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**NUR 4636: Community Health Nursing
Community Needs Assessment Guide**

Assignment:

You will conduct a community needs assessment by choosing a specified population or community. Grades will be based on the guidelines listed. Papers submitted must be typed using APA format. A PowerPoint presentation of community needs assessment needs to be submitted through the drop box.

Community_____ Date_____

I) Overview

A) Description of the Community

- i) History
- ii) Type of community: urban, suburban, rural

II) Physical Environmental Considerations: The Community As a Place

A) Description: general identifying data

- i) Location
- ii) Topographical features
- iii) Climate

B) Boundaries, area in square miles

C) Environment

- i) Sanitation: water supply, sewage, garbage, trash
- ii) Pollutants, toxic substances, animal reservoirs or vectors, flora and fauna
- iii) Air quality: color, odor, particulates
- iv) Food supply: sources, preparation
- v) Potential disaster in the population
- vi) Extent of disaster preparation in the population

D) Housing

- i) Types of housing (public and private)
- ii) Condition of housing
- iii) Percent owned, rented
- iv) Housing for special populations
 - (a) Near homeless
 - (b) Homeless
 - (c) Frail elders

E) Leading industries and occupations

III) The People of the Community

A) Population profile

- i) Total population for _____(year of last census)
- ii) Population density
- iii) Population changes in past 10 years
- iv) Population per square miles
- v) Mobility
- vi) Types of Families

B) Biological Considerations/Vital and demographic population characteristics

- i) Age composition
- ii) Sex distribution
- iii) Race distribution
- iv) Ethnic group composition and distribution
- v) Mortality Characteristics
 - (a) Annual Birth and crude death rates
 - (b) Age-specific death rate
 - (c) Infant mortality rate
 - (d) Maternal mortality rate
- vi) Cause-specific death rate (specific health area)
- vii) Leading causes of morbidity
 - (a) Incidence rates (specific diseases)
 - (b) Prevalence rates (specific diseases)

- C) Psychological Considerations
 - i) Significant historical events
 - ii) Future economic prospects
 - iii) Formal and Informal Communication Network
 - iv) Rates of Suicide and Homicides for specific subgroups within the population
 - v) Adequacy of protective services
 - vi) Common sources of Stress (e.g. unemployment , lack of affordable housing)
- D) Sociocultural Considerations: The Community As a Social System
 - i) Socioeconomic status
 - (a) Income of family
 - (b) Major occupations
 - (c) Estimated level of unemployment
 - (d) Percent below poverty level
 - (e) People retired
 - ii) Educational level
 - (a) Religious distribution
 - (b) Marriage and divorce rates
 - (c) Language
- E) Government and Leadership
 - i) Type of government (mayor, city manager, board of commissioners)
 - ii) City offices (location, hours, services, access)
- F) Education
 - i) Public educational facilities
 - ii) Private educational facilities
 - iii) Libraries
 - iv) Services for special populations
 - (a) Pregnant teens
 - (b) Adults with special problems
 - (c) Children and adults who are developmentally disabled
 - (d) Children and adults who are blind and/or deaf
- G) Transportation
- H) Behavioral Considerations
 - i) Consumption patterns (general nutritional level of the population)
 - ii) Leisure pursuit
 - iii) Other health-related behaviors (e.g. frequency of seat belt use)

- I) Health System Considerations
 - i) Identify existing services
 - ii) Assessing current level of performance
 - iii) Availability and accessibility of specific types of health care services
 - iv) Health needs lacking services
 - v) Extent to which health care services are overused and underused
 - vi) Financing of health care