

# Community Needs Assessment Overview

## July-August 2019

	UW	Greeley	Southern Valley	Latino Fest	Casmir Place	Stay United: Seniors	Merrimack	Hudson	Total Votes	% (All Votes)
<b>HEALTH</b>	68	37	22	72	16	37	19	111	<b>382</b>	<b>47.64%</b>
<b>EDU</b>	43	10	12	41	9	22	25	46	<b>208</b>	<b>25.93%</b>
<b>ECONOMIC</b>	60	11	18	43	1	33	19	27	<b>212</b>	<b>26.43%</b>
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>802</b>	
<b>Participants</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>212</b>	

- **United Way held 10 Focus groups in 8 locations: 3 Nashua United Way, Nashua Greeley Park, Nashua Latino Fest, Stay United- Seniors, Nashua Casmir Place, Milford, Merrimack and Hudson.**
  - Total participants - 212. Latino Fest data gives us a snap-shot of Latino’s community needs.
- **Total number of votes, including Health, Edu and Economic mobility, was 802.**
- **The distribution of votes is as following: Health – 47.64%, Economic mobility – 26.43%, and EDU – 25.93%**
  
- **Health Most needs in health areas:**
  - ❖ Teen depression (14%),
  - ❖ Drug related death (9.3%)
  - ❖ Youth/teen vaping (7%)
  - ❖ Access to behavioral health resources (6.5%)
  - ❖ Health equity/health disparities (5.5%)
  - ❖ Latino’s community: Teens depression (11%)
  - ❖ Youth/teen vaping (11%)
- **EDU Most needs in EDU areas:**
  - ❖ Access to behavioral health support (15%),
  - ❖ Opportunity gaps/equity (11%)
  - ❖ Children experiencing toxic stress (11%)
  - ❖ Preschool enrollment (10.5%)
  - ❖ Access to early childhood education (8.5%)
  - ❖ Latino’s community: Preschool enrollment (17%),  
Access to behavioral health support (12%)
- **Economic Mobility Most needs are in areas:**
  - ❖ Affordable housing/housing cost burden (19%),
  - ❖ Children living in poverty (12%)
  - ❖ Quality affordable childcare (10%),
  - ❖ Low/no rental housing available (9%)
  - ❖ Latino’s community: Quality affordable childcare (14%)
  - ❖ Affordable housing (10%)
- **Common areas of needs “flagged” in EDU, Health and Economic Mobility:**
  - Children experiencing toxic stress (Edu) & Teen depression (Health)

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Five (5) focus groups in 5 locations: Nashua United Way, Nashua Greeley Park, Nashua Latino Fest, Milford Share and Hudson Public Library

- Focus group participants 154. Number of votes, including Health, Edu and Economic Mobility- 621
- The distribution of votes is as following: Health – 50%, Economic mobility – 25.6%, and EDU – 24.4%

### FACTORS THAT NEED ATTENTION (Notes)

#### Health

- No behavioral resources for children before 11y.o.
- Access to specialty care for uninsured/Medicare population
- Lack of rehabs
- Social isolation
- Teen bulling goes hand in hand with teen depression
- Recovery camps for kids who have had family members overdosed or struggle.
- Access to healthy meals at schools
- School transportation for children outside of “established” paths.

#### EDU

- Preschool resources for children with developmental delays
- Summer programs for kids with autism
- Bring information about Libraries resources to churches and other places.
- ELL teachers, retention and quality
- Additional help to children who are raised by grandparents
- Too many transitioning moves in early grades

#### Economic Mobility

- Skills gap grows in the area
- Lack of affordable housing pushes out the lower wages earner. It also pushes low income families into segregated neighborhoods, not a broad community...
- Student debt
- Barriers for employees: credentials, transportation and language
- With slightly increased income families become disqualified for benefits – more economic hardship
- Imbalance between wages & cost of housing