

Conversations with the Community

Early Childhood



The County recognizes that investment in children can have a positive influence in our future. To help understand how the County might be able to provide services that could help children and their families we asked the following questions:

- What kinds of support do families of young children need?
- Thinking about supporting children and families, what are your community's strengths?
- What are the barriers to educational success?

To gather insight from residents, we modified our previous approach. Instead of holding open houses and evening meetings, Scott County staff ventured out to meet with the public at several different "pop-up" engagement activities, held several focus groups, and provided survey questions through social media and other online platforms.

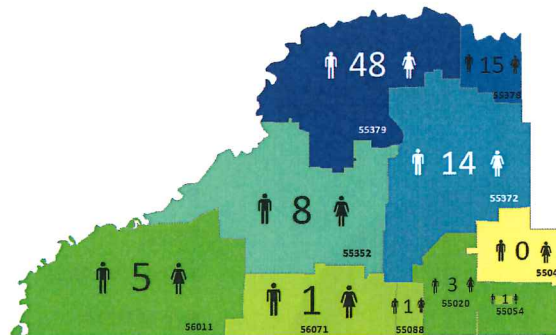


50 residents completed online surveys and 35 paper surveys



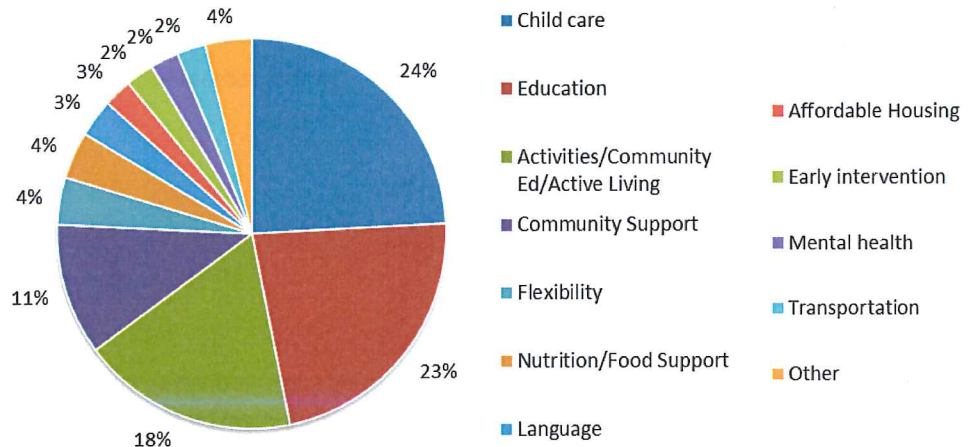
Household Income:

- 7% - \$0-35K
- 7% - \$35-65K
- 14% - \$65-90K
- 29% - \$90-150K
- 24% - \$150K+
- 19% - Did not specify



Number of residents who responded from each zip code. 14 did not specify, and 3 were not residents of Scott County, but may work here.

What kinds of support do families of young children need?



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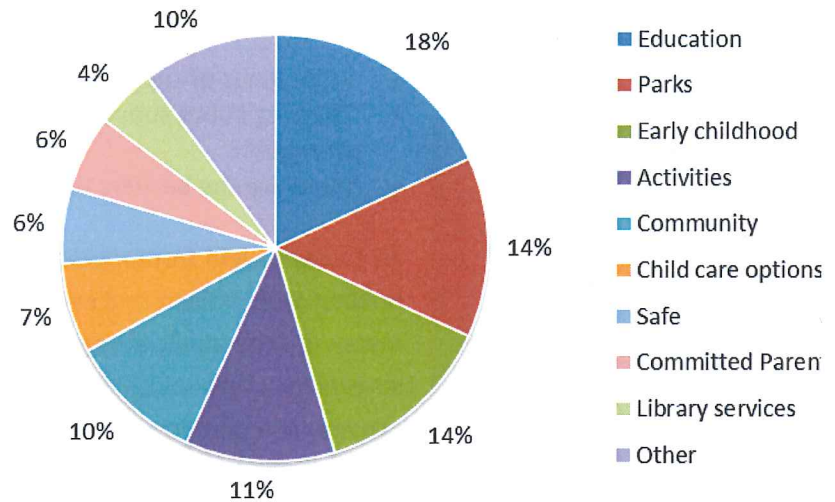
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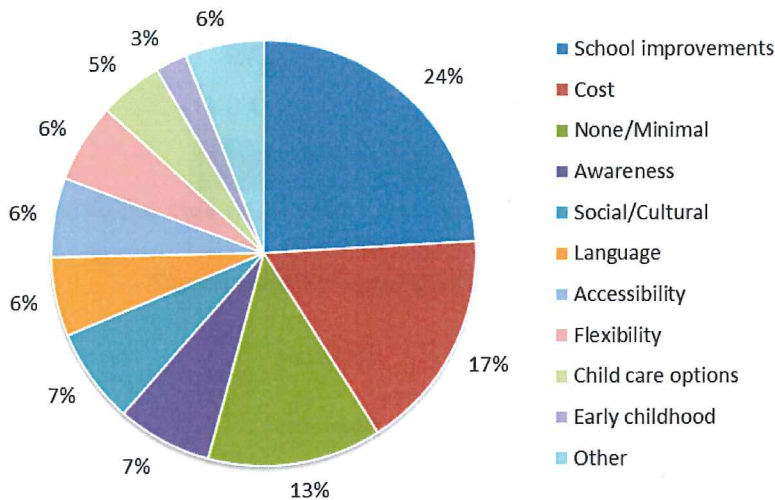
Thinking about supporting children and families, what are your community's strengths?

"The Public Health Staff work hard with the least dedicated amount spent capita we have our priorities backwards here. Prevention is where it is at!"

"Children need to live with their parents. Parents need active community support/ activities so they can participate in their child's activities. Also a mentoring program for parents would be beneficial."



What are the barriers to educational success?



"Scott County has better schools and housing for now, but there is growing needs for better housing and playgrounds."

"I would like to send my child to pre-school, but work full-time, have no way of getting him there during the day."

"The county is nice place to raise family, but we need the county to hire bilingual staff."

"They need fulltime caring, that means, they need parenthood, their parents need to be with them while their needs are covered."

These results are part of a larger project to engage diverse community members through the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Health Equity Data Analysis conducted by Public Health and other partners. A formal report will be shared in Summer 2017.

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