

REPORT ON ASSESSMENTS

26 assessments were returned, covering the entire county.

1. What types of services do you provide?

The variety of organizations responding to the assessment (government, non-profits, churches, concerned individuals) makes it difficult to summarize all of the services available in the county (resource guide needed?).

Needless to say, those services are numerous and are provided throughout the county. Examples are: food; clothing; vouchers for lodging or transportation; help with prescriptions, rent, utilities, gas; counseling; legal assistance; shelter even in a provider's own home.

In most of the responses the services are not specifically targeted to the homeless alone. Anyone who is in need is either served or referred to another provider.

2. How many people do you serve?

10 respondents provided numbers, but as a definition of "homeless" or a time period for the service was not provided, the responses are varied. Two other issues also affected the responses: (1) we are often a "pass through county" and (2) some providers don't ask if you're homeless.

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| a. Long-term homeless: | varied from 1 to 200 . |
| b. Short-term homeless: | varied from 10 to 65 . |
| c. Homeless youth: | varied from 0 to 30 . |
| d. Families (with or without children): | varied from 0 to 75 . |
| e. Single adults: | varied from 5 to 200 . |

3. From your perspective, what services are lacking?

The five most mentioned, in order of expressed need, were: (1) housing/winter shelter, (2) employment/jobs, (3) health services, (4) transit and (5) no coordination of services.

Final impressions:

1. The majority of those being served by these various groups are low-income Curry County residents.
2. If a resource handout is to be developed, an easily used end-product should dictate the organization and content of the handout.
3. Coordination of the available services being provided is an obvious need.