

Snow Camp Community Meeting

Thanks for coming !

23 April 2002

FAQ Sheet

- Q. *What is the Snow Camp Community Assessment Team?*
- A. A team of five graduate students from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health. Karen Webb, a service provider and community member, is the preceptor for the group.
- Q. *What is a "Community Assessment?"*
- A. The process included interviews and focus groups with community members and service providers. This is intended to reveal perceived strengths in the community, as well as areas people identify as needing improvement.
- Q. *How many interviews did the team do?*
- A. Service providers: 2 focus groups, 4 individual interviews;
a total of 5 males and 10 females.
Community members: 1 focus group, 20 individual interviews
a total of 13 males and 18 females
- Q. *What is the "Community Meeting?"*
- A. This is where we hope to turn assessment into action. First the team presents patterns that have emerged from their interviews. Areas of possible focus are identified. Next, the audience of community members and service providers are broken into small groups. With the help of a facilitator, these groups work together to identify appropriate "next steps."
- Q. *When can we see all of the information from this process?*
- A. The team is writing a comprehensive document that will be available on-line and in hard copy at the Fire Department office by early May 2002.
- Please see the reverse side for a brief description of interview findings**
- Q. *Who can I contact for more information?*
- A. You could call the Snow Camp Fire Department at (336) 376-3442 or Karen Webb at (336) 513-4200 ext. 221



- ❖ **History**
 - Rich historical roots as a Quaker settlement
 - Snow Camp Historical Site and Outdoor Drama keep history alive
 - Farming and mill town, those industries now struggling
- ❖ **Sense of Community**
 - Neighbors help each other out
 - A friendly place, but "we have to get to know you first"
 - Not as much civic involvement as there used to be
- ❖ **Church & Religion**
 - Congregations take care of their own, and raise money for those in need
 - Church or meeting house is a social center
 - A few interfaith events, such as Easter and Thanksgiving
- ❖ **Education**
 - General satisfaction with Sylvan
 - Parents are not as involved as they used to be
 - Community places greater emphasis on sports than on academics
- ❖ **Land Use & Population Changes**
 - Land use is changing. Farming is declining, and some of the land is being divided up into smaller plots
 - The population of Snow Camp is also changing. New families, who do not have a family history in Snow Camp, are moving in
- ❖ **Crime, Drugs, & Alcohol**
 - Some people mentioned that they feel safe in Snow Camp and that crime, drugs and alcohol are not a particular problem
 - Others feel crime is on the rise. Burglary, Arson, and Marijuana use and production were areas of concern. Alcoholism and drunk driving are also a problem. Some link these to economic problems
- ❖ **Community Health**
 - Resources within Snow Camp: Snow Camp Fire Department, Clinic (when open), home hospice
 - Resources outside of Snow Camp: Health Department, Mental Health, Alamance Regional Hospital
 - Assets of Community Health: neighborly support, cooperation between agencies
 - Health needs: access to services, budget cuts, environmental health
- ❖ **Senior Issues**
 - The community helps take care of seniors and there are services or groups available such as the Golden Agers, ElderCare, Meals on Wheels, and Hospice
 - The needs of some seniors include transportation, better access to health care, adult daytime care, and retirement facilities
- ❖ **Recreation**
 - Ballgames provide a great opportunity for social interaction
 - Some community members felt the need for a community center
 - For adolescents, there is either school, church, or nothing at all
 - Seniors and Women have fewer recreational opportunities
- ❖ **Governing Structures & Leadership**
 - There is no local government, town meeting, or government organization
 - County Commissioners are the voice for Snow Camp
 - Fire Department and Churches can serve as community leaders