Community Health Assessment Interviews – Sumter County Schools Personnel

Participants:

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*Community Members: Sumter County Schools Nurses, Social Workers and Counselors*
*Archway Graduate Student: Rosanna Cruz*

In collaboration with the Sumter County Health Department and Sumter County Board of Public Health, Sumter Archway Partnership is conducting a community health assessment. Several sectors of the public health community have been designated as key informant groups, and individuals from each are being interviewed through one-on-one and focus group settings.

Recently, a focus group was held with staff from Sumter County Schools. Participants included school nurses, social workers and counselors from each of the public schools.

Community health needs that are witnessed on a daily basis in the schools were identified. These included nutrition needs, transportation needs, resources for students and families, and health related education in general. Participants discussed limitations due to various rules and regulations within the settings they work, as well as avenues to possibly tackle family related needs.

The input shared and gathered will be added to the community-wide health assessment which is currently being undertaken by Sumter Archway Partnership.