime,
education, cleanup, animal control, parties with minors, vandalism, family
cohesiveness, values reclarification, learning disabilities, kids smoking,
attendance at school, housing, location, needs of children's future, elderly
needs, not enough language speakers, culture slipping away, parenting,
tribal interactions, bad language, apathy, commitment, joint efforts, better
jobs, prejudice, no fair employment, no assistance off rez, no respect,
messy yards, violence, lack of education, poverty, addictions, gangs

Services needing improvement were listed as follows: everything, not
Sure, working together, elderly, health coverage, casino, youth services,
Clean up streets, transit run everyday, place for kids, street lights,
Education, gatherings, police, housing, health, family events, homeless,
Dog ordinance, sidewalks, law and order, tribal bus, job training/assistance
Family needs and off rez, TANF, W2, youth programs, hiring, paved walk
Path, college here, social services off rez

Health issues identified include: alcohol drug abuse, no dentist, lyme
disease, not sure, smoking/drinking, cancer, diabetes, asthma, water, none,
alcoholism, colds/flu, overweight, dental, physical activities, heart, obesity,
water contamination, drug addiction, STD's, bills not being paid, lack of
professionalism, junk foods, mental health, DMII, heart disease, ETOH

Major problems youth face today include: alcohol, dropouts, pregnancy, Violence, lack of activities, security, drugs, adult supervision, cultural Activities, theatrical arts, school attendance, socialization, no interest in Family, teen sex, dental, high paying jobs, value community, gangs, babies, peer pressure, addictions, asthma, poor role models, ETOH

When asked in what areas assistance was needed: 18% said child care, 14% said heat, 8% said housing, schooling and clothing, 6% said medical, 2% said mental health, 2% said other and none said food

When asked what areas they would be willing to participate in Headstart: 60% said field trips, 52% said attend parent meetings, 48% said help in fundraising, 44% said cook or bake, 28% said volunteer time in classroom or kitchen, 22% said attend training and to do cutouts, 10% said do newsletter