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2022 Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan





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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

In November of 2021, the Queen Anne's County Local Management Board (QAC LMB) issued a Request for Proposal for their triennial needs assessment and strategic plan. Kulik Strategic Advisers (dba KSA) was awarded this contract. Their project timeline was for a six-month tenure, with the project launch in January and anticipated completion in June of 2022.

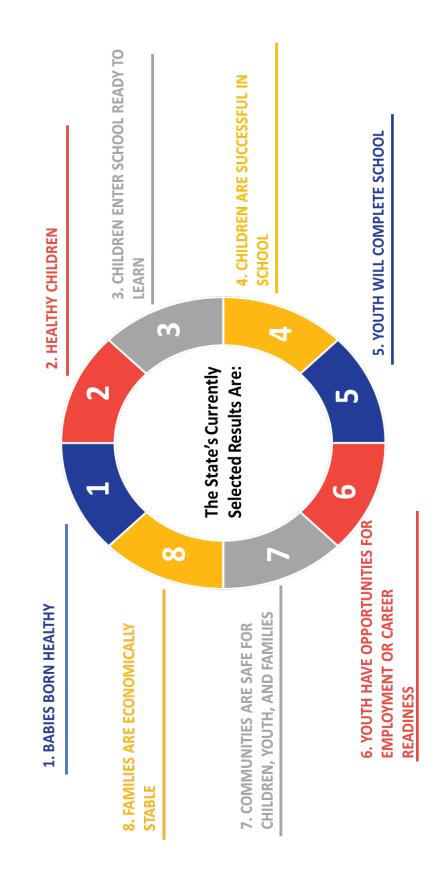
The initial phase consisted of primary research, including conducting 73 key informant interviews, 14 focus groups with a total of 108 participants, and collecting 608 quality of life surveys from residents of Queen Anne's County for a total of 789 'community connections'. This phase started in February with completion by early April. Phase Two consisted of data analysis of the primary research with correlation to population-wide data in secondary research, specifically the demographic, socioeconomic and health status/risk behaviors in Queen Anne's County. This phase started in early April with completion by mid-May. In Phase Three, the strategic plan was created with development of three goals and a total of nine objectives (three per goal). This phase spanned May and June of 2022. Two sessions were held to process these goals and objectives, one in May and the other in early June.

The final phase, Phase Four, was development of the Final Report and Presentation, with review by Queen Anne's County Strategic Planning Committee and presentation to the Local Management Board on September 21, 2022.

The Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families is a Maryland Local Management Board. Local Management Boards were created in 1989 through an Executive Order creating the Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families, giving jurisdictions the oversight to address community matters at the local level. Initially, Queen Anne's County was represented by a multi-county Local Management Board. In 1997, the County Commissioners approved the Queen Anne's County Local Management Board as an arm of County government.

A comprehensive Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan is developed triennially for the Local Management Board. Local Management Boards are required to operate utilizing the Results Based Accountability framework and the "Turn the Curve" process as the basis with which to measure efforts and gauge effectiveness of initiatives and programs in the county. The needs assessment investigates local resources, partnerships, gaps in service, and needs as they relate to the eight child well-being results and the correlating indicators identified by the Governor's Office. A "result" is defined as a condition of well-being desired for the community, and an "indicator" as a data measure of the extent to which the result is being achieved.

AND INDICATORS AS THE ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM FOR LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS, ARE KNOWN TO AFFECT A CHILD'S THE MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES HAS ADOPTED A LIST OF RESULTS ABILITY TO GROW UP HEALTHY AND SECURE. THE BOARDS USE RESULTS AND INDICATORS FOR PLANNING, ASSESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS, DECISION-MAKING, ESTABLISHING GOALS FOR JURISDICTION, AND MEASURING PROGRESS.



Areas in which QAC LMB Excels/Opportunities for Improvement

These are categorized by general themes and then by the 8 LMB results where QAC has improved from 2016 to 2022. A tabular comparison of 2016 to 2022 results is displayed. Red font indicates areas for improvement, with black font noting where Queen Anne's County either meets or exceeds Local Management Board results. A detailed narrative of the 8 Local Management Board Results and Indicators and Data Sources is listed in Section 4C.

General

Areas in which QAC LMB excels:

- 1. Collaboration with community organizations partnerships
- 2. Linkage to services
- 3. Connection to numerous systems
 - a. Schools/ Education system
 - b. Juvenile Justice
- 4. Strong government support

Areas in which QAC LMB has opportunities for improvement:

- Residents state that they are unaware of resource lists for pregnancy and infant wellness, family planning, diversity and cultural awareness, crime prevention and parenting support.
- 2. Spanish-speaking and/or reading residents struggle with lack of translated resource lists or little to no capability of providing translation while accessing services.
- 3. Healthcare, specifically hospitals, are not located in Queen Anne's County but in neighboring counties. These institutions often refer to Baltimore for care, necessitating travel and overnight stays.

Narrative of areas in which QAC LMB excels

Areas specific to the 8 Local Management Board Results and Indicators include most of the 8 Results and 35 Indicators. Result #1: Babies Born Healthy shows superior results compared to Maryland. Result #2: Healthy Children is equivalent with Maryland results and improved from 2016 to 2022 in QAC. Result #3: Children Enter School ready to Learn is better than Marylandfor the same time period. Result #4: Children are successful in School, shows superior rating to Maryland with slight decreases in MCAP and MSAA¹: Math from 2016 to 2022. Result #5: Youth will Complete School, Indicator b. Four-Year Cohort graduation, is better than Maryland. Result #6: Youth have Opportunities for Employment or Career Readiness, is better than Maryland. Results #7:Communities are Safe for Children, Youth and Families is better across the board in QAC compared to Maryland. Result #8: Families are Economically Stable is better than Maryland.

Narrative of areas in which QAC LMB has opportunities to improve

The few areas needing improvement are Teen Births (worse in 2022 than 2016), Women accessing prenatal care in first trimester, Childhood non-fatal injury hospitalizations, Chronic absenteeism, MSAA for Math, Disconnected youth, and Cost-Burdened households.

¹ MCAP: Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program; MSAA: Multi-State Alternate Assessment

Rates for 8 LMB Results and Indicators compared to prior (2016) Needs Assessment

(Black is stable or improved and red indicates regression). Specific data year contained in Source.

Details with Sources for 2022 in Section 4C. QAC			MAF	RYLAND
RESULTS/INDICATORS	2016	2022	2016	2022
1) Babies Born Healthy				
a. Teen Births	a. 9.6	a. 10.8	a. 17.8 per 1,000	a. 13.1 per 1,000
b. Low Birth Weight Infants				• •
c. Women receiving Prenatal Care in First	b. 5.1%	b. 4.9%	b. 8.6%	b. 8.7%
Trimester	c. 78.6%	c. 76.1%	c. 66.6%	c. 69.9%
2) Healthy Children				
a. Health Insurance Coverage	a. 95.5%	a. 96.2%	a. 96.6%	a. 96.7%
b. Childhood Immunizations	b. 65%	b. 69%	b. 74.4%	b. 75.2%
c. Childhood Obesity	c. 22.8%	c. 24.9%	c. 26.5%	c. 28.5%
d. Childhood non-fatal injury hospitalization	d. 131	d. 84	d. 45/10,000	d. 12.5/100,000
e. Depressive Episodes	e. 9%/24%	e. 11/36%	e. 11%/26.8%	e. 18%/32.0%
f. Physical Activity	NOT 2016	f. 82%/70%	f. NOT 2016	f. 85%/72.2%
g. Vaping use (Electronic Smoking Devices)	g. 29.7% HS	g. 8%/16%	g. 20% HS	g. 18.9%/40%
3) Children enter school ready to learn				
a. Kindergarten Readiness Assessment	a. 51%	a. 41%	a. 45%	a. 40%
4) Children are Successful in School				
a. MCAP: Math (Grade 3/8)	a. 62%	a. 56%/45%	a. 36.4%/23.2%	a. 42.5%/21.5%
b. MCAP: Reading (Grade 3/8)	b. 37/39%	b. 56%/52%	b. 38.2%/40.5%	b. 41.2%/45.1%
c. MSAA: English (Grade 8/11)	c. 36/18%	c. 64%/73%	c. 39.1%/50.4%	c. 15.4%/14.5%
d. MSAA: Math (Grade 8/11)	d. 51%/65%	d. 47%/61%	d. 49.8%/59%	d. 10%/14.5%
e. Chronic Absenteeism	e. 10.9%	e. 14.8%	e. 16.0%	e. 22.4%
5) Youth will Complete School				
a. Educational Attainment	a. 94.5%	a. 96%	a. 94%	a. 87%
b. Four-Year Cohort Graduation	b. 96%	b. 96%	b. 87%	b. 87.2%
c. High School completed for disabled	NOT 2016	c. 81.1%	c. 42.1%	c. 49.3%
6) Youth have Opportunities for				
Employment or Career Readiness	a1. 42/72.6%	a.1 45/74.9%	a1. 28.3/62.9%	a1. 29.1/64%
a1. Youth Employment (16-19, 20-24)	a2. 14.3/14.2	a2.11.2/12.5	a2. 6.9%/8.3%	a. 6.5%/7.7%
a2. Youth Unemployed (16-19, 20-24)	NOT 2016	b. 248	b. 9.6%	b. 7.8%
b. CTE completion	c. 13.6%	c. 14.6%	c. 13.4%	c. 10.5%
c. Disconnected Youth	00.0,0			
7) Communities are Safe for Children, Youth				
and Families	a. 7.4	a. 5.9	a. 4.7/1,000	a. 4.6/1,000
a. Rate of Violent crimes per 1,000 persons				
b. Rate of nonfatal injury hospitalization for assault to children & youth 0-21	b. 25.6	b. 7.8	b. 33.2/100,000	b. 10.2/100,000
c. Child maltreatment	c. 7.2	c. 2.5	c. 10.2/1,000	c. 5.1/1,000
d. Juvenile felony offenses	d. 908	d. 46	d. 929/100,000	d. 727/100.000
e. Child lead levels	NOT 2016	e. 2.3%	e. 2.6%	e. 1.7%
f. Out-of-home placement	f. 2.8	f. 4.1	f. 9.9/100,000	f. 7.8/100,000
8) Families are Economically Stable	2.0	2	5.5/ 100,000	7.0, 200,000
a. Child Poverty	- 40.00/	- 70/	- 12.00/	- 11 60/
b. Child Homelessness or Children awaiting	a. 10.9%	a. 7%	a. 13.8%	a. 11.6%
foster care placement	b. 1.54%	b. 1.5%	b. 1.82%	b. 1.5%
c. Cost-Burdened/ Severe Cost-Burdened	NOT 2016	c. 28.7%/	NOT 2016	c. 30.6%/10.5%
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2. INTRODUCTION

Queen Anne's County, Maryland is the 15th largest county in Maryland by total area. Queen Anne's County is bordered by Kent County, Talbot County, and Caroline County in Maryland; Kent County in Delaware; and the Chesapeake Bay, with Anne Arundel County, Maryland across the Bay. The County seat is Centreville.

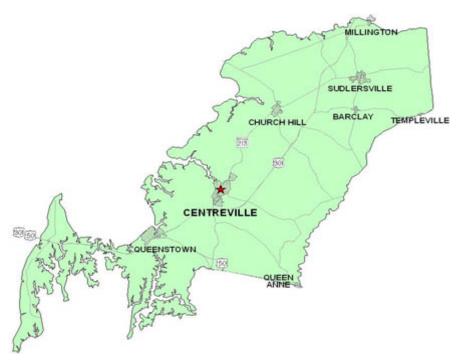
Queen Anne's County had 49,874 residents as of 2020 Census data, with 5.1% or 2,543 under the age of 5; 17.9% or 10,673 under the age of 16; and 13,303 or 26.7% aged 60 or older. The race/ethnic profile is 14.4% non-White or minority comprised of 6.3% Black, 4.3% Hispanic, 1.3% Asian, 0.5% American Indian and 2% multi-race. The majority, 85.6% are White.

The number of residents living at or below the federal poverty level is 6.9% or 3,441 of the population, with 5.7% without health insurance. As of January 2022, the unemployment rate was 3.4%.

Within the County, 93.2% of persons age 25+ are high school graduates and 36.5% have a Bachelor's degree or higher.

There are 21,539 housing units with 80.2% being owner- occupied units. The median homeowner cost with a mortgage is \$2,178 and without a mortgage is \$668. The median household rent is \$1,553 per household.

There are 19,000 households in QAC with 2.6 family members per household. Nearly 90% of the population has lived in the same home for over 1 year.



The Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children & Families, also known as the Local Management Board, has a strong Mission Statement identified for their work. However, they lacked a Vision Statement. As a result of the review of both quantitative and qualitative data, and as part of their Strategic Plan, they identified a Vision Statement for their efforts. That Vision Statement reads: *Queen Anne's County is a vibrant and inclusive community where all children and families have the opportunity to thrive.*

The culmination of six-months of Key Informant Interviews, Resident Survey collection and Focus Group conversations resulted in a combined total of 789 community connections. This information was used to identify priorities for Queen's Anne's County. The Local Management Board prioritized the community issues related to Quality of Life for Children and Families as the following:



Community Based Organizations and Partners will be identified to collaborate and detail efforts around each of the three priority areas. Queen Anne's County has a strong collaborative spirit that will help to leverage resources to achieve their vision.

3. METHODOLOGY

The Queen Anne's County (QAC) Local Management Board (LMB) led their 2022 Quality of Life Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan with input from almost 800 stakeholders and residents. (*These documents are presented in full in Appendix A*).

Primary research included a Quality-of-Life Survey, Key Informant Interviews and virtual as well as in-person Focus Groups. All research was conducted in Queen Anne's County and involved individuals who either live, work, and/or volunteer there.

- ✓ Resident survey: 608 respondents completed a survey.
- ✓ Key informant interviews: 73 successful key informant interviews were conducted consisting of stakeholders and/or providers from QAC.
- ✓ Virtual focus groups: 5 virtual focus groups were held with 55 participants representing the following groups:
 - CASA of the Upper Shore
 - Family Center of QAC
 - QAC Department of Social Services
 - QAC Local Management Board
 - QAC Equity Committee
- ✓ In-person focus groups: 9 on-site focus groups were held with 53 total participants. Five additional focus groups were held; two focus groups were youth-focused, two senior-focused and one for Spanish-Speaking only.
- ✓ No follow-up interviews were necessary through this process.

This mixed-methods approach, integrating quantitative and qualitative data, provides a unique look at the quality of life of residents in QAC. The primary, quantitative data is detailed in the appendices and includes:

- ✓ County profile: epidemiological data, demographic and social determinants of health data were researched (*Appendix B*).
- ✓ Resource inventory for gap analysis: QAC provided their catalog of resources for the County. KSA visually displayed this resource inventory in an Asset Map (Appendix D).

The project occurred over a 6-month period (January to June 2022) with key deliverables including:

- 1) Quantitative Research
 - a. Resident or Quality of Life Survey
 - b. Demographic, Socioeconomic and Health Profiles
- 2) Qualitative Research
 - a. Key Informant Interviews
 - b. Focus Groups
- 3) Strategic Plan with Dashboard to monitor progress (Dashboard is Appendix C)

The results of the completed Queen Anne's County (QAC) 2022 Resident Quality of Life Survey conducted February 1, 2022, through April 30, 2022, are summarized below.

Demographics of respondents included 608 resident respondents resulting in 95% confidence interval with a margin of error of 3.5 points.

DEMOGRAPHIC	POPULATION	%	ACTUAL RESULTS N = 608	
Race/ Ethnic	#	%	SURVEY SAMPLE	%
White	42,968	86.2%	514	84.5%
Black	3,142	6.3%	42	6.9%
Asian	598	1.2%	8	1.3%
AI/NA	25	.05%	2	0.3%
Multi-race	997	2.0%	11	1.8%
Hispanic	2,144	4.3%	31	5.1%
TOTAL	49,874	100%	608	100%
Age				
16-19	2,497	5.0%	12	2.0%
20-29	5.081	10.2%	45	7.4%
30-39	5,612	11.3%	143	23.5%
40-49	6,201	12.4%	182	29.9%
50-59	8,244	16.5%	122	20.0%
60+	13,303	26.7%	104	17.1%
TOTAL (Adults)	35,862	82.1%	608	100%
Gender				
Female	25,137	50.4%	119	19.6%
Male	24,737	49.6%	489	80.4%

The groups over-sampled or surveyed above their percentage representation in the total population included minority groups and age groups with children/families/guardians.

Minorities:

- Blacks: 6.9% of surveys compared to 6.3% in Queen Anne's County
- Native Americans: 0.3% of surveys compared to .05% in Queen Anne's County
- Hispanics: 5.1% of surveys compared to 4.3% in Queen Anne's County

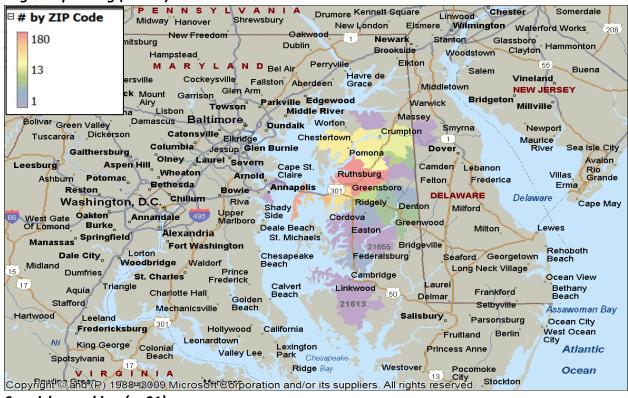
Age Groups with Children/Families:

- 30-39: 23.5% of surveys compared to 11% in Queen Anne's County
- 40-49: 30% of surveys compared to 12% in Queen Anne's County

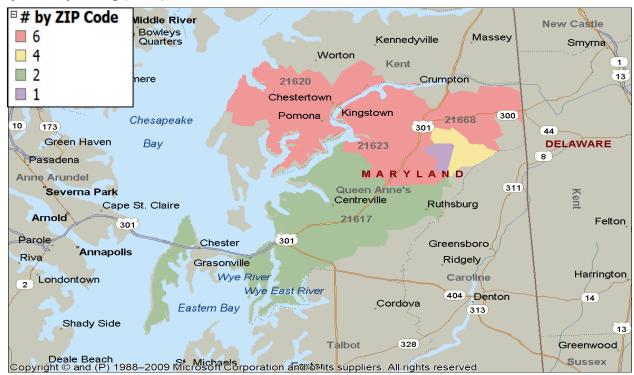
Females out-represented male survey respondents by 4/5, with this statistic representing national experience in receptivity by gender to survey participation.

Survey response by zip code (English-speaking compared to Spanish-speaking only)

English-speaking (n=577)



Spanish-speaking (n=31)



4. KEY FINDINGS

4A. PRIMARY RESEARCH – Quantitative

The indicators in quality include four categories. These are (1) Quality of Life (2) Quality of Health (3) Quality of Education and (4) Quality of Community. This data is derived from the survey instrument displayed in Appendix A3. The indicators are displayed below by category.

TABLE OF QUALITY	TABLE OF QUALITY INDICATORS FOR LIFE IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND				
LIFE	HEALTH	EDUCATION	COMMUNITY		
Families	Infant Mortality	Children entering Kindergarten ready to learn	Child maltreatment		
Children (0 to 15)	Low Birthweight Babies	Elementary school academic performance	Access to nutritional meals		
Young Adults (ages 16-24)	Teen Births (15-19)	Middle and High School academic performance	Child poverty		
	Child Immunizations	School truancy	Child Homelessness		
	Child Hospitalization due to Injury	Learning loss impacted by COVID	Financial stability due to COVID		
	Health Insurance	Bullying and harassment in school	Affordable housing		
	Access to Healthcare	Bullying and harassment outside of school or on social media	Child Out-of-Home placement		
	Child Obesity	Social/Emotional Learning	Disconnected or Opportunity Youth (16-24)		
	Mental Health	HS Graduation Rate	Juvenile crime and recidivism		
	Culturally appropriate services	HS graduation rate for disabled students	Community Crime		
	Impact of COVID	Youth in school or with a job (ages 16-24)	Well-being of children with incarcerated to formerly incarcerated parents		
	Substance Use	Access to school or employment post-HS graduation	Transportation		
		Access to Vocational training (CTE: Career and Technology Education)	Recreational and social venues for Youth		

Quality of Life - Families (by Race, Ethnicity, and Gender):

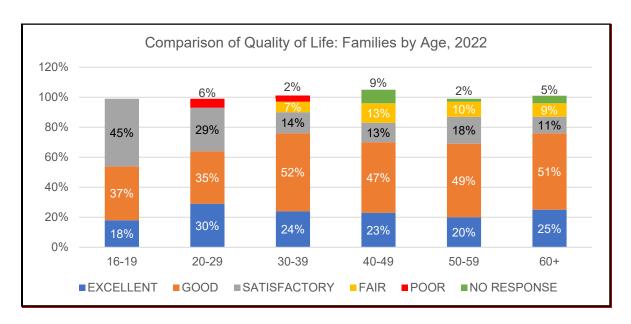
Most race/ethnicities reported excellent/good/satisfactory ratings for Quality of Life in QAC except for Hispanic (19%) and Multiracial (55%). Other groups reporting experiencing issues with quality of life were Young Adults.

- White 92%
- Black 94%
- Asian 100%
- Native American 100%.

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	Total	Weighted Average
Families	26.06% 148	49.47% 281	17.61% 100	6.51% 37	0.35% 2	568	2.06
		Total 93.14%					
Children	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	Total	Weighted Average
(up to age 15)	21.62% 120	42.88% 238	20.72% 115	12.61% 70	2.16% 12	555	2.31
	-	Total 85.22%					
	Fundlant	01	Satisfactory	Fair	Davis	Total	Weighted
Young Adults	Excellent	Good			Poor	lotal	Average
Tourig Addits	12.66% 70	35.99% 199	27.49% 152	18.44% 102	5.42% 30	553	2.68
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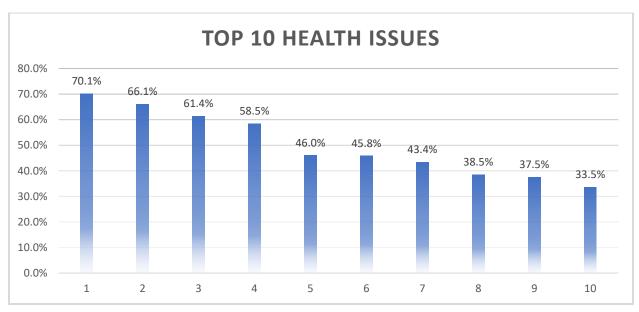
Quality of Life - Families (Age and Family Role):

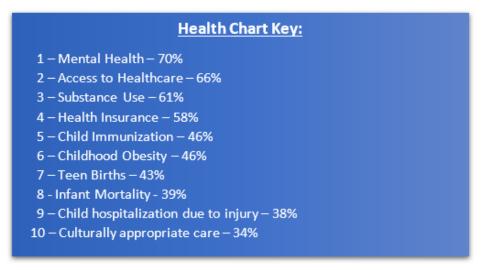
Quality of Life for Families by Age of Respondent increases by age with the lowest excellent-good rating among 16-19-year-olds at 55%. For the 20-29 age range, it is 65%, 30-39 and 60+report the highest rating at 76% and ages 40-49 rate as excellent-good at 70%, with 50-59 at 69%. The age groups rating poor are 6% of the 20-29 year olds and 2% of 30-39 year olds.



Queen Anne's County Top Health Issues (all Resident Survey respondents):

The following information provides community input based on rating the importance of the following Health concerns as "Very Important".



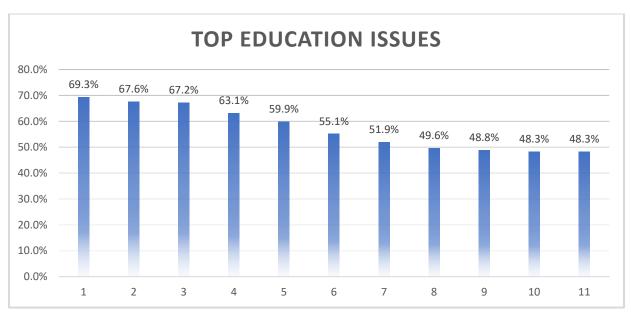


Health issues:

- Behavioral health (mental health and substance misuse) rank in the top 3 health issues based on resident survey responses. Access to healthcare, including health insurance are also in the top 5 concerns.
- Child immunizations, childhood obesity, teen births, infant mortality, child hospitalization, and culturally appropriate care are in the top 10 concerns.
- The overwhelming impact of COVID received a 32% rating.

Queen Anne's County Top Education Issues (all respondents):

The following information provides community input based on rating the importance of the following Education concerns as "Very Important".



Education Chart Key:

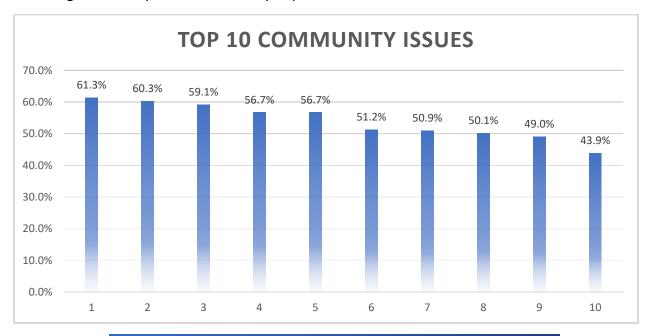
- 1 Bullying & Harassment Outside of school or through social media 69%
- 2 Bullying & Harassment in school 68%
- 3 Access to Vocational Training 67%
- 4 Middle & High School Academic Performance 63%
- 5 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) 60%
- 6 Access to college or post-HS education 55%
- 7 Learning loss due to Covid-19 Pandemic 52%
- 8 Graduation rate 49%
- 9 HS completion for disabled 49%
- 10 Youth in school or employed 48% &
- 11 Children enter kindergarten ready to learn 48%

Education issues:

- Bullying and harassment, either out of school or in school, were the top two issues cited.
- Access to vocational training, college and post-high school education and completion of high school for the disabled were rated as top issues.
- Performance in middle and high school preparedness of youth and children entering kindergarten including social and emotional learning were among the top issues, with concern for the impact on learning loss due to COVID.

Queen Anne's County Top Community Issues (all respondents):

The following information provides community input based on rating the importance of the following community concerns as "Very Important."



Community Chart Key:

- 1 Recreation/Social Venues for Youth 61%
- 2 Hunger & Access to Nutritional Meals 60%
- 3 Child maltreatment 59%
- 4 Homelessness 58%
- 5 Child Poverty 56%
- 6 Affordable, Quality Housing 51%
- 7 Disconnected Youth 51%
- 8 Juvenile Crime & Recidivism 50%
- 9 Community Crime 49%
- 10 Children Placed Out of Home 44%

Community issues:

- The lack of venues for recreation and socialization was referenced as the top concern.
- Hunger, child maltreatment, homelessness, child poverty, affordable-quality housing, and the impact of crime were cited as potential barriers to a vibrant community.
- Specific populations of concern mentioned were juveniles involved in the justice system, disconnected youth (ages 16-24 with no job or school), and children placed out-ofhome.

Queen Anne's County Access to Resources (all respondents):

Residents reported in the survey the need to create, improve or make certain community resources more accessible, as detailed in the chart below. In addition, respondents ranked which resources they were unaware existed for Queen Anne's County residents. The resources ranked highest by respondents for each section include the following:

CREATE	IMPROVE	MAKE ACCESSIBLE	UNAWARE OF
32%	47%	38%	42%
Civility and Social Skills Training	Crime Prevention	Early Childhood Development and Literacy	Pregnancy & Infant Wellness
24%	46%	35%	
Recreation for Middle and/or High	After School	Resource Information	38%
School Youth	Activities		Family Planning
	45%		37%
24%	Recreation for Very	35%	Diversity &
Arts/Music	Young Children	Basic Needs	Cultural Awareness
23%	42%	30%	28%
Environment, Nature	Substance Use	Mental and	Crime
& Outdoors	Treatment	Behavioral Health	Prevention
Opportunities		Treatment	
23%	42%	30%	25%
Affordable Childcare	Family Activities	Parenting Support	Parenting Support

The five resources that were thought to need development were civility and social skill training, a listing of recreation opportunities for middle and high school youth, a similar listing of arts and music outlets, a guide to the environment, nature and outdoor opportunities and an inventory of affordable childcare resources.

Existing resources that needed to be improved included crime prevention tips, guides to available after-school activities, a listing of recreation outlets for very young children, a resource inventory of substance misuse treatment facilities, and an improved guide to available family activities.

Community resources that are not considered accessible include a list of early childhood development and literacy options, general resource information, basic needs resources, mental and behavioral health treatment options, and parenting support resources. Similarly, many residents reported that they are unaware of resource lists or resources for pregnancy and infant wellness, family planning, diversity and cultural awareness, crime prevention, and parenting support.

4A. PRIMARY RESEARCH - Qualitative

Key Informant Interview Themes:

KSA reached out to nearly 200 local partners, of which 73 individuals were able to participate in key informant interviews that were approximately 45 minutes to one hour in length. Discussions centered on the key informants' perception of quality of life in Queen Anne's County for children and families, and their perception of the Local Management Board. A word cloud of impressions of the Community Partnership for Children and Families is displayed below.



Common themes were:

- 81% responded poor or no access to mental/behavioral healthcare (incl. substance treatment)
- 78% responded poor access to medical providers both primary and specialty care
- 74% responded lack of accessible and convenient transportation
- 70% responded lack of internet access (reliable access)
- 48% responded accessible/affordable activities for youth
- 41% responded lack of affordable housing options/stock
- 30% responded lack of food access or food insecurity

The discussion guide and list of participants is provided in Appendix A1.

Focus Group Themes:

KSA conducted a total of 14 focus groups throughout the County in either English or Spanish. A total of 108 individuals participated, with 34 of the participants men and 74 women. The age of participants spanned from older teens through senior citizens. In these facilitated conversations, the following topics were the agenda covered:

- 1) Health concerns for children and families
- 2) Education concerns for children and families
- 3) Broader community concerns or issues facing children and families
- 4) County strengths for children and families

English Speaking Focus Groups Themes:

- 1. Access to Healthcare/Insurance
 - a. Not enough providers for primary care or specialty care
 - b. Transportation challenges in getting to care (25+ minutes travel time)
 - c. Freestanding ER in County is used by many as their ongoing, primary care provider
- 2. Mental Health (status and services)
 - a. Limited services and providers for mental health
 - b. Depression and isolation (COVID increase)
 - c. Suicide rates/Opioid (substance) use
 - d. Anger and violence
 - e. Limited resources for children/adolescents
 - f. Limited supports through the school system
 - g. No inpatient treatment facilities (youth or adult)
- 3. Early Child Care/Education
 - a. Limited access to quality early childcare
 - b. No Universal Pre-K (limited spots only)
 - c. Parenting support
 - d. Social-emotional learning
- 4. Truancy/Alternative Schooling
 - a. Youth not returning or struggling to return to traditional school setting
 - b. Truancy issues related to post-COVID return
 - c. Desire for different options in schooling (hours/location)
 - d. Evening school
- 5. Vocational/Tech Opportunities
 - a. Youth must "pick their path" in 9th grade (no room for adjustment)
 - b. Not enough exposure to opportunities other than college
 - c. Vocational opportunities are not easy to access for everyone
- 6. Transportation
 - a. Limited access to public transportation
 - b. No access to medical or basic needs transportation
- 7. Digital Inequalities
 - a. Lack of internet providers, no competition, no choice
 - b. Limited access to internet for cost-burdened households
 - c. Unreliability of internet provider throughout the County
- 8. Cost-burdened Households
 - a. No affordable housing stock
 - b. Quality of housing stock (and age)
 - c. Cost of living in QAC
 - d. Affordability of rent and homeownership in QAC
- 9. Safe and affordable Opportunities for Youth (and their families)
 - a. Safe spaces for youth to gather for recreation and enjoyment
 - b. Development around community centers, bowling, movies
 - c. Easy to access and affordable non-sports related activities for youth

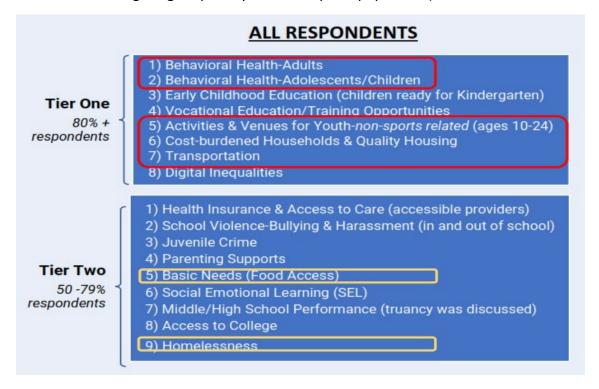
Spanish Speaking Focus Groups Themes:

Spanish-speaking participants reported that the school system is often the only organization that provides them with resources. Their expressed barriers include:

- 1) Access to Healthcare/Insurance
 - a. No health insurance for individuals who are undocumented
 - b. Encountered issues when attempting to get health insurance for an undocumented child.
 - c. Limited to no translation services available at Urgent Care, Emergency Department or Hospital
- 2) Mental Health
 - a. Limited services and providers offering services that speak or understand Spanish
 - b. No information/resources for parents or children provided in Spanish
- 3) Child Care
 - a. No assistance with childcare payment
- 4) Transportation
 - a. Difficulty and cost of getting a driver's license
 - b. The driver's license course is offered only in English
 - c. No access to public transportation
 - d. No access to medical transportation
- 5) Systemic Racism
 - a. When accessing healthcare
 - b. In interactions with Law Enforcement
 - c. When requesting services
 - d. Fear of driving due to racial profiling
- 6) Housing
 - a. Affordable housing is an issue
 - b. Predatory landlords
 - c. Recent dramatic increases in rent
 - d. Rental Assistance
- 7) Legal Assistance
 - a. Immigration assistance needed
 - b. Legal aid for perceived predatory landlords is requested

Tiers of concern based on Primary Research (Quantitative and Qualitative)

A total of 789 community connections represent the data used to identify priorities for Queen Anne's County that impact residents' quality of life. The following two tiers are areas that suggest where the Local Management Board should focus (red boxes indicate complementary issues, with yellow boxes indicating a higher priority for the Hispanic population).



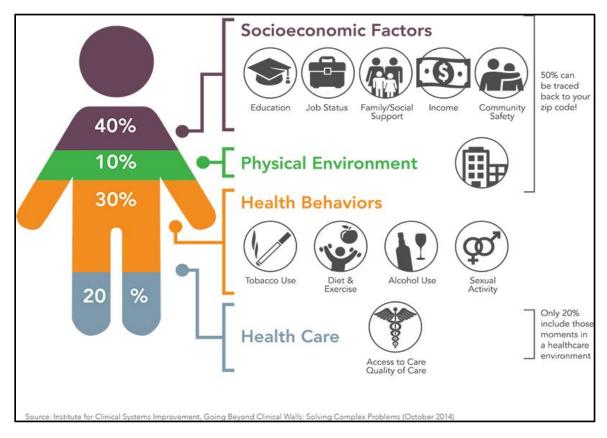
When comparing priorities for Hispanic respondents with all other respondents, we see alignment across many areas.



4B. SECONDARY RESEARCH

Social Determinants of Health:

In review of secondary data sources, the Local Management Board focused primarily on social determinants of health (SDH). SDH are the **conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age**, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping conditions of daily life.



These circumstances are shaped by the distribution of money, power, and resources. Social determinants of health are responsible for many health inequities, unfair and avoidable differences in health status. Resources that enhance the quality of life can have a significant influence on population health outcomes. Examples of these resources include safe and affordable housing, access to education, public safety, availability of healthy foods, local emergency/health services, and environments free of life-threatening toxins.

The infographic above explains the impact factors can have on an individual's health outcomes. Only 30% of one's health behaviors and choices impact health outcomes. The other 70% consists of physical environment - 10% (where you live, work, and play); access and ability to connect to health care and health care resources - 20%; and socioeconomic factors such as one's education, employment status, income, safety, and social supports - 40%.

Over the past 20+ years, the State of Maryland's child-serving agencies use the Results-Based Accountability framework to focus planning, decision-making, and budgeting on desired results

and outcomes. The Child Well-Being Scorecard represents an effort to track and consolidate data from multiple agencies and jurisdictions to ensure transparency and improve evaluation of programs using three main areas and eight 'results' with 35 indicators.

I. HEALTH

- 1. Babies Born Healthy
- 2. Healthy Children

II. EDUCATION

- 3. Children Entering School Ready to Learn
- 4. Children Successful in School
- 5. Youth Completing School

III. FAMILY-COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

- 6. Youth with Opportunities for Employment or Career Readiness
- 7. Communities that are Safe for Children, Youth and Families
- 8. Families that are Economically Stable

The Local Management Board enhanced this data with information that has direct or indirect impact on "Child Protective Factors."

Protective factors are conditions or attributes in individuals, families, and communities that promote the health and well-being of children and families.

The next section, 4c. correlates the findings of the quantitative and qualitative research with the eight results and 35 Indicators.

4C. CORRELATION OF KEY FINDINGS TO EIGHT LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD RESULTS

(1) Babies Born Healthy

- Infant Mortality: The number of deaths occurring to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births, for all infants, and for infants in selected racial groups.
 This indicator is too low to report, similar to 2014 when 6.5 per 1,000 deaths were reported for Maryland. QAC has less than 5 infant deaths per year and is therefore statistically unreportable. The figure for the State of Maryland in 2019 is 5.9 deaths per 1,000.
- Births to Adolescents: The rate of births to adolescent females ages 15 through 19 per 1,000 in the age-specific population. From 2013-2019, the rate of teen births was 10.8 per 1,000 female population in QAC compared to 16.1 per 1,000 for Maryland and 20.9 per 1,000 for the U.S. By race/ethnicity this is:

AREA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Hispanic	TOTAL
QAC	9.2	20.7	26.9	10.8
Maryland	8.7	21.7	38.7	13.9
United States	13.6	30.3	32.1	20.9

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics System, 2013-2019

• Low Birth Weight: The percent of all births and births in selected racial groups with birth weight < 2,500 grams (approximately 5.5 pounds). From 2013-2019, there were 163/3,333 low birth weight deliveries in QAC or 4.9% compared to 8.7% in Maryland and 8.2% in the United States. By race/ethnicity this is:

AREA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Hispanic	TOTAL
QAC	4.3%	8.9%	4.5%	4.9%
Maryland	6.6%	12.3%	7.0%	8.7%
United States	6.8%	13.5%	7.3%	8.2%

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics System, 2013-2019

 Women with Prenatal Care in the First Trimester: The percent of all births and births in selected racial groups with prenatal care beginning in the first trimester. The percent of QAC women receiving prenatal care in the first trimester from 2013-2019 was 76.1% compared to 69.9% for Maryland and 67.5% for the United States.

Source: SHIP early prenatal care

SHIP Early Prenatal Care 2017 | Open Data | opendata.maryland.gov

(2) Healthy Children

 Health Insurance Coverage: The percent of children who have health insurance coverage. The number of children in Queen Anne's County with health insurance coverage is 96.62% compared to 96.73% for Maryland and 94.38% for the United States.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, 2019.

 Immunizations: The percent of children ages 19 through 35 months who have received the full schedule of recommended immunizations. The percentage of QAC children, 19 through 35 months receiving the full schedule (7-vaccine series) is 69% compared to 67.2% for Maryland and 64.8% for the United States.

AREA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Hispanic	TOTAL
QAC	68.6%	63.9%	69.8%	69%
Maryland	67.8%	58.9%	65.9%	67.2%
United States	67.3%	57.6%	66.2%	64.8%

Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, 2019.

Obesity: The percent of Maryland public school students in grades 9-12 who are overweight or obese. QAC children who are overweight or obese in grades 9-12 are 24.9% compared to 28.5% in Maryland and 28.2% in the United States
 Source: Center for Disease Control & Prevention, 2019 and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 2020

Hospitalizations: The nonfatal injury hospitalization rate for <u>self-inflicted</u> <u>injuries</u> to children ages 0-21 per 100,000 of the population. QAC had a higher rate of self-inflicted injuries to children ages 0-21 that resulted in non-fatal injury hospitalizations. This rate has dropped from 131 per 100,000 to 84 per 100,000.

Source: https://goc.maryland.gov/

- Depressive Episode: The percent of public school students in grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 reporting a depressive episode (felt sad or hopeless).
 "Ever having been diagnosed with depression" among grades 6-8 was 9% in 2016 and 11% in 2022 with a rate of 24% in 2016 for High School Students in 2016 and 36% in 2021. This compares to 11% for grades 6-8 in Maryland in 2016 and 18% in 2022 with grades 9-12 (high school) reporting 26.8% in 2016 and 32% in 2021.
 Source: Youth Pandemic Behavior Survey for 2021
- Physical Activity: The percent of public school students in grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 reporting physical activity for 60 minutes in the last 7 days. Eighty-five percent of public school students in grades 6-8 in Maryland report physical activity for 60 minutes in the past week and only 72.2% of youth in grades 9-12. In QAC this was 82% in grades 6-8 and 70% in grades 9-12. Source: Maryland Nutrition and Physical Activity Plan, 2016 and Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2018.

• Vapor Product Use: The percent of public school students in grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 reporting electronic vapor product use. 18.9% of Maryland middle schoolers have used an Electronic Smoking Device (ESD), with 11% recently using an ESD. Almost 40% (39.7%) of Maryland high schoolers grades 9-12 have used electronic smoking devices. This compares to 8% of QAC in grades 6-8 and 16% in grades 9-12. In QAC, this is 8% in grades 6-9 and 16% in grades 9-12.

Source: 2021 Youth Pandemic Behavior Study, Maryland Department of Health

(3) Children Enter School Ready to Learn

• Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA): % Demonstrating Readiness: The percent of students who received "Demonstrating Readiness" on their composite, or overall, KRA score. 41% of 524 QAC kindergarten children demonstrated readiness in 2021 compared to 45% in Maryland in 2020. This was not atypical, as all 24 jurisdictions reported lower demonstrating readiness scores than in 2019–2020. Sixteen percent are direct certified, 10% have identified disabilities and 9% are English Learners. The method to determine students and families needing support was through screening assessments and teacher reporting. The identified needs were academic, and social/emotional learning.

Source: Coming Back Stronger, Resilience and Opportunity. 2021–2022 KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT REPORT, Maryland State Department of Education.

(4) Children are Successful in School

MAP: Math: The average percent of public school students in grades 3 and 8
performing at or above Performance Level 4 on the Maryland Comprehensive
Assessment Program.

Grade Level	QAC	MD
Elementary (Gr 3)	55.8%	42.5%
Middle School (Gr 8)	56%	12.5%

Source:

 MAP: Reading: The average percent of public school students in grades 3 and 8 performing at or above Performance Level 4 on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program.

Grade Level	QAC	MD
Elementary (Grade 3)	55.5%	41.2%
Middle School (Grade 8)	45%	45.1%

Source:

 MSSA: English: The percent of students in grades 8 and 11 scoring at or above Proficient on the English Multi-State Alternative Assessment.

Grade Level	QAC	MD
Middle (Grade 8)	63.8%	15.4%
High School (Grade 11)	72.6%	14.5%

Source: MSDE Report Card, 2018-2019

 MSAA: Math: The percent of students in grades 8 and 11 scoring at or above Proficient on the Math Multi-State Alternative Assessment.

Grade Level	QAC	MD
Middle (Grade 8)	47.2%	10.0%
High School (Grade 11)	60.9%	14.5%

Source: MSDE Report Card, 2018-2019

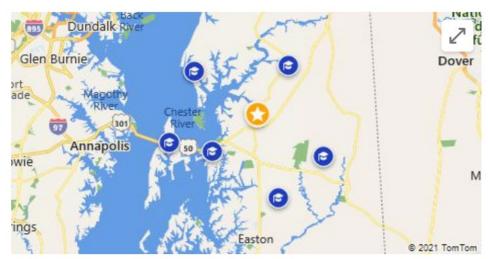
• Chronic Absenteeism: The percent of students enrolled in school at least 10 days who are absent for 10% or more days.

AREA	STUDENT COHORT	# CHRONICALLY ABSENT	CHRONIC ABSENCE RATE
QAC	7,779	1,149	14.77%
MD	897,709	201,087	22.40%
US	48,381,525	7,677,828	15.87%

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Civil Rights Data Collection, 2017-2018.

Additional Maryland State Department of Education Report Card data:

a) How did my Elementary Schools do Overall?



- Queen Anne S County Md
- 1. ARISE Academy, https://www.gacps.org/student-services/arise-academy/
- 2. <u>Bayside Elementary</u>, <u>https://www.qacps.org/bes/</u>
- 3. Centreville Elementary, https://www/qacps.org/ces/
- 4. Church Hill Elementary, https://www/qacps.org/ches/
- 5. Grasonville Elementary, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/114
- 6. Kennard Elementary, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/115
- 7. <u>Kent Island Elementary</u>, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/116
- 8. Matapeake Elementary, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/124
- 9. Sudlersville Elementary, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/117

HOW DID MY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS DO OVERALL?

Overall Elementary school grade span performance is provided by indicator and includes possible points and earned points. Annual target status is also provided.

INDICATOR	POSSIBLE POINTS	EARNED POINTS*	ANNUAL TARGET	IMPROVEMENT
Academic Achievement	20.0	12.4	8	8
Academic Progress	35.0	23.5	n/a	0
Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency	10.0	6.5	Ø	Ø
School Quality and Student Success	35.0	29.0	n/a	8

How did my Middle Schools do Overall?

- 1. Centreville Middle School, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/118
- 2. Matapeake Middle, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/119
- 3. Stevensville Middle, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/120
- 4. Sudlersville Middle, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/121

HOW DID MY MIDDLE SCHOOLS DO OVERALL?

Overall Middle school grade span performance is provided by indicator and includes possible points and earned points. Annual target status is also provided.

INDICATOR	POSSIBLE POINTS	EARNED POINTS*	ANNUAL TARGET	IMPROVEMENT
Academic Achievement	20.0	12.4	8	Ø
Academic Progress	31.5	21.6	n/a	Ø
Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency	10.0	5.8	Ø	©
School Quality and Student Success	35.0	27.4	n/a	8

How did my High Schools do Overall?

- 1. Kent Island HS, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/122
- 2. Queen Anne's County HS, https://md01001006.schoolwires.net/Domain/123

HOW DID MY HIGH SCHOOLS DO OVERALL?

Overall High school grade span performance is provided by indicator and includes possible points and earned points. Annual target status is also provided.

INDICATOR	POSSIBLE POINTS	EARNED POINTS*	ANNUAL TARGET	IMPROVEMENT
Academic Achievement	30.0	20.6	Ø	•
Graduation Rate	15.0	14.5	0	8
Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency	10.0	4.1	Ø	0
Readiness for Post-Secondary Success	10.0	9.0	n/a	8
School Quality and Student Success	35.0	22.7	n/a	8

^{*} Earned points may not equal total points due to rounding. 👽 =Met 😮 =Not Met

Source: Maryland State Department of Education Report Card, 2018-2019.

https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov

(5) Youth Will Complete School

• Educational Attainment: High School Graduate (Includes Equivalence): The percent of young adults ages 18 through 24 who have completed high school (includes equivalency).

AREA	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-27	2017-18	2018-19
QAC	93.0%	94.0%	95.0%	95.9%	96.1%	96.0%	96.0%
MD	84.9%	86.6%	87.0%	87.5%	87.8%	86.9%	87.0%
US	83.2%	84.3%	84.3%	86.1%	86.8^	87.4%	87.7%

Source: U.S. Department of Education, EDFacts. 2018-2019

• Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

The adjusted cohort graduation rate (ACGR) is a graduation metric that follows a 'cohort' of first-time ninth graders in a particular school year, and adjusts this number by adding any students that transfer out, emigrate to another country or pass away. The ACGR is the percentage of the students in this cohort who graduate within four years.

AREA	ADJUSTED STUDENT COHORT	# OF DIPLOMAS ISSUED	COHORT GRADUATION RATE
QAC	530	509	96.0%
MD	64,117	55,762	87.2%
US	3,095,240	2,715,610	87.5%

Source: U.S. Department of Education, EDFacts. 2018-2019

 Program Completion of Students with Disabilities: The percent of students with disabilities who graduated with a diploma. Queen Anne's County students with disabilities graduated at 81.08% compared to all students at 96.31%.

(6) Youth Have Opportunities for Employment or Career Readiness

- Youth Employment: The percent of 16-19 year olds in the labor force who are unemployed. Figure for U.S. combines 16-19 and 20-24 year olds for 2021.
- Youth Employment: The percent of 20-24 year olds in the labor force who are unemployed. Figure for U.S. combines 16-19 and 20-24 year olds for 2021

AREA	% 16-19	% 20-24
ANEA	unemployed	unemployed
QAC	11.2%	12.5%
MD	6.5%	7.7%
US	10%	10%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-year estimates.

 Percent of High School Graduates Who Complete a Career and Technology Education (CTE) Program.

AREA	% High School Graduates Completing a Career and Technology Education Programs	
QAC	20.4%	
MD	7.8%	

Source: CTE Maryland, Maryland State Department of Education, 2021

Youth Disconnection: The Percent of Youth Not Working and Not in School: The
percentage of youth ages 16-24 who are not enrolled in school and not working or
not currently seeking employment.

AREA	# of Disconnected or Opportunity Youth (ages 16-24, not in school or not employed)	% Disconnected Youth
QAC	800	14.6%
MD	93,704	10.5%

Source: Disconnected Youth in Maryland, 2015. <u>Youth Disconnection: Percent of Youth Ages 16-24</u> Not in School and Not Working (clearimpact.com)

(7) Communities are Safe for Children, Youth and Families

• Crime: The rate of violent crimes committed per 1,000 persons.

AREA	# of violent crimes	Rate of violent crimes per 1,000
QAC	287	5.9
MD	87,227	4.6
US	4,579,031	4.1

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigations, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, 2015-2017.

• Hospitalizations: The nonfatal injury hospitalization rate <u>for assault injuries</u> to children and youth ages 0-21 per 100,000 of the population.

AREA	Rate per 100,000 f non-fatal injury hospitalization for assault injuries to Children & Youth ages 0-21
QAC	7.8
MD	10.2
US	53.7

Source: https://goc.maryland.gov/hospitalizations

• Child Maltreatment: The rate of unduplicated children ages 0-17 with Indicated/Unsubstantiated child abuse/neglect findings (per 1,000).

I ARFA I		Rate of children ages 0-17 with child abuse/ neglect findings per 1,000	
QAC	334	2.5	
MD	58,801	5.1	
US	618,399	6.6	

Source: SFY18 - Child Welfare Trends Report - June 2018 wSnapshots.pdf (maryland.gov)

• Juvenile Felony Offenses: The rate of referrals, per 100,000 youth ages 11 through 17, for felony offenses including both violent and non-violent charges.

AREA	Youth ages 11-17 referred for felony	Rate of referrals per 100,000 of youth, ages 11-17, referred for felony	
QAC	5/10,769	46/100,000	
MD	9,910/1,362,494	727/100,000	
US	70,800/7,368,041	961/100,000	

Source: Maryland Juvenile Justice Data Resource Guide, Fiscal Year 2021, p. 86

• Lead Levels: The percent of children under 72 months of age with confirmed blood lead levels (BLL) > $5 \mu g/dL$.

AREA % of Children under 72 months with confirmed blood lead levels > 5 ug/c	
QAC	2.30%
MD	1.70%
US	2.60%

Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2018

• Out-of-Home Placements: The rate of children placed in out-of-home placements per 1,000 children ages 0-18.

AREA	Rate of children per 1,000 of children ages 0-18 placed in out-of-home placement	
QAC	5.2	
MD	7.8	

Source: State of Maryland Out-of-Home Placement and Family Preservation Resource Plan, 2019

(8) Families are Economically Stable

• Child Poverty: The percent of children under age 18 whose family income is equal to or below the federal poverty threshold.

AREA	# of children under age of 18 who are at or below the FPL	% of children under age of 18 who are at or below the FPL	
QAC	739	7.0%	
MD	5,894,835	11.6%	
US	318,564,128	17.5%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area and Income Estimates, KidsCount, 2020

 Homelessness: The percent of children enrolled in the public school system who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or who are awaiting foster-care placement.

AREA	% of children enrolled in public school who are homeless or await foster-care placement	
QAC	1.5%	
MD	1.5%	

Source: <u>Youth Homelessness (maryland.gov)</u>, 2019: MSDE Division of Accountability & Assessment Attendance Data Collection, 2019.

• Percent of Families Spending > 30% Income on Housing (HUD Cost-Burdened).

AREA	Total Households	# of Families spending > 30% of Annual Income on Housing	% Cost-Burdened Households
QAC	19,000	5,448	28.7%
MD	2,230,527	683,102	30.6%
US	122,354,219	37,128,748	30.4%

- Percent of Families Spending > 30% Income on Housing (Rent and Utilities).
- Percent of Families Spending > 30% Income on Housing (Mortgage and Utilities).

AREA	Cost-Burdened Households	% Rental Households	% Owner- Occupied with Mortgage	% Owner- Occupied with NO Mortgage
QAC	5,448	30.3%	59.5%	10.2%
MD	683,102	50.2%	42.2%	7.6%
US	37,128,748	53.5%	35.9%	10.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020

5. INTEGRATION WITH PRIOR STUDIES

(1) September 2016 Data Round-Up for Queen Anne's County (prior NA)

Link: QACMBDataRoundup-FINAL-10-11-2016.pdf (communitypartnerships.info),

Website: https://communitypartnerships.info/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/qacmbdataroundup-final-10-11-2016.pdf

The Data Roundup report from September 2016 was used to assess progress with the 8 Local Management Board Results and Indicators and to inform the current (2022) Needs Assessment. That report cited a goal of 600 quality of life surveys with actual response of 1,040 using a two-page, 12-question instrument; 10 focus groups of 151 participants, and 17 key informant interviews. In comparison, the 2022 Needs Assessment resulted in 608 surveys using a 7-page, 18-question instrument (Appendix A), 14 focus groups with 108 total participants, and 75 key informant interviews (Appendix A for discussion guide).

(2) 2022 Queen Anne's County Housing Study

Link: Information on the Housing Situation in QAC | Queen Anne's County, MD - Official Website,

Website: https://www.qac.org/DocumentCenter/view/15198/qac-housing-strategy--final-5-3-21_?bidld=

A housing study was recently completed by Queen Anne's County due to the current state of affordable housing (cost-burdened and severely cost-burdened housing—at least 30% or 50%, respectively of the annual income of residents). A mix of economic development and policy recommendations were reached by this report with issue of that document in April of 2021. This report populates key indicators for LMB Result #8: Families are Economically Stable.

(3) 2021 Youth Pandemic Behavior Study

Link: MD YPBS-21 Infographic REV 10.20.21 (1).pdf (maryland.gov),

Website: https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/ohpetup/documents/md%20ypbs-21%20infographic%20rev%2010.20.21%20%281%29.pdf

A Youth Pandemic Behavior Risk study was released by the State of Maryland about risk behaviors by high school students in Maryland. This report was issued in February 2022. This report populates key indicators (vaping use and depressive episodes) for LMB Result #2: Healthy Children.

(4) 2021–2022 KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT REPORT, Maryland State Department of Education

Link: Coming Back Stronger Readiness Matters (marylandpublicschools.org)

Website:

https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/4/readinessmatters2021-2022_accessible.pdf

Data for the LMB Result #3: Readiness to enter school was excerpted from this 2021-2022 report.

(5) 2021 Department of Juvenile Services Data Resource Guide

Link: Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2021 (maryland.gov)

Website: https://djs.maryland.gov/documents/drg/data_resource_guide_fy2021.pdf
A Strategic Planning Committee member supplied this Resource Guide with invaluable data related to LMB Result #7: Communities are Safe for Children, Youth and Families.

(6) 2019 Queen Anne's County/Maryland State Department of Education Report Card

Link and website: https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov

This data largely populated the LMB Result #4: Children are Successful in School.

(7) 2015 Disconnected Youth by County

Link: <u>Disconnected/Opportunity Youth (maryland.gov)</u> **Website:** https://goc.maryland.gov/disconnected-youth/

This report supplied data for an Indicator in LMB Result #6: Youth Have Opportunities for

Employment or Career Readiness

6. CONCLUSIONS

Below is a matrix of the issues, data sources and correlation to the 8 Local Management Board Results. Following this matrix is a list of high-level conclusions from the Needs Assessment. Based on the QAC Quality of Life Survey and Demographic-Socioeconomiccomparison was made to other studies and the 8 required Local Management Board Results. This summary chart resulted in the Health data (quantitative research) and findings from the qualitative research (key informant interviews and focus groups), a three goals in the Strategic Plan.

ISSUES	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH	QUAN	QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH	OTHER STUDIES	8 LIMB RESULTS	STRATEGIC PLAN
	KII/FOCUS GROUPS	RESIDENT SURVEY: PRIMARY	PROFILES: SECONDARY	PRIOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT/ HOUSING/ JUVENILE JUSTICE/ DISCONNECTED YOUTH		
Housing	×	×	×	×		
Transportation	×				8. Families are	
Food Security	×				Economically Stable	basic iveeds
Homelessness	×	×	×	×		
Recreational activities	×	×			7. Communities are Safe for Children, Youth &	
Juvenile Crime	×	×		×	Families	
Vocational					5. Youth completing	
Training/ Career					School	
Paths	>	>		>	6. Youth with	
	<	<		<	Opportunities for	Youth Development
					Employment or Career	
					Readiness	
Social-Emotional					3. Children enter school	
Learning	>	>			ready to learn	
	<	<			4. Children successful in	
					School	
Behavioral Health	X	×	X	×		
Access to Health Care	×	×	*	*	 Babies Born Healthy Healthy Children 	141000000000000000000000000000000000000
Health Insurance	×	×	X			חסוואנוכ חפשונוו
Economic Advancement	×	×	×		8. Families are Economically Stable	

Conclusions from the Needs Assessment:

- 1) The tiered issues for all respondents are similar to that of the groups that rate Quality of Life in Queen Anne's County at a lower ranking (Hispanics and Young Adults Living Independently). Their issue is access to social determinants of health and the severity of their issues.
- 2) Hispanics and young adults living independently, face issues with awareness of, and access to, resources that specifically deal with their unique challenges. For Hispanics, accessing services with no translation capability is a significant barrier. They travel to a neighboring county for health services and are often referred to resources in Baltimore due to lack of Spanish-speaking capability, or concerns about their legal citizenship status. For young adults living independently, they are similarly unaware of how to access resources needed for their basic living situation.
- **3)** The recently developed Resource Guide [2021-NEW-RESOURCE-LIST---5212021 (qac.org), https://www.qac.org/DocumentCenter/View/15250/2021-NEW-Reources-List---5212021?bidld=] is helpful, but defines special population needs as the disabled or seniors. A Spanish translation and referrals for the basic living needs of young adults would be productive to respond to these two subgroups.
- **4)** All residents spoke highly of the public school system in responding to their needs, with specific reference by the two subgroups to their reliance on the schools for information, resources and help. Deploying a resource guide or potential funds to this sector as a trusted adviser might be a conduit that furthers this reliance.
- **5)** Overall, the QAC Local Management Board favorably impacts the lives of Queen Anne's County residents at the basic need, youth development and health domains. The most critical area is education due to the significant impact of the COVID pandemic on in-school access.
- **6)** The three strategic goals correlate to these tiered issues as do the eight Local Management Board Results.

7. DASHBOARD OF MONITORING PLAN

Areas in which Queen Anne's County Local Management Board excelled are displayed below followed by those that need improvement. A dashboard is detailed in Appendix C.

QUEEN	ANNE'S COUNTY 2016 vs.	2022
AREAS WHERE QAC IMPROVED SINCE 2016 ASSESSMENT	AREAS WHERE QAC REMAINED THE SAME SINCE 2016 ASSESSMENT	AREAS REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT SINCE 2016 ASSESSMENT
 Low birthweight (LBW) infants Health Insurance Coverage Childhood Immunizations Childhood non-fatal injury hospitalizations Child depressive episodes Vaping use in High School MCAP: Reading (Grades 3 & 8) Educational attainment Youth employed (Ages 16-19 & 20-24) Youth unemployed Rate of Violent Crime Rate of nonfatal hospitalization due to assault in children/youth Child maltreatment Juvenile felony offenses Child lead levels 	1. Physical Activity 2. Four-year graduation cohort NOT INCLUDED IN THE 2016 ASSESSMENT: 1. CTE completion 2. Child lead levels 3. High school completed for disabled 4. Housing cost-burdened 5. Housing cost severely cost-burdened	 Teen Births Women receiving Prenatal Care in First Trimester Childhood Obesity Kindergarten Readiness Assessment MCAP: Math (Grades 3 & 8) MSAA: English (Grades 8 & 11) MSAA: Math (Grades 8 & 11) Chronic Absenteeism Disconnected Youth Out-of-home placements

MCAP: Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program; MSAA: Multi-State Alternate Assessment

16 indicators or 49% for QAC improved in 2022 from 2016. Ten (30%) were worse in 2022 than 2016, 2 (6%) were the same and 5 (15%) weren't measured in 2016.

QUEEN ANNE'S	COUNTY 2022 vs. MARYLA	AND 2022
AREAS QAC 2022 EXCELLED COMPARED TO MARYLAND 2022	AREAS QAC 2022 IS THE SAME AS MARYLAND 2022	AREAS FOR QAC 2022 IMPROVEMENT COMPARED TO MARYLAND 2022
 Teen Births Low Birth Weight Infants Women receiving Prenatal Care in First Trimester Childhood Obesity Vaping use in High School MCAP: Math (Grades 3 &8) MCAP: Reading (Grades 3 & 8) MSAA: English (Grades 8 & 11) MSAA: Math (Grades 8 & 11) Chronic Absenteeism Educational Attainment Four-year graduation cohort High School completed for disabled Youth Employed (16-19, 20-24) Rate of Violent Crime Rate of non-fatal hospitalization for assault to children/youth Child maltreatment Juvenile felony offenses Child poverty CTE completion 	 Health Insurance Coverage Kindergarten Readiness assessment Housing cost-burdened (30% annual income) Housing severely cost-burdened (50%+ annual income) 	 Child Immunizations Childhood non-fatal injury hospitalization Child depressive episodes Physical activity Child lead levels Youth unemployed (16-19, 20-24) Disconnected Youth Out-of-home placement

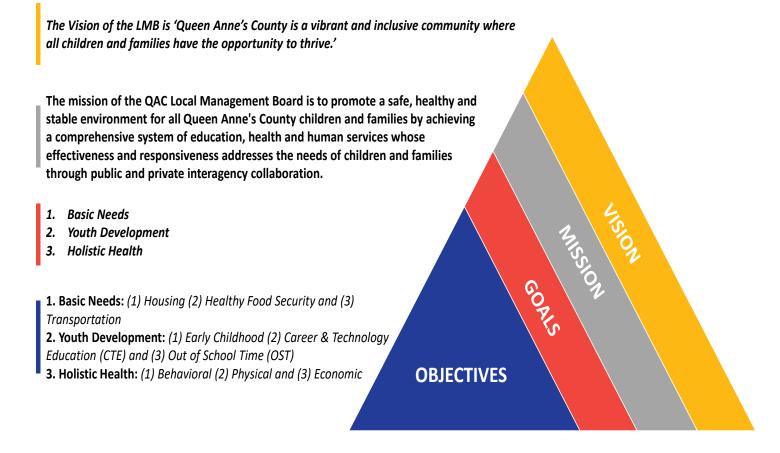
20 indicators or 63% QAC excelled compared to Maryland in 2022. Eight (25%) were worse in 2022 compared to Maryland and 6 (12%) were the same.

Quality of Life: A dashboard of graphics is provided with the detailed dashboard for Health, Education and Community displayed in Appendix C.

F	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	Total	Weighted Average
Families	26.06% 148	49.47% 281	17.61% 100	6.51% 37	0.35% 2	568	2.06
Children	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	Total	Weighted Average
(up to age 15)	21.62% 120	42.88% 238	20.72% 115	12.61% 70	2.16% 12	555	2.31
				.			
Verres Adults	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	Total	Weighted Average
Young Adults	12.66% 70	35.99% 199	27.49% 152	18.44% 102	5.42% 30	553	2.68
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8. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Planning Committee met on May 23, and June 8, 2022 to review the Mission of QAC Local Management Board, develop a Vision statement, and create the Goals and Objectives for the next three-year period. It is the intent to re-generate committees or form new ones to implement these goals and objectives as the Strategic Plan is approved by the Local Management Board.



Goal #1. BASIC NEEDS	C NEEDS				
OBJECTIVES	ACTION STEPS	DATA SOURCES	Eight Results OF Maryland LMBs	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	TIMEFRAME
1. Housing	 Provide education regarding costs & steps to own house Provide financial support to house ownership (down payment, closing costs) Help enforce tenant protection laws with landlords Work with local employers to provide housing support for their employees Explore subsidized housing For QAC residents that have Section 8 or other Housing vouchers, help with rental costs (1 months' rent and/or security deposit) Examine County policy on seasonal housing (VRBOs, Airbnb) to reduce further reduction of available housing stock 		8. Families Economically Stable		
2. Healthy Food Security	 (1) Work with Food Pantries to provide culturally responsive food (2) Offer meal preparation classes (elderly, subgroups) (3) Match SNAP benefits to Food Market purchases (4) Offer Food prescriptions (Fruits & Vegetables Rx) with Maryland Medicaid through primary care (5) Use Schools (Sudlersville Middle School) kitchens and facilities for classes, meal prep 	 Community Health Assessment from 2022 Secondary research: Demographic & Social Determinants of Health Primary research: Key Informants, Quality of Life Survey, Focus Groups 	2. Healthy Children		
3. Transportation	 (1) Northern bus route: still in place? (2) Area Agency on Aging, County Ride (3) QAC LMB ride program, Transportation Voucher Program (4) Medicaid pays PLEDGE (to and from Medical appts) (5) Consider UWW / LYFT partnership 	•	8. Families Economically Stable		

Goal #1. BASIC NEEDS (continued)		
AT-RISK GROUPS: (% indicate Fair or Poor Quality of Life	Life rating among these at-risk groups)	
1. Hispanics -26%		
2. Young Adults living independently (18-24 year ol	ear old's)-20%	
3. Multiracial - 11% and 20-29-year old's -6%		
4. Retirees (65+ years old) – 5%		
Evidence to justify Goal:	Profiles (Demographic, Socioeconomic, Epidemiologic)	
Environmental Scan (prior studies)	Resident Surveys	
 Key Informant Interviews 	Focus Group	
SWOT Analysis Findings:		
Strengths: QAC recent housing report, strong partnerships	tnerships	
Weaknesses: Limited affordable housing stock; rural attributes of community	ıral attributes of community	
Opportunities: Leverage existing resources and seek multi-county collaborations	eek multi-county collaborations	
Threats: Economy, Growth only in southern part of county	of county	
Program vs. System Resolutions: Housing	Program vs. System Resolution: Healthy Food Security	Program vs. System Resolution:
Example of Program: Education classes on cost	Example of Program: Education classes for food preparation, with	Transport
related to owning a home	potential use of public-school kitchens, after-hours	Example of Program: QAC county
Example of System: County monitoring and	Example of System: Food prescription for pre-diabetics or those with	ride program
limiting seasonal housing or taxing seasonal	diabetes through a healthcare practitioner, paid by Medicaid	Example of System: United Way &
housing above normal rate to increase housing		Litri program or enterprise Commute
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GOAL #2. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	VELOPMENT				
OBJECTIVES	ACTION STEPS	DATA SOURCES	Eight Results Maryland LMBs	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	TIMEFRAME
1. Early Childhood	 (1) Public: private partnership to offer Independent Day Care, Offer Science & Reading Programs (2) Strengthen Healthy Families program (Friends, Families, Neighbors) (3) Provide Family support especially in Juvenile Centers (4) Enhance public Library support & resources 	 Community Health Assessment 2022 Secondary research: Demographic-Socioeconomic & Health Profile of QAC Primary research: Key Informant Interviews, Quality of Life Survey, Focus Groups 	1. Children Enter School ready to learn 4. Children successful in school 5. Youth complete school 6. Communities safe for CYF 7. Youth have opportunities for employment or career readiness	Early Childhood Committee	
2. Career, Technology & Education (CTE)	 (1) Offer programs in core basics, then in 10th or 11th grade move to track (CTE or Academic) (2) Provide flexibility to change tracks (3) Provide CTE for home schooled children (4) Reach 'at-risk' or truant children so that they have awareness of a fit (5) Provide early access (middle school & High School) to CTE 	 Maryland Leads and Maryland Disconnected Youth, 2015 Secondary research: Demographic-Socioeconomic & Health Profile of QAC Primary research: Key Informant Interviews, Quality of Life Survey, Focus Groups 	5.Youth complete school 7. Youth have opportunities for employment or career readiness	Workforce Investment Board- Opportunity Investment Act Queen Anne's County Training	
3. Out of School Time	 (1) Re-engage OST Committee around new data (2) Explore gaps in services among atrisk populations seeking access (3) Ensure all potential partners are convened and engaged in strategies 	 Community Health Assessment 2022 Secondary research: Demographic-Socioeconomic & Health Profile of QAC Primary research: Key Informant Interviews, Quality of Life Survey, Focus Groups 	4. Children successful in school 5. Youth complete school	Out of School Time Committee	

GOAL #2. YOUTH DEVELOPINIEINT (CONTINUEA)		
AT-RISK GROUPS: (% indicate Fair or Poor Quality of Education rating among these at-risk groups)	on rating among these at-risk groups)	
1. Young Adults living at home (16-24) – 22% - TRUANT		
2. Young Adults living independently (16-24) – 9% - TRUANT		
Evidence to justify Goal:	Three studies referenced (Maryland Leac	 Three studies referenced (Maryland Leads, Disconnected Youth-2015 & WOIA Board)
Environmental Scan (prior studies) – QAC has 16.7% DC Yo	DC Youth, #8 ● Profiles (Demographic, Socioeconomic, Epidemiologic)	pidemiologic)
in 23 counties	 Resident Surveys and Focus Groups 	
 Key Informant Interviews 		
SWOT Analysis Findings:		
 Strengths: Strong public school system 		
 Weaknesses: Transportation for youth 		
 Opportunities: Universal Pre-K legislation 		
Threats: Funding to support private/public partnerships for early childhood seats	or early childhood seats	
Program vs. System Resolutions: Early Childhood	Program vs. System Resolution: CTE	Program vs. System Resolution: OST
Example of Program: Quality early childcare opportunities	Example of Program: Vocational Training	Example of Program: Scholarships for at-risk
featuring the "Basics"	Example of System: Earlier access (Middle School	youth that can't afford fees
Example of System: Universal Pre-K	or High School) to CTE for at-risk children (truant)	Example of System: Leverage USDA funding for provision of healthy food and snack grants

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	OBJECTIVES		ACTION STEPS		DATA SOURCES	8 Results required by Maryland LMBs	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	TIMEFRAME
1.	Behavioral	(1)	_	•	Community Health Assessment	 Babies Born Healthy 		
	Health		to identify ways to increase		2022	3. Healthy Children		
			access to current	•	Secondary research:	8. Families		
			programs/services		Demographic-Socioeconomic &	Economically Stable		
		(2)	Consider peer-based support		Health Profile of QAC			
				•	Primary research:			
		(3)			Key Informant Interviews,			
			model		Quality of Life Survey, Focus			
		(4)	Enhance training for first		Groups			
			responders					
2.	Physical Health	(1)	Coordinated community	•	Community Health Assessment	3. Healthy Children		
			efforts around active living		2022			
			and eating healthy	•	Secondary research:			
		(2)	Decrease the digital inequities		Demographic-Socioeconomic &			
			to allow for greater virtual		Health Profile of QAC			
			access to providers	•	Primary research:			
					Key Informant Interviews,			
					Quality of Life Survey, Focus			
					Groups			
4.	Economic	•	Convene community partners	•	Community Health Assessment	8. Families Economically		
	Health		to identify gaps in the safety		2022	Stable		
			net	•	Secondary research:			
		•	Develop strategies to increase		Demographic-Socioeconomic &			
			access to community supports		health Profile of QAC			
			and programs (credit	•	Primary research:			
			counseling, budgeting,		Key Informant Interviews,			
			predatory lending practices)		Quality of Life Survey, Focus			
		•	Deeper case management for		Groups			
			individuals that routinely					
			access the safety net					

GOAL #3. HOLISTIC HEALTH (continued)		
AT-RISK GROUPS: (% indicate Fair or Poor Quality of	Health rating among these at-risk groups)	
1. Hispanics -32%		
2. Young adults living independently (18-24 years of age) -18%	age) -18%	
3. Multiracial - 10%		
4. Elderly (65+ years of age) –8%		
Evidence to justify Goal:	 Profiles (Demographic, Socioeconomic, Epidemiologic) 	
Environmental Scan (prior studies)	 Resident Surveys 	
 Key Informant Interviews 	Focus Group	
SWOT Analysis Findings:		
 Strengths: Strong Parks and Rec system 		
 Weaknesses: Access concerns, lack of number of providers actually in QAC 	providers actually in QAC	
Opportunities: Collaborations with community-based organizations	sed organizations	
Threats: Increased need for mental health services	8	
Program vs. System Resolutions: Behavioral Health	Program vs. System Resolutions: Physical Health	Program vs. System Resolutions: Economic Health
Example of Program: Peer Support Living Room	Example of Program: Community Health Worker	
Model	outreach programs	Example of Program: Credit counseling programs
		or IDA supports to help develop personal assets
Example of System: Supportive funding for a	Example of System: Decrease digital inequities for	
mental health counselor in every school	greater access	Example of System: Establishment of a Cliff
		Effect Fund

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APPENDIX A. Primary Research		

Below is the guide used by KSA to initiate interviews and discussions among Key Informants and with focus groups.



Queen Anne's County Key Informant and Focus Group Discussion Guide

- I. Key informant interviews will be conducted in Queen Anne's County as a component to the Community Partnerships for Children and Families FY 2022 Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan. The Key Informants will be selected by the LMB Director and staff. Our goal is to have discussion with these key individuals to inform us of priority issues for QAC, where strengths and opportunities for improvement exist and identification of resource gaps in QAC. These interviews will take approximately 20 minutes and we will ask the following questions:
 - 1. How do you identify in terms of gender?
 - 2. How do you identify in terms of race?
 - 3. Age range (20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's)
 - 4. Are you a resident of Queen Anne's County?
 - 5. Do you work outside of Queen Anne's County?
 - 6. What area of the county do you reside (South, North, Mid)?
 - 7. What would you say is your top health concern for children and families?
 - 8. What would you say is your top education concern for children and families?
 - 9. What are the biggest challenges right now in the county related to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on children and families?

- 10. Where does the county need to focus resources (and did this become more critical as a result of COVID-19)?
- 11. What would you say are the county's greatest strengths?
- 12. Do you have any final comments to add?

Informants will be intentionally asked several questions from the prior report's (2016) Key Informant tool to provide continuity and trend markers.

- II. Ten Focus Groups will be held during the last two weeks of March with the goal of approximately 100+ participants in total. Each Focus Group will last approximately 1-hour. These focus groups will be held in collaboration with many service providers. Priority will be given to hard-to-reach populations. In these facilitated conversations, the following questions will be asked, similar to the Key Informant Surveys:
 - 1. What would you say is the top health concern for your children and family?
 - 2. What would you say is your top education concern for your children and/or family?
 - 3. What are the biggest challenges you face right now related to the impact of COVID-19?
 - 4. Where should the county focus resources (and did this become more critical as a result of COVID-19)?
 - 5. What would you say are the county's greatest strengths?
 - 6. Do you have any final comments to add?

RESIDENT SURVEY

A listing of the issues referenced by Resident Survey respondents in the four major categories is provided below.

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НЕАЦТН	EDUCATION	COMMUNITY	RESOURCES
 Infant Mortality 	 Children entering kindergarten 	 Child maltreatment 	 Early childhood development/literacy programs
 Low birthweight babies 	ready to learn	(mistreatment and/or neglect)	 Pregnancy and infant wellness
Births to teens or	 Elementary school academic 	 Hunger and access to nutritional 	 Parenting support
adolescents/ Teen	performance	meals (for families with children)	 Family planning
pregnancy	 Middle and high school 	 Child Poverty 	 Recreation for very young and/or grade school
Child immunizations	academic performance	 Homelessness (for young adults and 	children
Child hospitalizations due	 School attendance/ truancy 	families with children)	 Recreation for middle and/or high school children
to injuries	 Learning loss impacted by 	 Ongoing financial instability as a 	 Resource information
Health insurance	COVID	direct	 Substance use assessment and treatment
Access to healthcare	 Bullying and harassment in 	result of COVID	 Mental health/behavioral health treatment
Child obesity/physical	school	 Affordable quality housing 	 Basic needs (food, clothing, shelter) for families
activity	 Bullying and harassment 	 Children placed away from home 	 Affordable/quality housing
Mental health	outside of school or on social	due to behavior or mistreatment	 Diversity/cultural awareness activities
Services delivered are	media platforms	 Disconnected youth ages 16-24 (not 	 Family oriented events and activities
culturally appropriate	 SEL-social/emotional learning 	ņ	 Crime prevention
Ongoing impacts of COVID	/skills/coping/ support	school or employed)	 Civility or social skills training for youth/young
Substance use	Graduation rate	 Juvenile crime & recidivism (repeat 	adults
(vaping/tobacco, alcohol,	 High school program 	offenders)	 Environmental/nature/outdoor opportunities
illegal drugs, prescription	completion for student with	 Community crime 	 Public transportation
medications)	disabilities	 Well-being of Children of 	 Affordable childcare
	 Youth engaged in school or 	incarcerated (or formerly	 Jobs/employment training and opportunities
	employed or both (up to age	incarcerated) parent or	 Arts/music/entertainment
	24)	family	 Afterschool activities (academic, athletic,
	 Access to college or other post 	 Transportation 	enrichment)
	high school education	 Recreational/social venues for 	
	 Access to vocational training 	youth	

RESIDENT SURVEY	TOOL	(Englis	h & Spa	nish

Queen Anne's County Quality of Life Survey 2022

Your opinion is important! The purpose of this survey is to collect opinions about the quality of life for children and families in Queen Anne's County. The survey is designed to take just 5-10 minutes of your time and is anonymous. Anyone age 16 and over who lives, works, or volunteers in Queen Anne's County is invited to participate. If you are under age 18, please make sure you have parent permission to take this survey. Should you have any questions about the survey or need assistance responding call toll-free 1-877-257-8783.

1. what gender do you identify as? (Select one): Ma	ale Female Other Prefer Not to Answer							
2. What is your age range? (Select one): 16-19	20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 and older							
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Latino Black/ African American from Multiple Races vaiian/Pacific Islander Other(s) (Please list)							
4. Do you live, work or volunteer in Queen Anne's Live in QA Work in QA	County? (Select all that apply): Volunteer in QA Work outside of QA							
5. What is you zip code?								
6. What is your family role? (Select all that apply): Parent Child/Youth (under 18) Grandparent/Great-grandparent								
Uncle/Aunt Guardian Young Adult (18-24) Living w	vith Parent(s) or Guardian Independent Young Adult (18-24)							
Concerned Adult Other (Please list)								
7. Do you or your family have access to transportation? (Select all that apply): Own vehicle Ride share/carpool Use public transportation Have limited access to transportation Have no access to transportation								
8. How do you rate the following conditions in Queen An	nne's County? (Select one rating per condition):							
Quality of Life Conditions	Poor Fair Satisfactory Good Excellent							

c. The quality of life for young adults (ages 16-24)

9. How do you rate the importance of the following HEALTH concerns in Queen Anne's County? (Select one rating

per concern):				
HEALTH Concerns	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
a. Infant mortality				
b. Low birthweight babies				
c. Births to teens or adolescents/Teen pregnancy				
d. Child immunizations				
e. Child hospitalizations due to injuries				
f. Health insurance				
g. Access to healthcare				
h. Child obesity/physical activity				
i. Mental health				
j. Services delivered are culturally appropriate				
k. Ongoing impacts of COVID				
I. Substance use (vaping/tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription medications)				
m. Other – Please specify:				

10. Please select your top five HEALTH Concerns of the list above

a. The quality of life for families

b. The quality of life for children (up to age 15)

11. How do you rate the importance of the following EDUCATION concerns in Queen Anne's County? (Select one

rating per concern):

EDUCATION Concerns	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
a. Children entering kindergarten ready to learn				
b. Elementary school academic performance				
c. Middle and high school academic performance				
d. School attendance/truancy				
e. Learning loss impacted by Covid-19				
f. Bullying and harassment in school				
g. Bullying and harassment outside of school or through social media platforms				
h. SEL – social/emotional learning/skills/coping/support				
i. Graduation rate				
j. High school program completion for students with disabilities				
k. Youth engaged in school or employed or both (up to age 24)				
Access to college or some other post high school education				
m. Access to vocational training/opportunities				
n. Other concerns not listed – Please specify:				

12. Please select your top five EDUCATION Concerns of the list above

13. How do you rate the importance of the following COMMUNITY concerns in Queen Anne's County? (Select one rating per concern)

COMMUNITY Concerns	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
a. Child maltreatment (mistreatment and/or neglect)				
b. Hunger and access to nutritional meals (for families with children)				
c. Child poverty				
d. Homelessness (for young adults and families with children)				
e. Ongoing financial instability as a direct result of Covid-19				
f. Affordable/ quality housing				
g. Children placed away from home due to behavior or mistreatment				
h. Disconnected youth ages 16-24 not in school or employed				
i. Juvenile crime and recidivism (repeat offenders)				
j. Community crime				
k. Wellbeing of Children of incarcerated (or formerly incarcerated) parents or family				
I. Transportation				
m. Recreational/social venues for youth				
I. Other – Please specify:				

14. Please select your top five COMMUNITY Concerns of the list above

15. Which of the following resources should be created, improved upon or made more accessible in Queen Anne's County? (Select below):

Resource	Create	Improve	Make More Accessible	Don't Know/Does not Affect me
a. Early childhood development/ literacy programs			Addessible	not Ancot me
b. Pregnancy and infant wellness				
c. Parenting support				
d. Family planning				
e. Recreation for very young and/or grade school children				
f. Recreation for middle and/or high school children				
g. Resource information				
h. Substance use assessment and treatment				
i. Mental health/ behavioral health treatment				
j. Basic needs (food, clothing, shelter) for families				
k. Affordable/ quality housing				
Diversity/ cultural awareness activities				
m. Family oriented events and activities				
n. Crime prevention				
o. Civility or social skills training for youth/ young adults				
p. Environment/nature/outdoor opportunities				
q. Public transportation				
r. Affordable childcare				
s. Jobs/ Employment training and opportunities				
t. Arts/ music/ entertainment				
u. Afterschool activities (academic, athletic, enrichment)				
v. Other – Please specify:				

^{16.} In what additional ways (which are not addressed in the questions above) should the quality of life for children and families be improved in Queen Anne's County?

17. Do you have any additional comments?

Thank you for completing this survey! We appreciate your feedback. If you know anyone that would be willing to participate in a focus group in late March to further the discussion on child well-being in Queen Anne's County, please let us know. Focus Group participants may receive a \$10 gift certificate to Food Lion.

Paper surveys should be returned by April 30, 2022 to: QAC Department of Community Services LMB 104 Powell Street/Centreville, MD 21617

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Or turned back in to your provider.

Encuesta de calidad de vida del condado de Queen Anne 2022

¡Tu opinión es importante! El propósito de esta encuesta es obtener opiniones sobre la calidad de vida de los niños y las familias en el condado de Queen Anne. La encuesta se tomará entre 5 a 10 minutos. Cualquier persona mayor de 16 años que viva, trabaje o sea voluntario en el condado de Queen Anne está invitada a participar. Si tiene menos de 18 años, asegúrese de tener el permiso de sus padres para participar en esta encuesta. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la encuesta o necesita ayuda para responder, llame sin cargo al 1-877-257-8783.

1.	¿Con qué sexo te identificas? (Seleccione uno):	Homb	re	Mujer	Otro	Prefiero no respo	nder
2.	¿Qué edad tienes? Menos de 3	15 16-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Más de 60	
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Viv	o en QA	Voluntar	io en Q	A Trabajo	fuera de	QA		
5.	¿Cuál es tu código postal?							
6.	¿Cuál es su rol familiar? (Selec	cione todas las qu	ue corre	spondan):	Padres	Niño/Joven (m	nenores de 18 años)
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	independiente (18-24)	adulto p	reocupa	do	Otro(s)	(Por favo	r especifica)	
7.	¿Usted o su familia tienen acc	eso a transporte?	(Selecci	ione toda	as las que	correspo	ondan):	
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8. ¿Cómo categorizas las siguientes condiciones en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione una calificación por condición)

	Condiciones de calidad de vida	Pobre	Justo/a	Satisfactorio/a	Bueno	Excelente
a.	La calidad de vida de las familias					
b.	La calidad de vida de los niños (hasta los 15 años)					
c.	La calidad de vida de los adultos jóvenes					

9. ¿Cómo categorizas la importancia de las siguientes preocupaciones de SALUD en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione una calificación por inquietud)

	camicación por inquietud)				
	Prioridades de salud	No Importante	Algo Importante	Importante	Muy Importante
a.	Mortalidad Infantil				
b.	Bebés con bajo peso al nacer				
c.	Partos de adolescentes o adolescentes/Embarazo adolescente				
d.	Vacunas para niños				
e.	Hospitalizaciones de niños por lesiones				
f.	Seguro Medico				
g.	Acceso a la atención médica				
h.	Obesidad infantil/actividad física				
i.	Salud mental				
j.	Los servicios Proveidos son culturalmente apropiados				
k.	Impactos continuos de COVID				
I.	Consumo de sustancias (vapeo/tabaco, alcohol, drogas				
-	ilegales, medicamentos recetados)				
	Otros (especificar):				

^{10.} Seleccione sus cinco preoridades de SALUD principales de la lista anterior

No tener acceso al transporte

11. ¿Cómo categorizas la importancia de las siguientes preocupaciones de EDUCACIÓN en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione una calificación por inquietud)

Prioridades de la EDUCACIÓN	No Importante	Algo Importante	Importante	Muy Importante
a. Niños que ingresan al jardín de niños listos para aprender				
b. Rendimiento académico de la escuela primaria				
c. Rendimiento académico de secundaria y preparatoria.				
d. sistencia a la escuela				
e. Pérdida de aprendizaje afectada por Covid-19				
f. Bullying y acoso en la escuela				
g. Intimidación y acoso fuera de la escuela o a través de				
plataformas de redes sociales				
h. SEL: Aprendizaje social/ emocional/ habilidades/ afrontamiento/ apoyo				
i. Tasa de graduación				
j. Finalización del programa de secundaria para estudiantes con discapacidades				
k. Jóvenes involucrados en la escuela o empleados o ambos				
(hasta los 24 años)				
I. Acceso a la universidad o alguna otra educación posterior a la				
escuela secundaria				
m. Acceso a formación profesional/oportunidades				
n Otros (especificar):				

12. Seleccione sus cinco prioridades principales sobre EDUCACIÓN de la lista anterior

13. ¿Cómo categorizas la importancia de las siguientes preocupaciones de la COMUNIDAD en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione una calificación por inquietud)

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	Prioridades de la Comunidad	No Importante	Algo Importante	Importante	Muy Importante
a.	Maltrato infantil (maltrato y/o negligencia)				
b.	Hambre y acceso a comidas nutritivas (para familias con				
	niños)				
C.	Pobreza infantil				
d.	Personas sin hogar (para adultos jóvenes y familias con				
	niños)				
e.	Inestabilidad financiera en curso como resultado directo de				
	Covid-19				
f.	Vivienda de calidad				
g.	Niños colocados fuera del hogar debido al mal				
	comportamiento o maltrato				
h.	Jóvenes de 16 a 24 años que no asisten a la escuela ni tienen				
	empleo				
i.	Delincuencia juvenil y reincidencia (reincidentes)				
j.	Delincuencia comunitaria				
k.	Bienestar de los hijos de padres o familiares encarcelados (o				
	anteriormente encarcelados)				
I.	Transporte				
m.	Lugares recreativos/ sociales para jóvenes				
n.	Otros (especificar):				

14. Seleccione las cinco prioridades de la COMUNIDAD de la lista anterior:

15. ¿Cuál de los siguientes recursos debería crearse, mejorarse o hacerse más accesible en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione a continuación):

	Recursos	Crear	Mejorar	Hacer más accesible	No sé/No me afecta
a.	Programas de desarrollo de la primera infancia				
b.	Embarazo y bienestar infantil				
C.	Apoyo a los padres				
d.	Planificación familiar				
e.	Recreación para niños muy pequeños y/o en edad escolar				
f.	Recreación para niños de secundaria y/o preparatoria				
g.	Información de recursos				
h.	Evaluación y tratamiento del uso de sustancias				
i.	Tratamiento de salud mental/salud conductual				
j.	Necesidades básicas (alimento, vestido,				
	vivienda) para las familias				
k.	Vivienda de calidad				
I.	Diversidad/ actividades de sensibilización				
	cultural				
m.	Eventos y actividades orientados a la familia.				
n.	Prevención del crimen				
0.	Capacitación en civismo o habilidades sociales				
	para jóvenes/jóvenes adultos				
p.	Medio ambiente/ naturaleza/ oportunidades				
	al aire libre				
q.	Transporte público				
r.	Cuidado medico de niños				
S.	Empleos/Capacitación y oportunidades de				
	empleo				
t.	Artes/música/entretenimiento				
u.	Actividades extracurriculares (académicas,				
	atléticas, de enriquecimiento)				
٧.	Otros (especificar):				

16. ¿De qué maneras adicionales (que no se abordan en las preguntas anteriores) debería mejorarse la calidad de vida de los niños y las familias en el condado de Queen Anne?

17. ¿Tiene algún comentario adicional?

¡Gracias por completar esta encuesta! Agradecemos sus comentarios. Si conoce a alguien que estaría dispuesto a participar en un grupo de enfoque a fines de marzo para promover la discusión sobre el bienestar infantil en el condado de Queen Anne, háganoslo saber.

Las encuestas en papel deben devolverse antes del 30 de abril de 2022 a: QAC Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios LMB 104 Powell Street/Centreville, MD 21617

Por correo electrónico a QALMB@qac.org

A1. KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW SUMMARY



2022 QUALITY OF LIFE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Key Informant Interview Report



Submitted by: Kulik Strategic Advisers

Kulik Strategic Advisors reached out to nearly two hundred representatives from area partnering agencies, both private and public community-serving partners. Through this extensive outreach effort, KSA was able to successfully conduct a total of 73 Key Informant interviews. Common themes identified through these interviews included:

- 81% responded poor or no access to mental/behavioral healthcare (incl. substance treatment)
- 78% responded poor access to medical providers both primary and specialty care
- 74% responded lack of accessible and convenient transportation
- 70% responded lack of internet access (reliable access)
- 48% responded accessible/affordable activities for youth
- 41% responded lack of affordable housing options/stock
- 30% responded lack of food access or food insecurity

#	LAST	FIRST	ROLE/ORGANIZATION
1	Scearce	Lauren	LMB Member - QAC Dept of Juvenile Service
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2	Cherbonnier	Audra	LMB Member – Mid-Shore Behavioral Health
3	Yeager	Jeanne	Director, Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
4	Ensor	Amanda	Family Engagement Specialist Title I Schools, QAC Public Schools
5	Haas	Scott	Director, Emergency Services
6	Crossley	Jennifer	Director, The Family Center of QAC
7	Crowding	Amy	Executive Director, Summer Program - Horizon at Gunston School
8	Peters	Matthew	Executive Director, Multicultural Resource Center
9	Coppage	Susan	Director, Dept. Social Services
10			
10	Tryon	Olivia	LMB Member - student
11	McCrea	Shayna	Program Supervisor, Department of Health
12	Pettit	Krista	Executive Director, Haven Ministries Shelter/Food Bank
13	Pinder	Megan	Mental Health Coordinator, QAC Public Schools
14	Dilley	Katie	LMB Member – Mid-Shore Behavioral Health
15	Denis	Kari	Executive Assistant to the [Public School Superintendent Dr. Saelens]
16	Richardson	Lance	State's Attorney's Office
17	Denny	Jessica	LMB Member - community member
18	Miller	Elizabeth	Director, The Judy Center Learning Hub - Sudlersville
19	Fegan	Sarah	Wraparound Maryland
20	Jones	Jeri	Clinical Director, Wraparound Maryland
21	Johnson	Michelle	LMB Member - Washington College
22	Passalagua	Deon	Middle School Guidance Counselor
23	Meta	Jean	Magistrate, MD Courts
24	Fassett	Dorine	Drug and Alcohol program, Dept of Health
25	Hoyt	Justin	LMB Member - community member
26	Dowling	Margaret	Case Management Specialist, Dept of Juvenile Services
27	Thomas	Maggie	Director Addiction and Prevention Services, Local Addictions Authority Health Dept.
28	Huber	Kelly	Character Counts! Program Administrator
29	Michaels	Lisa	Transportation Voucher Program, Local Care Team

30	Wright	Warren	Drug-Free Coalition
31	Taylor	Jone	LMB Member – Department of Social Services
32	Austin	Linda	Outreach, Community Volunteer
33	Sells	Kathy	Backpack Committee
34	Anawalt	Peg	Chesapeake College
35	Sparks	Anne	Chief of Aging and Transportation, Area Agency on Aging
36	Blades	Carolyn	Family Peer Support Specialist, Maryland Coalition of Families, Family Navigation
37	Moran	Jim	County Commissioner
38	Washington	Clay	Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center
39	Ronayne	Cameron	LMB Member, community volunteer
40	Houck	Margie	Executive Assistant, County Commissioner's Office
41	Morse	Tara	MCSS Program Coordinator, Eastern Shore Mobile Crisis
42	Knotts	Rhonda	Hospice, grief counselor
43	Davenport	Robin	Executive Director, CASA Upper Shore
44	Dawkins	Dave	Dept. of Corrections, Pre-Trial Services Program
45	Knight	Hon. Lynn	Judge, Maryland Courts
46	Corchiarino	Chris	County Commissioner
47	Young	Brittany	Community Engagement Coordinator, Maryland Physicians' Care -Eastern Shore
48	Gray	Candace	LCT Member, Maryland Coalition of Families
49	Willis	Cathy	Director, QAC Dept Community Services
50	Sweetak	Alex	LMB Member - Dept of Social Services

51	Weber	Lauren Kay	For All Seasons
52	Thomas	Colleen	LMB Member - community member
53	Lindsey	Katya	Executive Director, Housing Authority
54	Grabis	Joe	Dept. Juvenile Services, Strategic Planning Committee Member
55	Byrnes	Bryan	Incoming Exec. Director, YMCA (coming to QAC)
56	Barnhart	Dana	Children's Council
57	Wilson	Doncella	Minary's Dream Alliance, CommUnity Mentoring Program
58	Cummins	Amy	Out of School Time Committee
59	Ireland	Holly	Director, Corsica River Mental Health Services/Crossroads
60	Malasky	Beth	Public Information Officer, QAC Community Affairs
61	Walls	Linda	Community Member, volunteer - Outreach/Programs
62	Kratovil	Hon. Frank	Judge, Md Courts
63	Dillon	Leigh	Asst. State's Attorney
64	Moredock	Amy	Director, Planning and Zoning
65	Chase- Powell	Nicole	Healthy Families Program, Director, Dept. of Health
66	Hofmann	Gary	Sheriff/Contact Laurie Kimbles, Executive Assistant to Sheriff
67	Thompson	Mary Ann	LMB President, Strategic Planning Committee member, community volunteer
68	Olah	Cindy	Acting In-Home Services Supervisor, Dept of Social Services
69	Burris	Jennie	Deputy, Dept. of Health
70	Fisher	Lindsay	Achievement Mentoring Program, Board of Education
71	Acree	Yolanda	Minary's Dream Alliance, CommUnity Mentoring Program
72	Walker	Mary	Community Member- Outreach/Programs
73	Conner	Nicole	Pupil Personnel Worker, QAC Public Schools

A2. FOCUS GROUP SUMMARY



2022 QUALITY OF LIFE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Focus Group Report



Submitted by: Kulik Strategic Advisers

KSA conducted both virtual and in-person focus groups. Virtual focus groups were geared mostly toward our local service providers. A total of 5 virtual focus groups were held with 55 participants representing the following groups:

- CASA of the Upper Shore
- Family Center of QAC
- QAC Department of Social Services
- QAC Local Management Board
- QAC Equity Committee

During the last week of March 2022, in-person focus groups were scheduled in partnership with community providers and 3 others were left open to the broader community. A total of 9 in-person focus groups were held with 53 total participants.

In total, 14 focus groups were conducted with 108 participants, 34 of the participants were men and 74 women. The ages of participants varied from later teens through senior citizens. In these facilitated conversations, the following topics were part of the agenda to be covered:

- 1) Health concerns for children and families
- 2) Education concerns for children and families
- 3) Broader community concerns or issues facing children and families
- 4) County strengths for children and families

English Speaking Focus Groups Themes:

- 1. Access to Healthcare/Insurance
 - a. Not enough providers for primary care or specialty care
 - b. Transportation challenges in getting to care (25+ minutes travel time)
 - c. Standalone ER in County used by many as primary care provider
- 2. Mental Health (status and services)
 - a. Limited services and providers for mental health
 - b. Depression and isolation (COVID increase)
 - c. Suicide rates/Opioid (substance use)
 - d. Anger and violence
 - e. Limited resources for children/adolescents
 - f. Limited supports through school system
 - g. No inpatient treatment facilities (youth or adult)
- 3. Early Child Care/Education
 - a. Limited access to quality early childcare
 - b. No Universal 4-K (limited spots only)
 - c. Parenting support
 - d. Social emotional learning
- 4. Truancy/Alternative Schooling
 - a. Youth not returning or struggling to return to traditional school setting
 - b. Truancy issues related to post-COVID return
 - c. Desire for different options in schooling (hours/location)
 - d. Evening school

- 5. Vocational/Tech Opportunities
 - a. Youth must "pick their path" 9th grade (no room for adjustment)
 - b. Not enough exposure to opportunities other than college
 - c. Vocational opportunities are not easy to access for everyone
- 6. Transportation
 - a. Limited access to public transportation
 - b. No access to medical or basic needs transportation
- 7. Digital Inequalities
 - a. Lack of internet providers, no competition, no choice
 - b. Limited access to internet for cost-burdened households
 - c. Unreliability of internet provider throughout the County
- 8. Cost-burdened Households
 - a. No affordable housing stock
 - b. Quality of housing stock (and age)
 - c. Cost of living in QAC
 - d. Affordability of rent and homeownership in QAC
- 9. Safe and affordable Opportunities for Youth (and their families)
 - a. Safe spaces for youth to gather for recreation and enjoyment
 - b. Development around community centers, bowling, movies
 - c. Easy to access and affordable non-sports related activities for youth

When the groups gathered to discuss health, the topic of no hospital in the County was mentioned in every focus group. While the groups all discussed the difficulty in accessing primary care services as providers are leaving the County or retiring, not enough new providers are entering the County to keep up with the demand and growing population of families.

Overall, the discussion around health centered squarely on mental health and the lack of providers in the County. The residents and community providers expressed that they don't feel equipped to manage the growing need they are seeing in mental health concerns. A majority of the groups focused mostly on child/adolescent mental health. Concerns around the impact of COVID and the lasting effect on QAC children and youth is a top issue for many residents and providers.

Common themes about education centered around three primary topics: Quality early childhood opportunities, specifically the number of providers as well as school-based programs. There is a strong support for mandatory, universal Pre-K programming throughout the County, truancy, and getting children back to traditional school post-COVID was also a focus. The main concern was that some adolescents are struggling reverting back to the traditional school model. Alternative school models were discussed which led to the conversation about the 4-year college path versus vocational/technical school. The participants expressed that options for the youth in QAC are limited and there is limited access to training programs and professional experiences.

Housing and Opportunities for Youth received the most focus with the broader community. The housing discussion centered on affordability for families and housing stock. The conversations covered a spectrum of ideas from development and scarcity of resources, to accessing basic needs, to social venues for youth.

When covering strengths of Queen Anne's County, the participants felt strongly that the County is a good place for people to live and raise a family. The Parks and Recreation Department as well as numerous outdoor recreation opportunities was often favorably mentioned.

Hispanic Spanish Speaking Focus Groups Themes:

- 1) Access to Healthcare/Insurance
 - a. No health insurance for individuals who are undocumented
 - b. Encountered issues when attempting to get health insurance for an undocumented child
- 2) Child Care
 - a. No assistance with childcare payment
- 3) Transportation
 - a. Difficulty and cost of getting a driver's license
 - b. No access to public transportation
 - c. No access to medical transportation
- 4) Systemic Racism
 - a. When accessing healthcare
 - b. In interactions with Law Enforcement
 - c. When requesting services
- 5) Housing
 - a. Affordable housing is an issue
 - b. Recent dramatic increases in rent
 - c. Rental Assistance
- 6) Legal Assistance
 - a. Immigration assistance

The conversation began with healthcare. Individuals discussed the difficulties they've encountered when trying to get medical services. It was expressed that primary care services are hard to find, with undocumented individuals struggling the most. Many fear deportation and do not have the money to pay for services out of pocket. There are ongoing issues accessing dental services for children and adults. The group expressed that the school provides dental care services to children but not to family members. They would like to see a program that provides these services to families as well. They have issues getting health insurance as undocumented individuals. A person in the group stated that his employer does provide health insurance for him but not the rest of his family.

Queen Anne's County does not have its own hospital [although UM Shore Emergency Center in Queenstown is open]. Focus group participants explained that individuals needing certain emergency services will often travel to Easton to access medical care although there are numerous reports of bad experiences and discrimination there. Based on the previous experience, some group participants expressed that they now travel to Johns Hopkins for emergencies.

Transportation impacts their community. Participants report that the process and cost of getting a driver's license in the State of Maryland is not suited for individuals for whom English is their second language. Queen Anne's County does not have a reliable transportation system, with most individuals who live in the county requiring a private vehicle. Individuals present often don't drive farther than 20 - 30 minutes away from home with fear of deportation. In Maryland, undocumented individuals can get a driver's license, with the cost being around \$400 dollars. School teachers don't speak Spanish and a translator is an extra expense for the family. Focus group participants report that they noticed that the DMV has employees who speak Spanish but they refuse to provide bilingual services. Their fear of

driving is due to profiling done by the police, they feel they get pulled over simply for looking Hispanic. Three of the individuals that participated in one of the group discussions reported not having a driver's license, and they only drive within the area that they live or work, and don't often go outside otherwise. Two individuals stated they have their driver's license and feel comfortable driving; however, their main concern is profiling by law enforcement.

Participants aren't sure where to access information. In the school system, they are provided resources. Individuals have problems trying to access services in a community center when staff are unable to speak the language. Two individuals in the group expressed getting services in other counties as they live there but work in Queen Anne's County.

All individuals participating in the focus group had difficulty finding and accessing affordable childcare. They either live too far to travel or are unable to access childcare due to cost in the area where they live. With education, kids travel to school by bus and the school provides them with a lot of support for both parents and child including food and clothing assistance.

Finally, the topic of housing was addressed. Participants expressed difficulty making rent payments. This challenge was amplified during the COVID pandemic and resulting shutdowns. They stated that they thought they would be unable to qualify for rental assistance since they are undocumented and rent directly from a house or trailer.

Four of the five members in group # 2 rent their home, one has a mortgage. The four individuals who rent recently experienced an increase of around \$250 in their rent, making it less affordable to live where they are. Finding another place to move to presents its own unique set of challenges since the area they live in does not have enough rental properties available at an affordable price. They are/were pressed for money during COVID.

Some participants expressed that they pay taxes in the State of Maryland, however felt that since they are undocumented, they would be unable to get assistance from programs such as rental assistance. The final issue that was discussed is a lack of legal services available in the area.

The group expressed their desire to begin the naturalization process, but they can't find a lawyer who speaks Spanish and whose fees they can afford. One individual recounted his experience going through the process and stated that he paid over \$10,000. It was stated that the lawyer accepted installment payments so that he could become a citizen.

**Spanish Speaking Group Demographics: (12 people):

Group #1 Seven (7) Participants – Five (5) Female and Two (2) Males.

Four (4) participants are originally from Guatemala, one (1) from El Salvador, and one (1) from Peru.

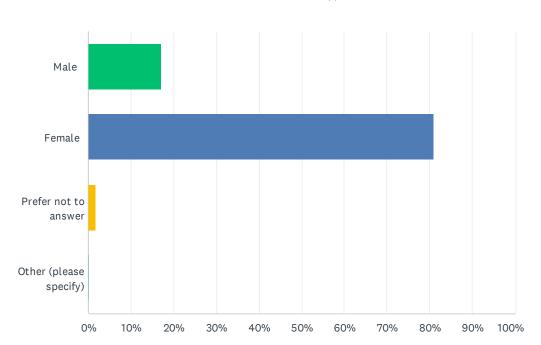
Participants ages vary from the Mid 20's to early 40's.

Group Two: Five (5) Participants – Three (3) Female and Two (2) Male. Four (4) participants are originally from Guatemala, and two (2) from Mexico. Participants ages vary from the Mid 20's to early 40's.

A3. SURVEY RESPONSES - English (n =577)

Q1 What gender do you identify as?

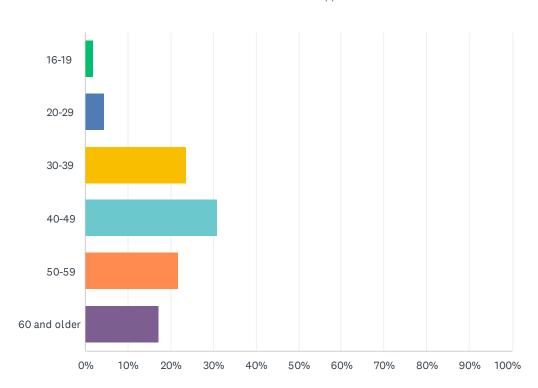




ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	17.16%	99
Female	80.94%	467
Prefer not to answer	1.73%	10
Other (please specify)	0.17%	1
TOTAL		577

Q2 What is your age range?

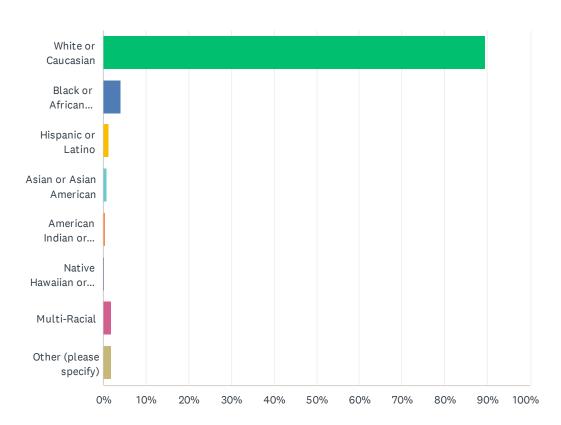




ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
16-19	1.91%	11
20-29	4.51%	26
30-39	23.57%	136
40-49	31.02%	179
50-59	21.66%	125
60 and older	17.33%	100
TOTAL		577

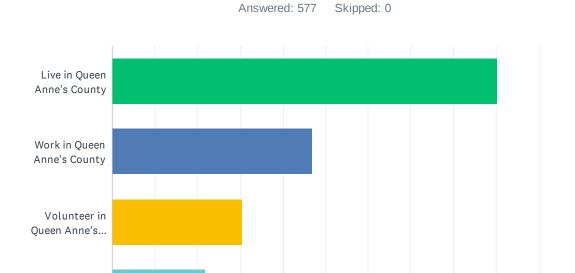
Q3 Please specify your race/ ethnic group:

Answered: 577 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White or Caucasian	89.60%	517
Black or African American	3.99%	23
Hispanic or Latino	1.21%	7
Asian or Asian American	0.87%	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.35%	2
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.17%	1
Multi-Racial	1.91%	11
Other (please specify)	1.91%	11
TOTAL		577

Q4 Do you live, work, volunteer or telecommute in Queen Anne's County? (check all that apply)



Work Outside the County

0%

10%

20%

30%

40%

50%

60%

70%

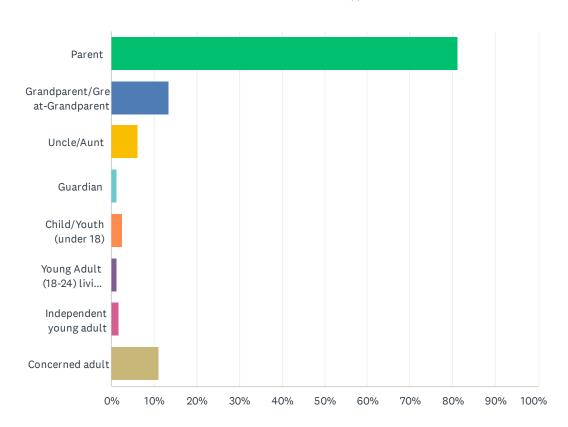
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90% 100%

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Live in Queen Anne's County	90.12%	520
Work in Queen Anne's County	46.97%	271
Volunteer in Queen Anne's County	30.50%	176
Work Outside the County	21.84%	126
Total Respondents: 577		

Q6 What is your family role?

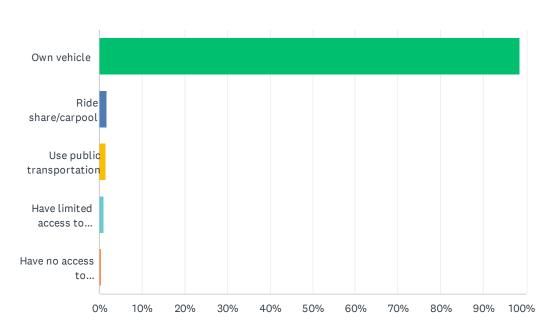
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parent	81.28%	469
Grandparent/Great-Grandparent	13.34%	77
Uncle/Aunt	6.24%	36
Guardian	1.21%	7
Child/Youth (under 18)	2.60%	15
Young Adult (18-24) living with parent(s) or guardian	1.21%	7
Independent young adult	1.73%	10
Concerned adult	11.09%	64
Total Respondents: 577		

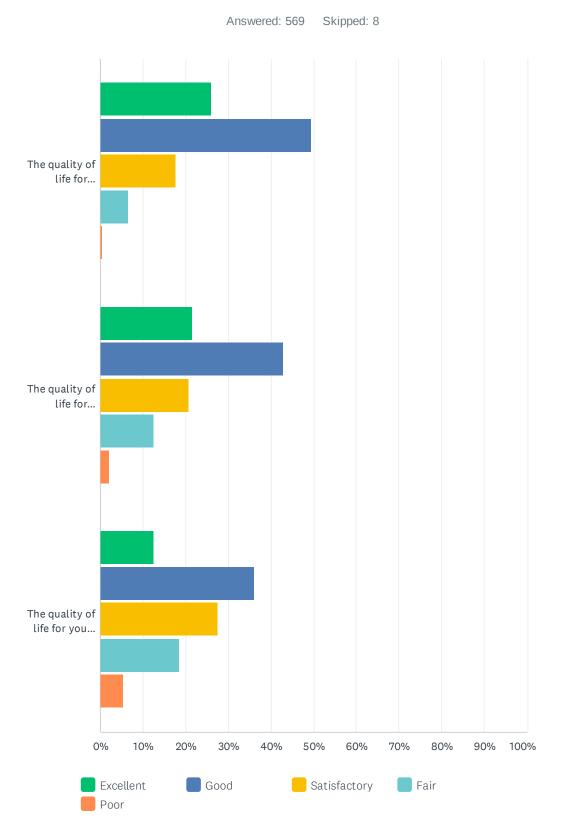
Q7 Do you or your family have access to transportation? (select all that apply)





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own vehicle	98.44%	568
Ride share/carpool	1.73%	10
Use public transportation	1.56%	9
Have limited access to transportation	1.04%	6
Have no access to transportation	0.35%	2
Total Respondents: 577		

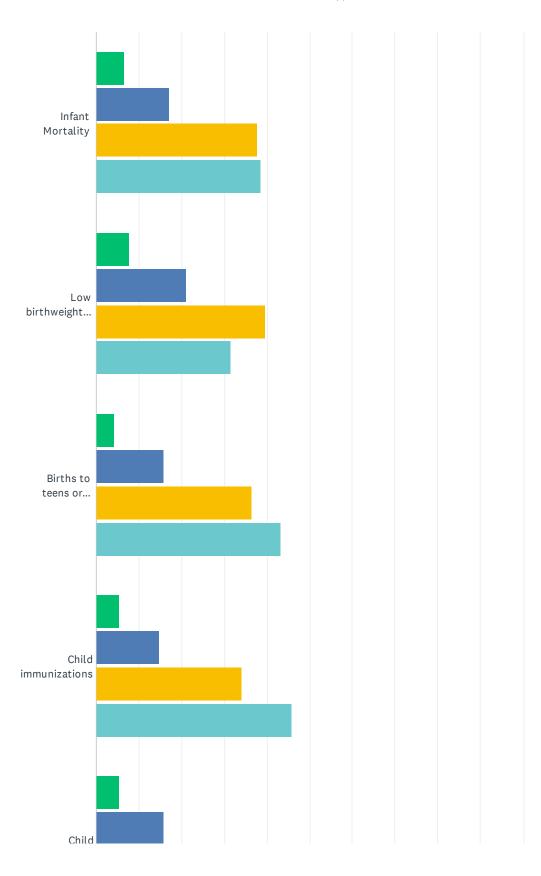
Q8 In Queen Anne's County, how do you rate QUALITY OF LIFE? (check one rating per concern)

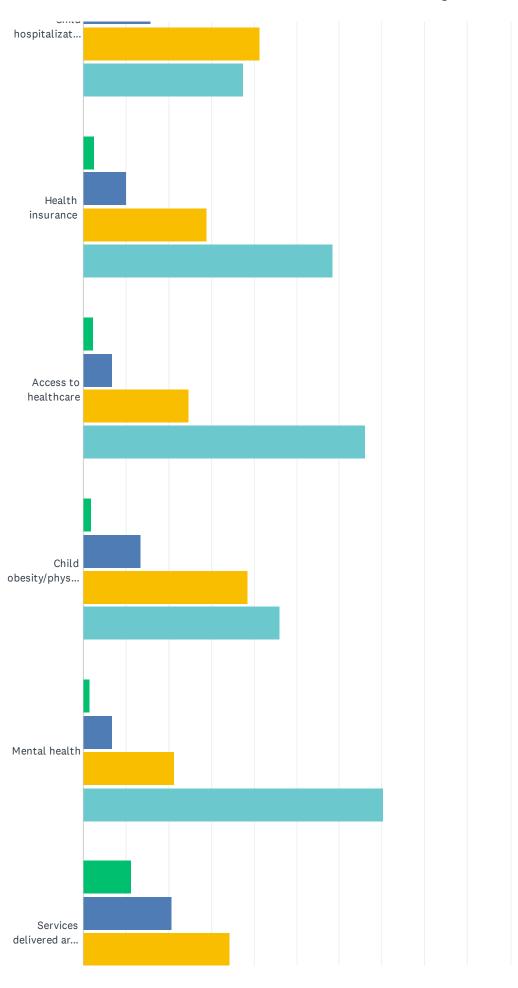


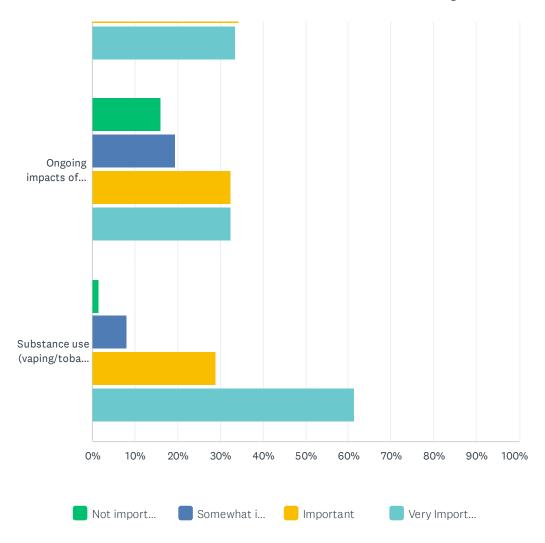
	EXCELLENT	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The quality of life for families	26.06% 148	49.47% 281	17.61% 100	6.51% 37	0.35% 2	568	2.06
The quality of life for children (up to age 15)	21.62% 120	42.88% 238	20.72% 115	12.61% 70	2.16% 12	555	2.31
The quality of life for young adults (ages16-24)	12.66% 70	35.99% 199	27.49% 152	18.44% 102	5.42% 30	553	2.68

Q9 How do you rate the importance of HEALTH concerns in Queen Anne's County? (check one rating per concern)



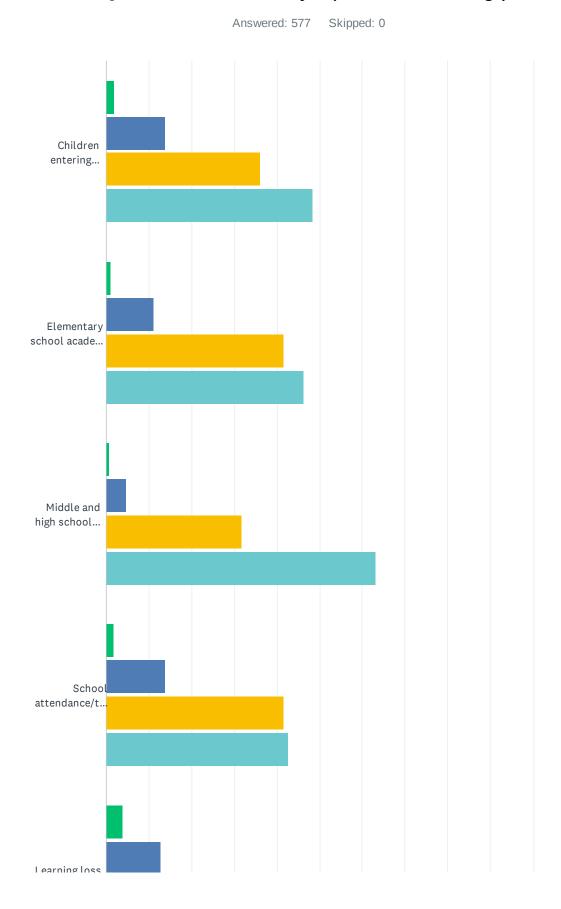


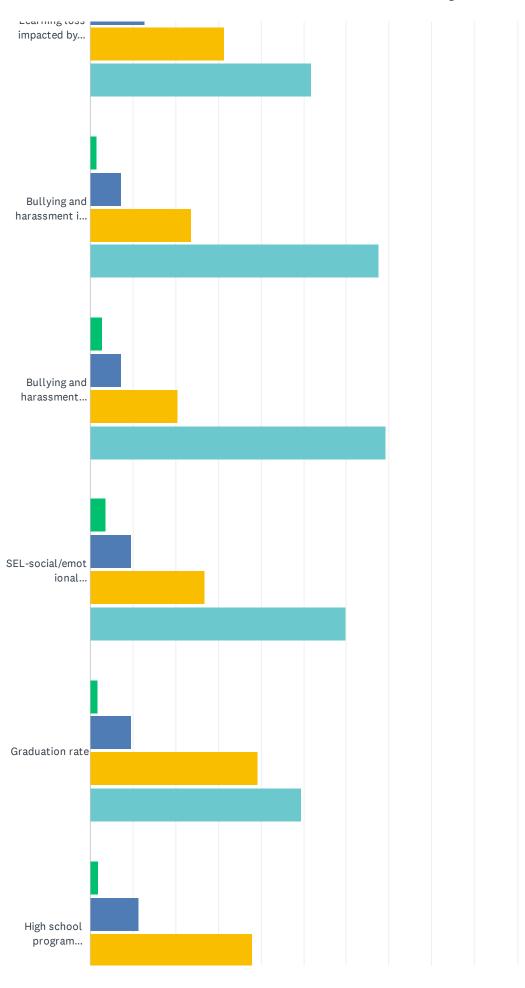


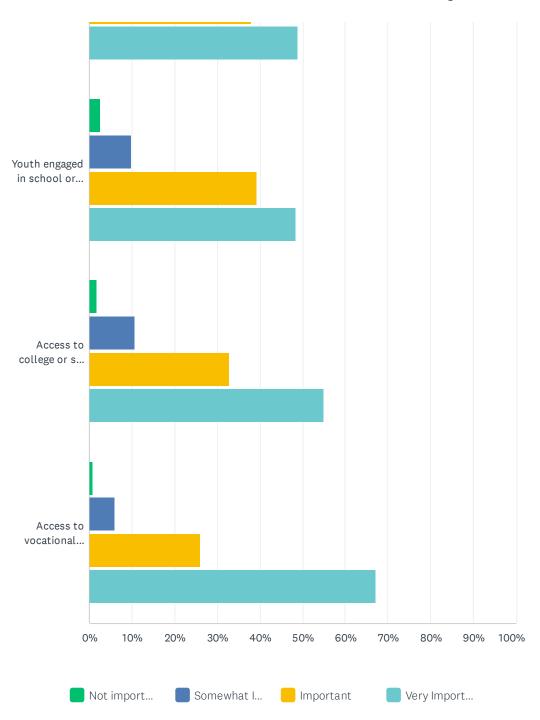


	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Infant Mortality	6.63% 37	17.03% 95	37.81% 211	38.53% 215	558	3.08
Low birthweight babies	7.75% 43	21.08% 117	39.64% 220	31.53% 175	555	2.95
Births to teens or adolescents/Teen pregnancy	4.32% 24	15.83% 88	36.51% 203	43.35% 241	556	3.19
Child immunizations	5.41% 30	14.77% 82	34.05% 189	45.77% 254	555	3.20
Child hospitalizations due to injuries	5.23% 29	15.86% 88	41.44% 230	37.48% 208	555	3.11
Health insurance	2.48%	9.93% 56	29.08% 164	58.51% 330	564	3.44
Access to healthcare	2.30% 13	6.91%	24.65% 139	66.13% 373	564	3.55
Child obesity/physical activity	1.97% 11	13.46% 75	38.60% 215	45.96% 256	557	3.29
Mental health	1.59%	6.73% 38	21.42% 121	70.27% 397	565	3.60
Services delivered are culturally appropriate	11.35% 63	20.72% 115	34.41% 191	33.51% 186	555	2.90
Ongoing impacts of COVID	15.99% 90	19.36% 109	32.33% 182	32.33% 182	563	2.81
Substance use (vaping/tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription medications)	1.60%	8.16% 46	28.90% 163	61.35% 346	564	3.50

Q11 How do you rate the importance of the following EDUCATION concerns in Queen Anne's County? (check one rating per concern)

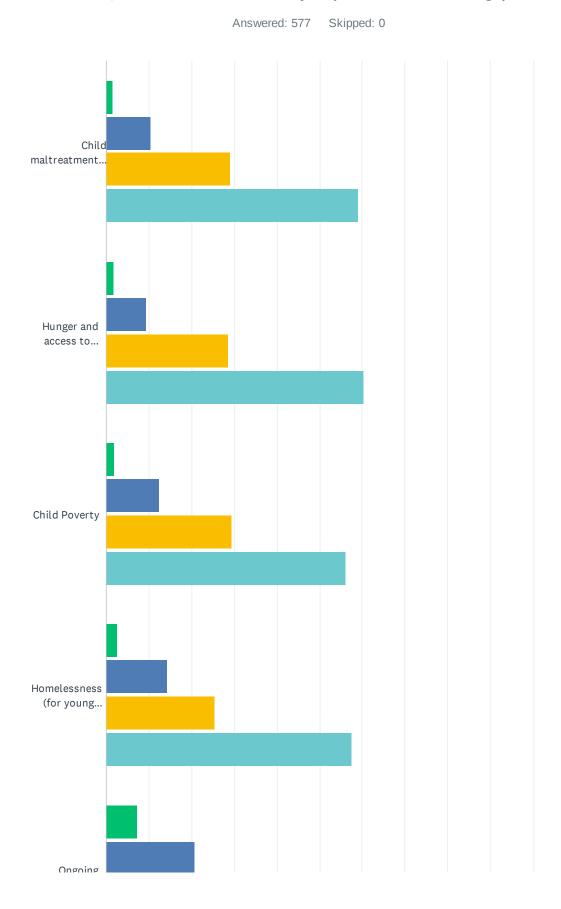


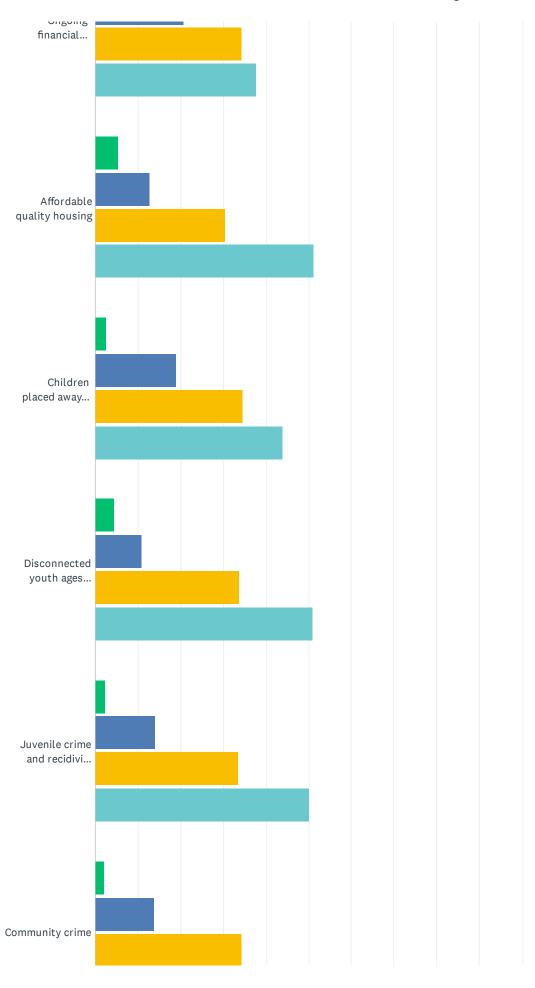


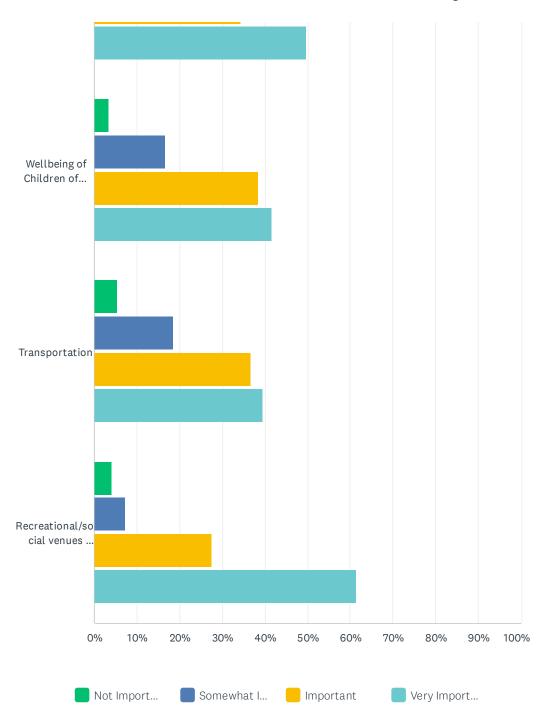


	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Children entering kindergarten ready to learn	1.95% 11	13.81% 78	35.93% 203	48.32% 273	565	3.31
Elementary school academic performance	1.07%	11.05% 62	41.53% 233	46.35% 260	561	3.33
Middle and high school academic performance	0.54%	4.66% 26	31.72% 177	63.08% 352	558	3.57
School attendance/truancy	1.79% 10	13.93% 78	41.61% 233	42.68% 239	560	3.25
Learning loss impacted by COVID	3.92%	12.83% 72	31.37% 176	51.87% 291	561	3.31
Bullying and harassment in school	1.60%	7.27% 41	23.58% 133	67.55% 381	564	3.57
Bullying and harassment outside of school or through social media platforms	2.85% 16	7.31% 41	20.50% 115	69.34% 389	561	3.56
SEL-social/emotional learning/skills/coping/support	3.56% 20	9.61% 54	26.87% 151	59.96% 337	562	3.43
Graduation rate	1.62%	9.52% 53	39.32% 219	49.55% 276	557	3.37
High school program completion for student with disabilities	1.96% 11	11.25% 63	38.04% 213	48.75% 273	560	3.34
Youth engaged in school or employed or both (up to age 24)	2.52% 14	9.89% 55	39.21% 218	48.38% 269	556	3.33
Access to college or some other post high school education	1.61%	10.55% 59	32.74% 183	55.10% 308	559	3.41
Access to vocational training/opportunties	0.90%	5.95% 33	25.95% 144	67.21% 373	555	3.59

Q13 How do you rate the importance of the following COMMUNITY concerns in Queen Anne's County? (check one rating per concern)

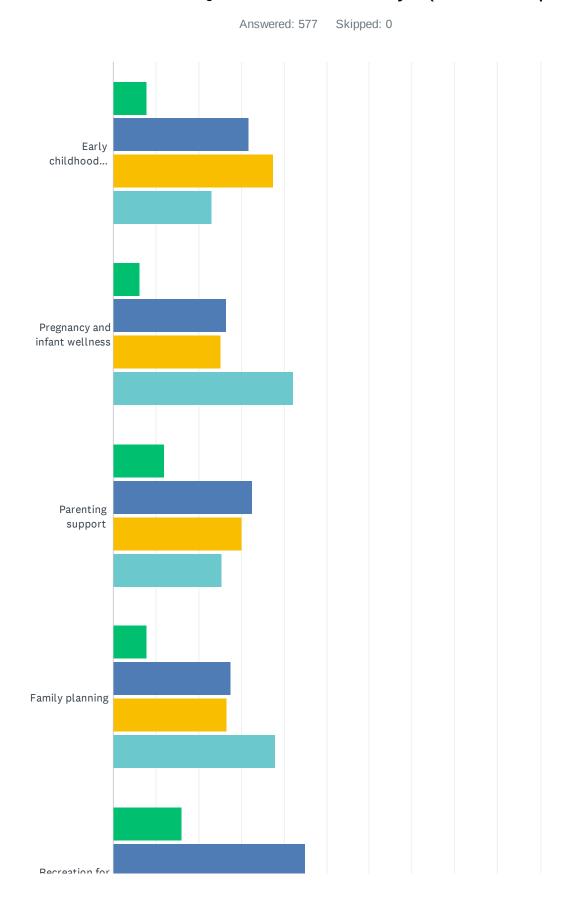


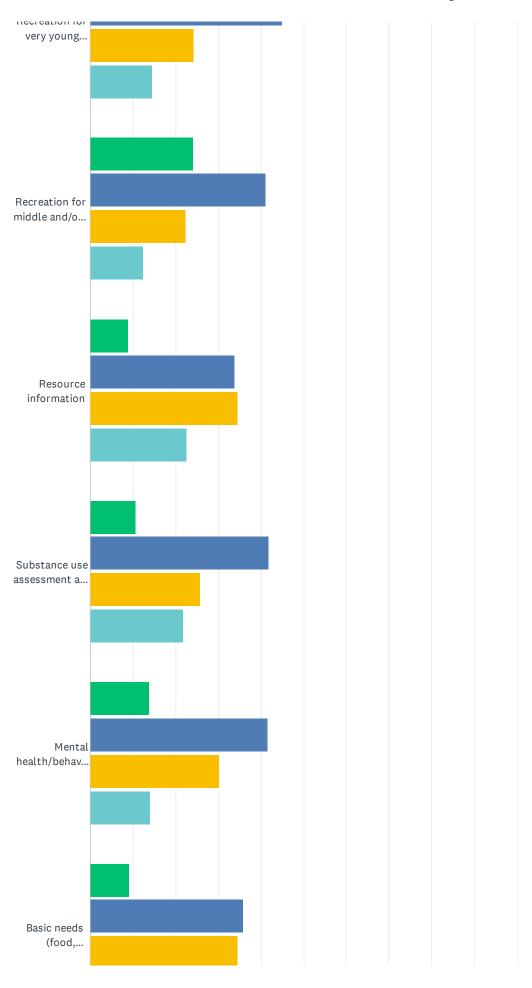


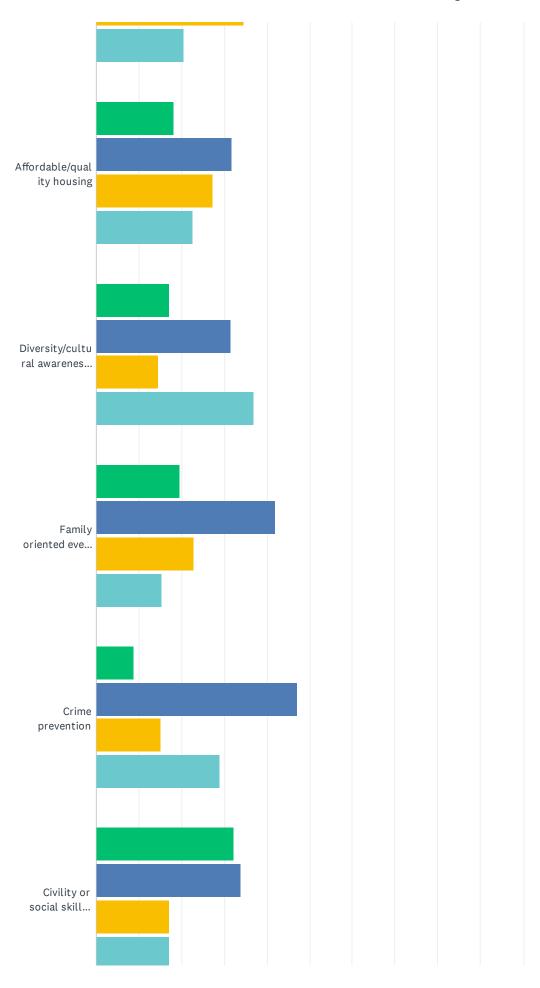


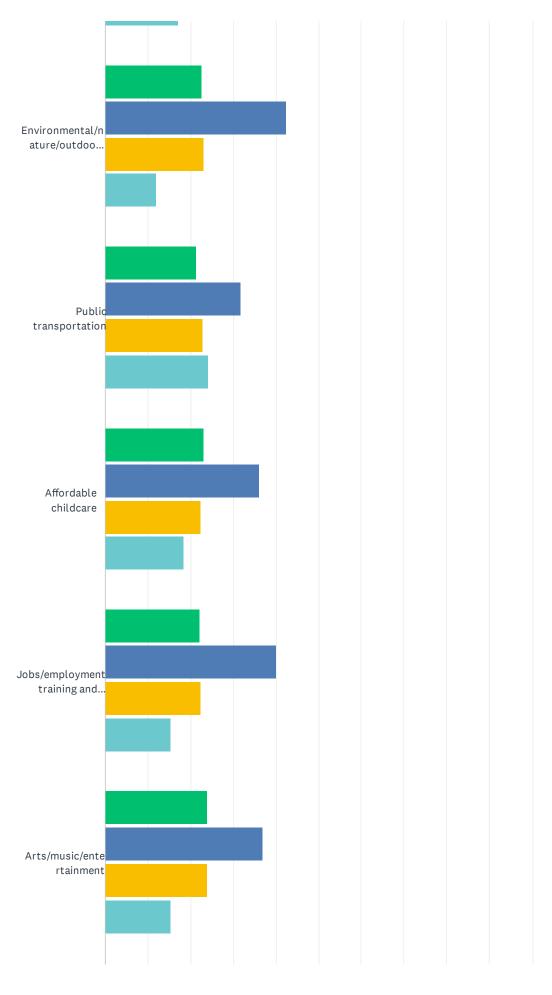
	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Child maltreatment (mistreatment and/or neglect)	1.42% 8	10.50% 59	29.00% 163	59.07% 332	562	3.46
Hunger and access to nutritional meals (for families with children)	1.60% 9	9.43% 53	28.65% 161	60.32% 339	562	3.48
Child Poverty	1.97% 11	12.34% 69	29.52% 165	56.17% 314	559	3.40
Homelessness (for young adults and families with children)	2.65% 15	14.29% 81	25.40% 144	57.67% 327	567	3.38
Ongoing financial instability as a direct result of COVID	7.17% 40	20.79% 116	34.23% 191	37.81% 211	558	3.03
Affordable quality housing	5.30% 30	12.90% 73	30.57% 173	51.24% 290	566	3.28
Children placed away from home due to behavior or mistreatment	2.52% 14	18.92% 105	34.59% 192	43.96% 244	555	3.20
Disconnected youth ages 16-24 (not in school or employed)	4.50% 25	10.97% 61	33.63% 187	50.90% 283	556	3.31
Juvenile crime and recidivism (repeat offenders)	2.33% 13	13.98% 78	33.51% 187	50.18% 280	558	3.32
Community crime	2.14%	13.90% 78	34.22% 192	49.73% 279	561	3.32
Wellbeing of Children of incarcerated (or formerly incarcerated) parent or family	3.42% 19	16.58% 92	38.38% 213	41.62% 231	555	3.18
Transportation	5.35% 30	18.54% 104	36.72% 206	39.39% 221	561	3.10
Recreational/social venues for youth	3.96% 22	7.19% 40	27.52% 153	61.33% 341	556	3.46

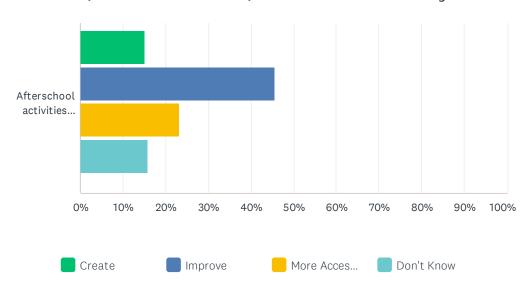
Q15 Which of the following resources should be created, improved, or be made more accessible in Queen Anne's County? (one check per resource)







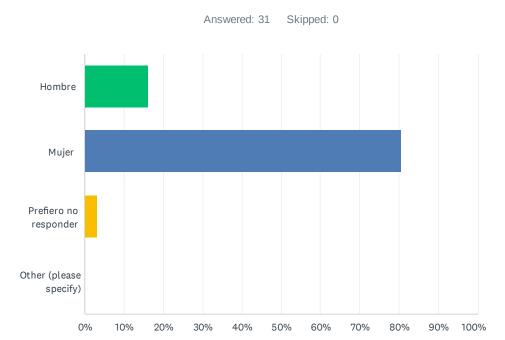




	CREATE	IMPROVE	MORE ACCESSIBLE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Early childhood development/literacy programs	7.83% 43	31.69% 174	37.52% 206	22.95% 126	549	2.76
Pregnancy and infant wellness	6.11% 33	26.48% 143	25.19% 136	42.22% 228	540	3.04
Parenting support	11.88% 65	32.72% 179	29.98% 164	25.41% 139	547	2.69
Family planning	7.79% 42	27.46% 148	26.72% 144	38.03% 205	539	2.95
Recreation for very young and/or grade school children	16.03% 88	44.99% 247	24.41% 134	14.57% 80	549	2.38
Recreation for middle and/or high school children	24.06% 134	41.11% 229	22.44% 125	12.39% 69	557	2.23
Resource information	8.92% 48	33.83% 182	34.57% 186	22.68% 122	538	2.71
Substance use assessment and treatment	10.63% 59	41.80% 232	25.77% 143	21.80% 121	555	2.59
Mental health/behavioral health treatment	13.92% 77	41.59% 230	30.38% 168	14.10% 78	553	2.45
Basic needs (food, clothing, shelter) for families	9.09% 50	35.82% 197	34.55% 190	20.55% 113	550	2.67
Affordable/quality housing	18.20% 101	31.71% 176	27.39% 152	22.70% 126	555	2.55
Diversity/cultural awareness activities	17.07% 92	31.54% 170	14.47% 78	36.92% 199	539	2.71
Family oriented events and activities	19.60% 108	42.11% 232	22.87% 126	15.43% 85	551	2.34
Crime prevention	8.74% 48	47.18% 259	15.12% 83	28.96% 159	549	2.64
Civility or social skills training for youth/young adults	32.10% 174	33.95% 184	16.97% 92	16.97% 92	542	2.19
Environmental/nature/outdoor opportunities	22.59% 124	42.44% 233	22.95% 126	12.02% 66	549	2.24
Public transportation	21.43% 117	31.68% 173	22.89% 125	23.99% 131	546	2.49
Affordable childcare	23.02% 125	36.10% 196	22.47% 122	18.42% 100	543	2.36
Jobs/employment training and opportunities	22.08% 121	40.15% 220	22.45% 123	15.33% 84	548	2.31
Arts/music/entertainment	23.91% 131	36.86% 202	23.91% 131	15.33% 84	548	2.31
Afterschool activities (academic, athletic, enrichment)	15.12% 83	45.72% 251	23.32% 128	15.85% 87	549	2.40

A4. SURVEY RESPONSES - Spanish Speaking Population (n=3	1)

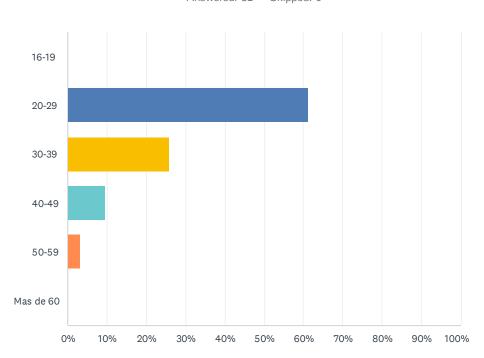
Q1 ¿Con qué sexo te identificas? (Seleccione uno)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hombre	16.13%	5
Mujer	80.65%	25
Prefiero no responder	3.23%	1
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		31

Q2 ¿Qué edad tienes?

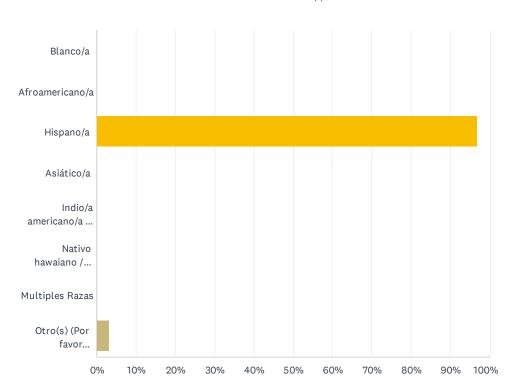
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
16-19	0.00%	0
20-29	61.29%	19
30-39	25.81%	8
40-49	9.68%	3
50-59	3.23%	1
Mas de 60	0.00%	0
TOTAL		31

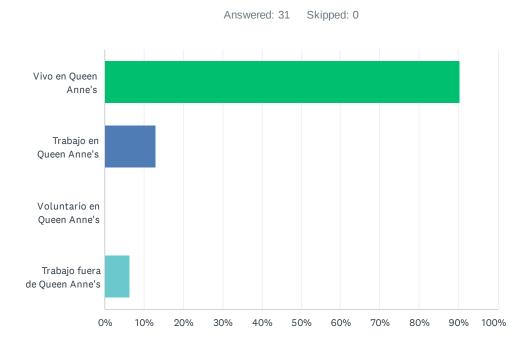
Q3 ¿Es usted? (Seleccione todo lo que corresponda)





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Blanco/a	0.00%	0
Afroamericano/a	0.00%	0
Hispano/a	96.77%	30
Asiático/a	0.00%	0
Indio/a americano/a / nativo/a de Alaska Asiatico/a	0.00%	0
Nativo hawaiano / isleno del Pacifico	0.00%	0
Multiples Razas	0.00%	0
Otro(s) (Por favor especifica)	3.23%	1
TOTAL		31

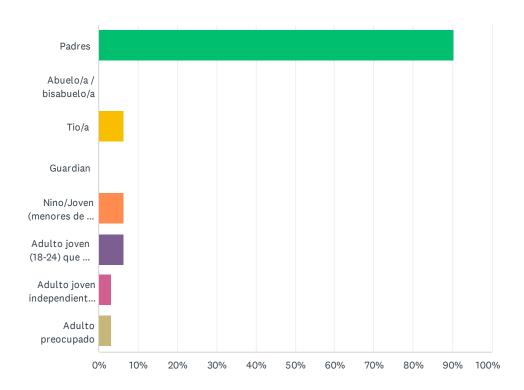
Q4 ¿Vive, trabaja o es voluntario en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione todas las que correspondan):



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Vivo en Queen Anne's	90.32%	28
Trabajo en Queen Anne's	12.90%	4
Voluntario en Queen Anne's	0.00%	0
Trabajo fuera de Queen Anne's	6.45%	2
Total Respondents: 31		

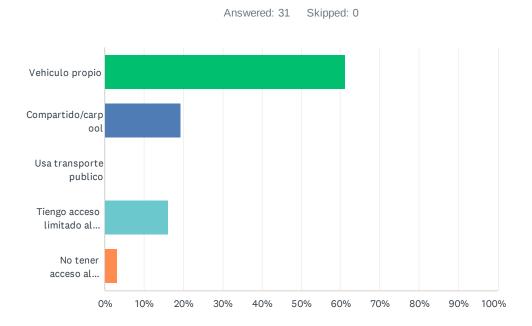
Q6 ¿Cuál es su rol familiar? (Seleccione todas las que correspondan)

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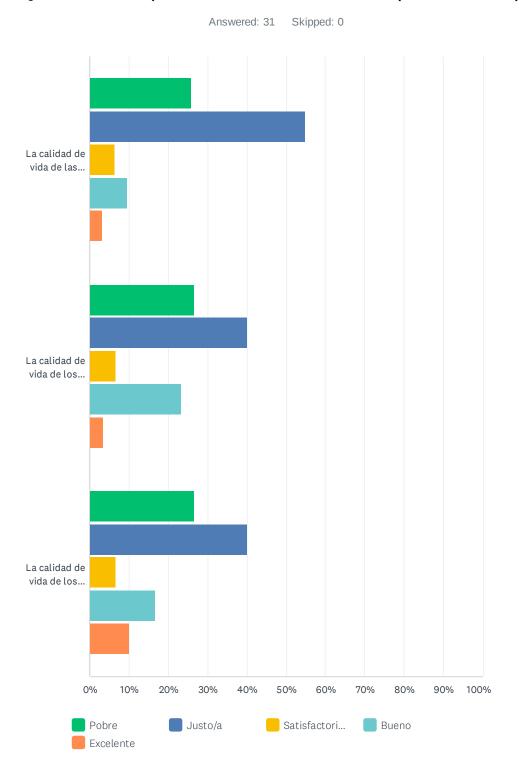
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Padres	90.32%	28
Abuelo/a / bisabuelo/a	0.00%	0
Tio/a	6.45%	2
Guardian	0.00%	0
Nino/Joven (menores de 18 anos)	6.45%	2
Adulto joven (18-24) que vie padres o tutores de	6.45%	2
Adulto joven independiente (18-24)	3.23%	1
Adulto preocupado	3.23%	1
Total Respondents: 31		

Q7 ¿Usted o su familia tienen acceso a transporte? (Seleccione todas las que correspondan):



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Vehiculo propio	61.29%	19
Compartido/carpool	19.35%	6
Usa transporte publico	0.00%	0
Tiengo acceso limitado al transporte	16.13%	5
No tener acceso al transporte	3.23%	1
Total Respondents: 31		

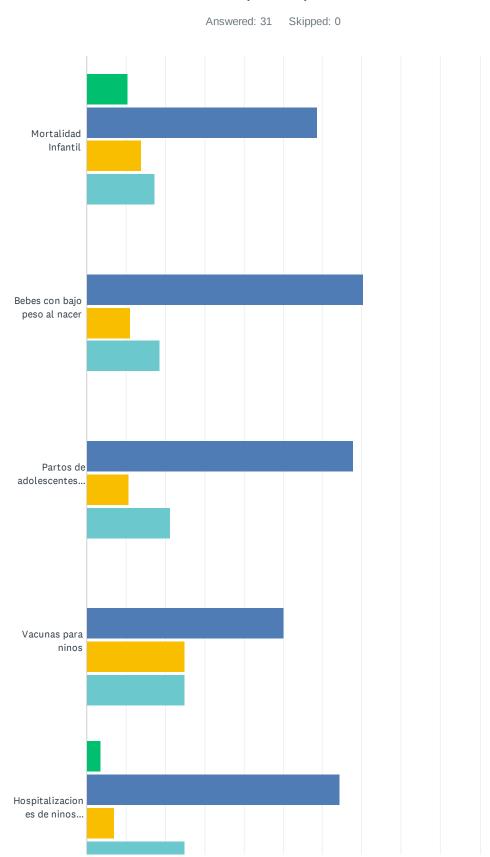
Q8 ¿Cómo categorizas las siguientes condiciones en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione una calificación por condición)

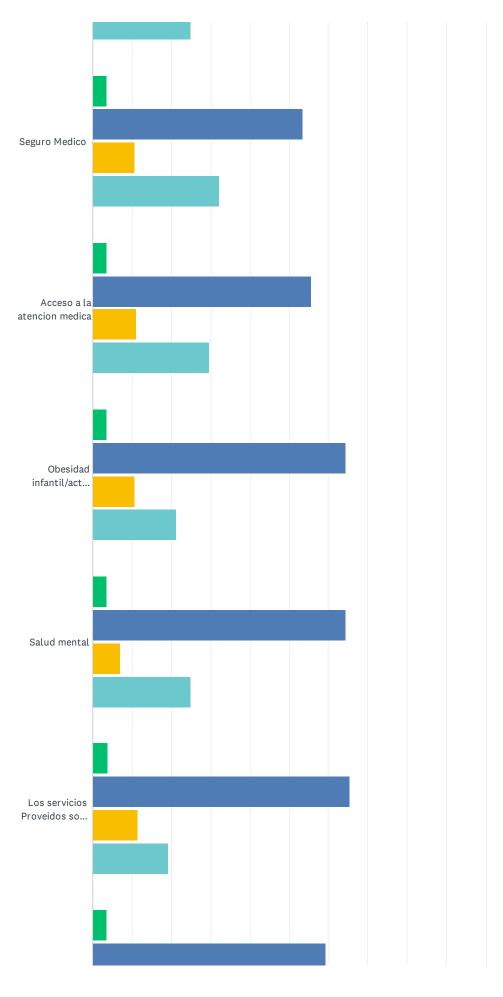


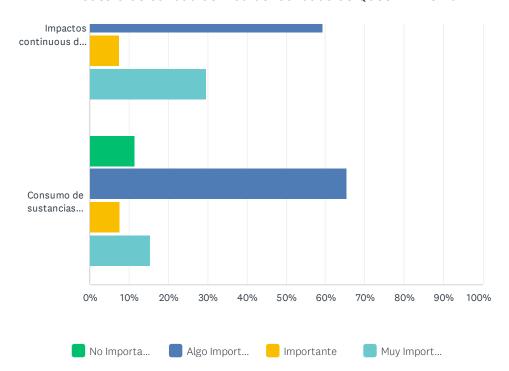
Encuesta de calidad de vida del condado de Queen Anne 2022

	POBRE	JUSTO/A	SATISFACTORIO/A	BUENO	EXCELENTE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
La calidad de vida de las familas	25.81% 8	54.84% 17	6.45% 2	9.68% 3	3.23% 1	31	2.10
La calidad de vida de los ninos (hasta los 15 anos)	26.67% 8	40.00% 12	6.67%	23.33%	3.33%	30	2.37
La calidad de vida de los adultos jovenes	26.67% 8	40.00% 12	6.67% 2	16.67% 5	10.00%	30	2.43

Q9 ¿Cómo categorizas la importancia de las siguientes preocupaciones de SALUD en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione una calificación por inquietud)

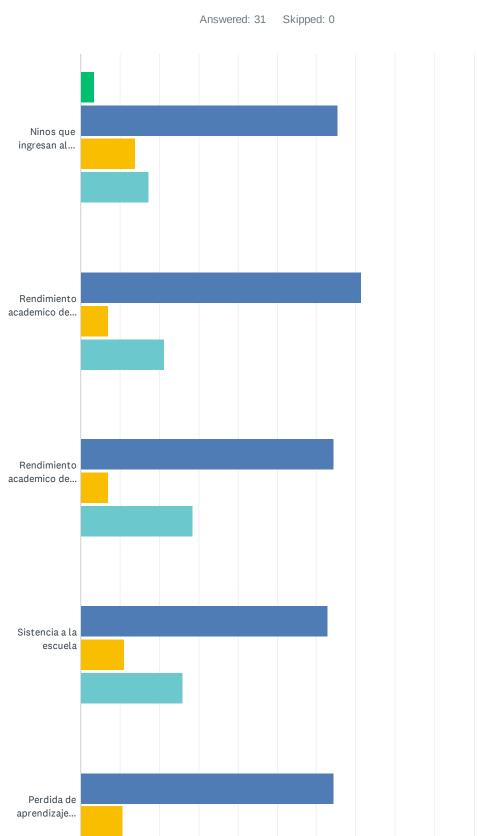


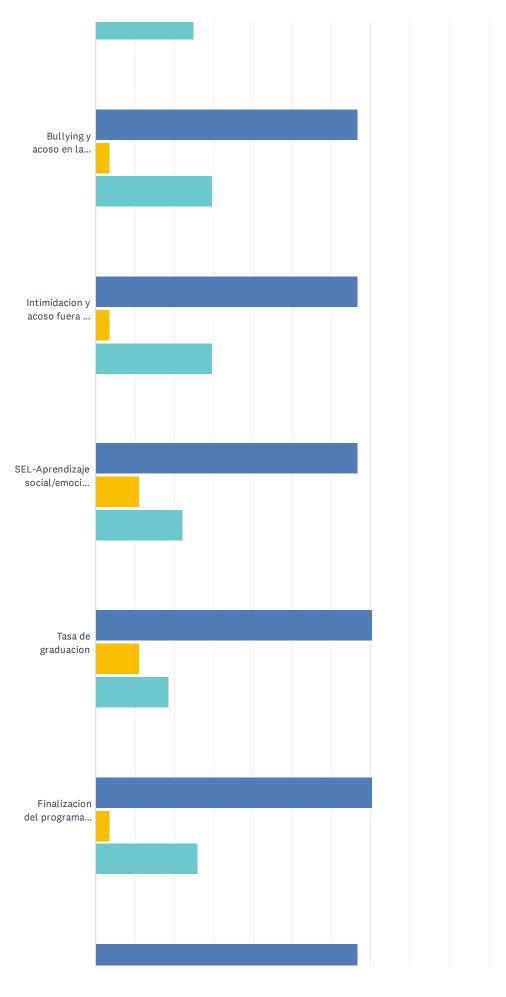


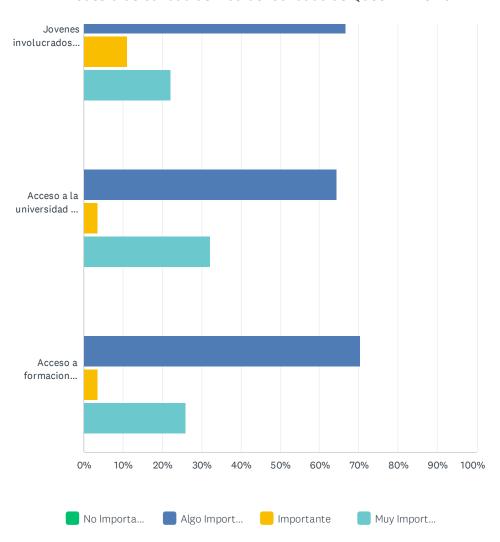


	NO IMPORTANTE	ALGO IMPORTANTE	IMPORTANTE	MUY IMPORTANTE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Mortalidad Infantil	10.34% 3	58.62% 17	13.79% 4	17.24% 5	29	2.38
Bebes con bajo peso al nacer	0.00%	70.37% 19	11.11%	18.52% 5	27	2.48
Partos de adolescentes o adolescentes/ Embarazo adolescente	0.00%	67.86% 19	10.71%	21.43% 6	28	2.54
Vacunas para ninos	0.00%	50.00% 14	25.00% 7	25.00% 7	28	2.75
Hospitalizaciones de ninos porlesiones	3.57% 1	64.29% 18	7.14% 2	25.00% 7	28	2.54
Seguro Medico	3.57% 1	53.57% 15	10.71%	32.14% 9	28	2.71
Acceso a la atencion medica	3.70% 1	55.56% 15	11.11%	29.63% 8	27	2.67
Obesidad infantil/actividad fisica	3.57% 1	64.29% 18	10.71%	21.43% 6	28	2.50
Salud mental	3.57% 1	64.29% 18	7.14% 2	25.00% 7	28	2.54
Los servicios Proveidos son culturalmente apropiados	3.85%	65.38% 17	11.54% 3	19.23% 5	26	2.46
Impactos continuous de COVID	3.70% 1	59.26% 16	7.41% 2	29.63% 8	27	2.63
Consumo de sustancias (vapeo/tabaco, alcohol, drogas illegales, medicamentos recetados)	11.54% 3	65.38% 17	7.69% 2	15.38% 4	26	2.27

Q11 ¿Cómo categorizas la importancia de las siguientes preocupaciones de EDUCACIÓN en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione una calificación por inquietud)

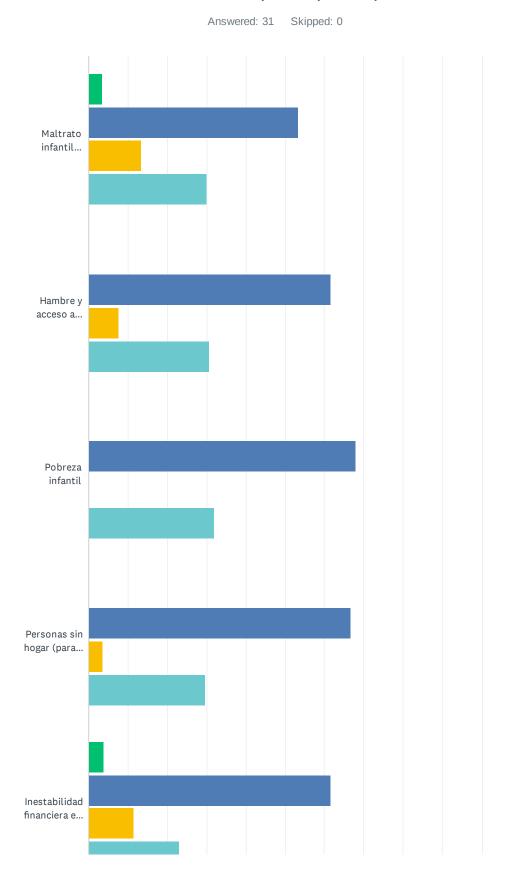


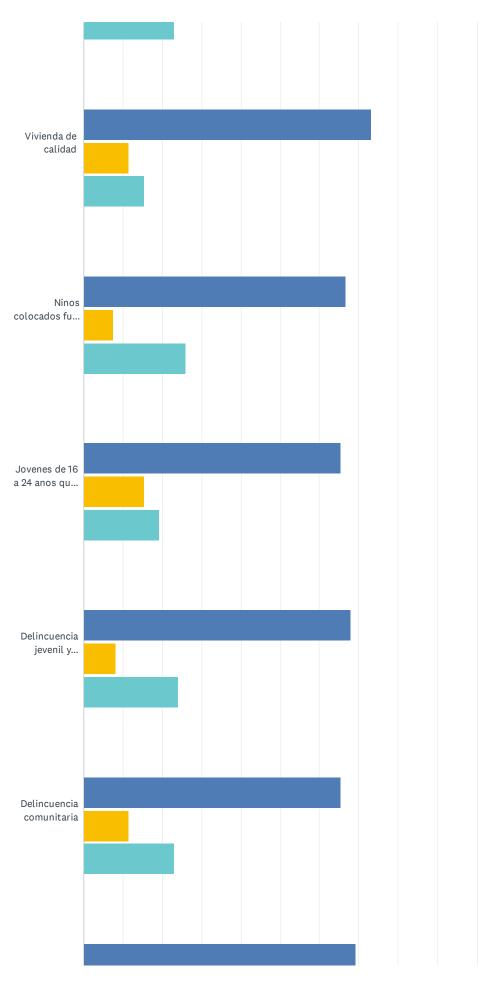


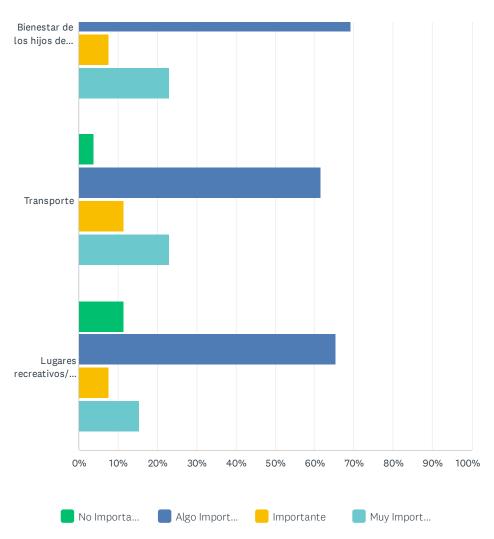


	NO IMPORTANTE	ALGO IMPORTANTE	IMPORTANTE	MUY IMPORTANTE	TOTAL	WEIGH AVERA
Ninos que ingresan al jardin de ninos listos para aprender	3.45% 1	65.52% 19	13.79% 4	17.24% 5	29	
Rendimiento academico de la escuela primaria	0.00%	71.43% 20	7.14% 2	21.43% 6	28	
Rendimiento academico de secundaria y preparatoria	0.00%	64.29% 18	7.14% 2	28.57% 8	28	
Sistencia a la escuela	0.00%	62.96% 17	11.11%	25.93% 7	27	
Perdida de aprendizaje afectada por COVID	0.00%	64.29% 18	10.71%	25.00% 7	28	
Bullying y acoso en la escuela	0.00%	66.67% 18	3.70%	29.63%	27	
Intimidacion y acoso fuera de la escuela o a traves de plataformas de redes sociales	0.00%	66.67% 18	3.70%	29.63%	27	
SEL-Aprendizaje social/emocional/habilidades/afrontamiento/apoyo	0.00%	66.67% 18	11.11%	22.22%	27	
Tasa de graduacion	0.00%	70.37% 19	11.11%	18.52% 5	27	
Finalizacion del programa de secundaria para estudiantes con discapacidades	0.00%	70.37% 19	3.70%	25.93% 7	27	
Jovenes involucrados en la escuela o empleados o ambos (hasta los 24 anos)	0.00%	66.67% 18	11.11%	22.22% 6	27	
Acceso a la universidad o alguna otra educacion posterior a la escuela secundaria	0.00%	64.29% 18	3.57%	32.14% 9	28	
Acceso a formacion profesional/oportunidades	0.00%	70.37% 19	3.70%	25.93% 7	27	

Q13 ¿Cómo categorizas la importancia de las siguientes preocupaciones de la COMUNIDAD en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione una calificación por inquietud)

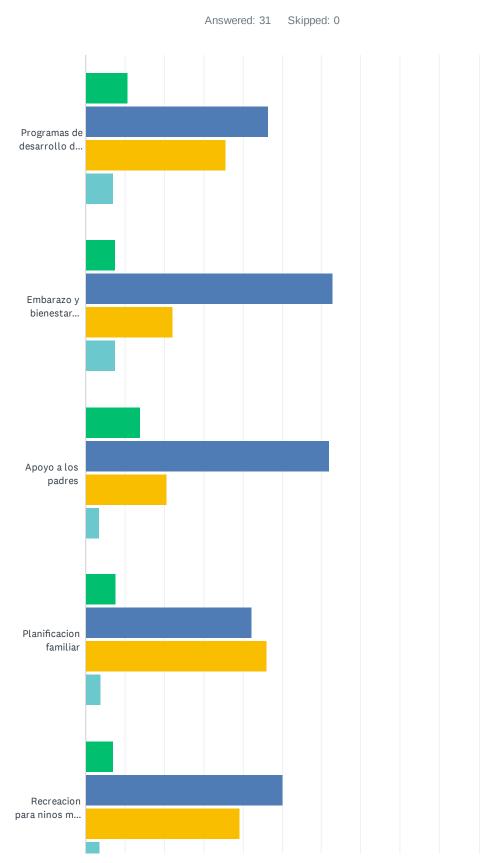


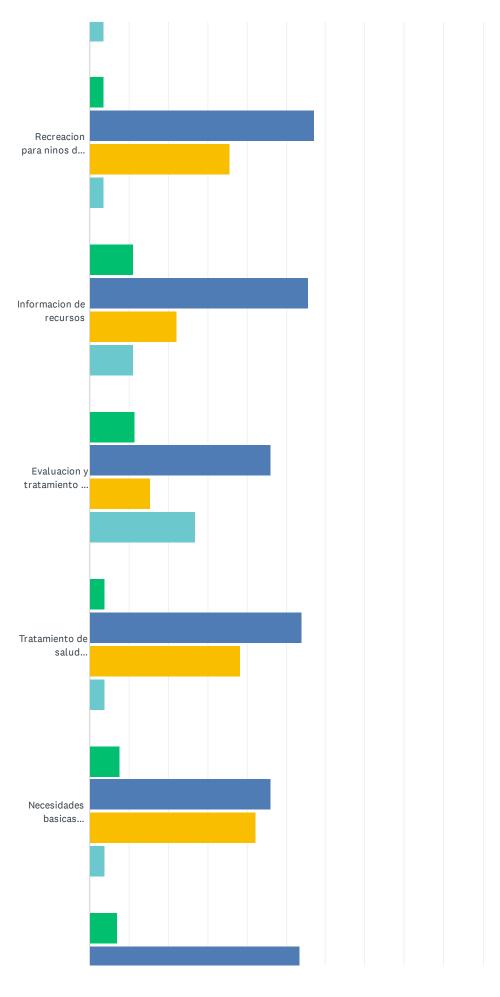


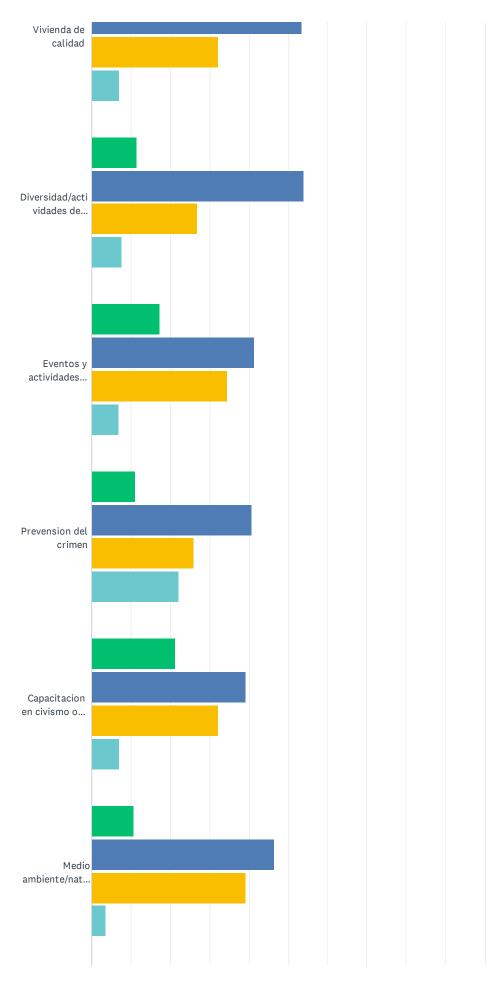


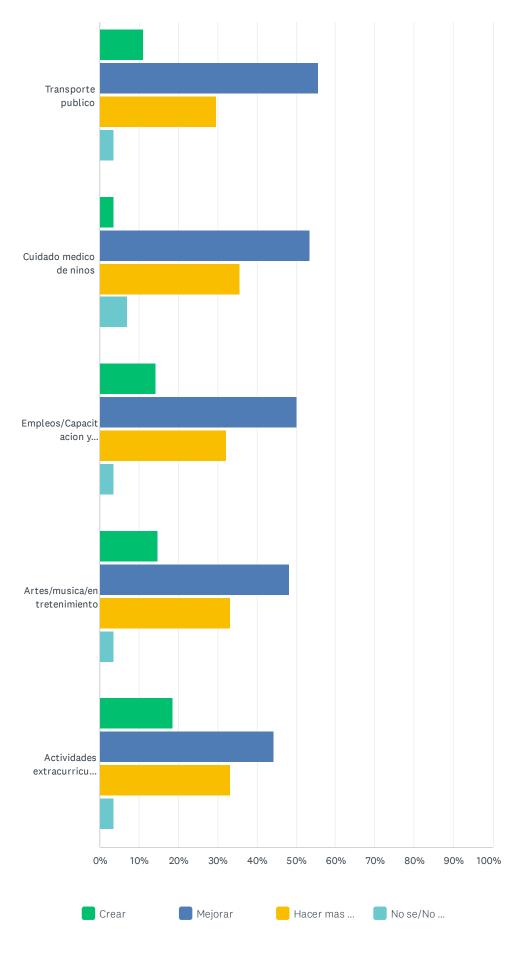
	NO IMPORTANTE	ALGO IMPORTANTE	IMPORTANTE	MUY IMPORTANTE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Maltrato infantil (maitrato y/o negligencia)	3.33% 1	53.33% 16	13.33% 4	30.00% 9	30	2.70
Hambre y acceso a comidas nutritivas (para familias con ninos)	0.00%	61.54% 16	7.69% 2	30.77% 8	26	2.69
Pobreza infantil	0.00%	68.00% 17	0.00%	32.00% 8	25	2.64
Personas sin hogar (para adultos jovenes y familias con ninos)	0.00%	66.67% 18	3.70%	29.63% 8	27	2.63
Inestabilidad financiera en curso como resultado directo de COVID	3.85%	61.54% 16	11.54% 3	23.08%	26	2.54
Vivienda de calidad	0.00%	73.08% 19	11.54% 3	15.38% 4	26	2.42
Ninos colocados fuera del hogar debido al mal comportamiento o maltrato	0.00%	66.67% 18	7.41% 2	25.93% 7	27	2.59
Jovenes de 16 a 24 anos que no asisten a la escuela ni tienen empleo	0.00%	65.38% 17	15.38% 4	19.23% 5	26	2.54
Delincuencia jevenil y reincidencia (reincidentes)	0.00%	68.00% 17	8.00%	24.00% 6	25	2.56
Delincuencia comunitaria	0.00%	65.38% 17	11.54%	23.08%	26	2.58
Bienestar de los hijos de padres o familiares encarcelados (o anteriormente encarcelados)	0.00%	69.23% 18	7.69% 2	23.08% 6	26	2.54
Transporte	3.85%	61.54% 16	11.54%	23.08%	26	2.54
Lugares recreativos/sociales para jovenes	11.54% 3	65.38% 17	7.69% 2	15.38% 4	26	2.27

Q15 ¿Cuál de los siguientes recursos debería crearse, mejorarse o hacerse más accesible en el condado de Queen Anne? (Seleccione a continuación)









	CREAR	MEJORAR	HACER MAS ACCESIBLE	NO SE/NO ME AFECTA	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Programas de desarrollo de la primera infancia	10.71% 3	46.43% 13	35.71% 10	7.14% 2	28	2.39
Embarazo y bienestar infantil	7.41%	62.96% 17	22.22% 6	7.41% 2	27	2.30
Apoyo a los padres	13.79% 4	62.07% 18	20.69%	3.45%	29	2.14
Planificacion familiar	7.69% 2	42.31% 11	46.15% 12	3.85%	26	2.46
Recreacion para ninos muy pequenos y/o en edad escolar	7.14% 2	50.00% 14	39.29% 11	3.57% 1	28	2.39
Recreacion para ninos de secundaria y/o preparatoria	3.57% 1	57.14% 16	35.71% 10	3.57% 1	28	2.39
Informacion de recursos	11.11%	55.56% 15	22.22% 6	11.11%	27	2.33
Evaluacion y tratamiento del uso de sustancias	11.54% 3	46.15% 12	15.38% 4	26.92% 7	26	2.58
Tratamiento de salud mental/salud conductual	3.85%	53.85% 14	38.46% 10	3.85%	26	2.42
Necesidades basicas (alimento, vestido, vivienda) para las familias	7.69%	46.15% 12	42.31% 11	3.85%	26	2.42
Vivienda de calidad	7.14%	53.57% 15	32.14% 9	7.14%	28	2.39
Diversidad/actividades de ensibilizacion cultural	11.54% 3	53.85% 14	26.92% 7	7.69% 2	26	2.31
Eventos y actividades orientados a la familia	17.24% 5	41.38% 12	34.48% 10	6.90%	29	2.31
Prevension del crimen	11.11%	40.74% 11	25.93% 7	22.22% 6	27	2.59
Capacitacion en civismo o habilidades sociales para jovenes/jovenes adultos	21.43% 6	39.29% 11	32.14% 9	7.14% 2	28	2.25
Medio ambiente/naturaleza/oportunidades al aire libre	10.71% 3	46.43% 13	39.29% 11	3.57% 1	28	2.36
Transporte publico	11.11%	55.56% 15	29.63% 8	3.70%	27	2.26
Cuidado medico de ninos	3.57%	53.57% 15	35.71% 10	7.14% 2	28	2.46
Empleos/Capacitacion y oportunidades de empleo	14.29% 4	50.00% 14	32.14% 9	3.57% 1	28	2.25
Artes/musica/entretenimiento	14.81% 4	48.15% 13	33.33%	3.70%	27	2.26
Actividades extracurriculares (academicas, atleticas, de enriquecimiento)	18.52% 5	44.44% 12	33.33%	3.70%	27	2.22

B. SECONDARY RESEARCH

1. September 2016 Data Round-Up for Queen Anne's County (prior NA)

Link: QACMBDataRoundup-FINAL-10-11-2016.pdf (communitypartnerships.info),

Website: https://communitypartnerships.info/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/qacmbdataroundup-final-10-11-2016.pdf

The Data Roundup report from September 2016 was used to assess progress with the 8 Local Management Board Results and Indicators and to inform the current (2022) Needs Assessment. That report cited a goal of 600 quality of life surveys with actual response of 1,040 using a two-page, 12-question instrument; 10 focus groups of 151 participants, and 17 key informant interviews. In comparison, the 2022 Needs Assessment resulted in 608 surveys using a 7-page, 18-question instrument (Appendix A), 14 focus groups with 108 total participants, and 75 key informant interviews (Appendix A for discussion guide).

2. 2022 Queen Anne's County Housing Study

Link: <u>Information on the Housing Situation in QAC | Queen Anne's County, MD - Official</u> Website,

Website: https://www.qac.org/DocumentCenter/view/15198/qac-housing-strategy--final-5-3-21_?bidld=

A housing study was recently completed by Queen Anne's County due to the current state of affordable housing (cost-burdened and severely cost-burdened housing—at least 30% or 50%, respectively of the annual income of residents). A mix of economic development and policy recommendations were reached by this report with issue of that document in April of 2021. This report populates key indicators for LMB Result #8: Families are Economically Stable.

3. **2021 Youth Pandemic Behavior Study**

Link: MD YPBS-21 Infographic REV 10.20.21 (1).pdf (maryland.gov),

Website: https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/ohpetup/documents/md%20ypbs-

21%20infographic%20rev%2010.20.21%20%281%29.pdf

A Youth Pandemic Behavior Risk study was released by the State of Maryland about risk behaviors by high school students in Maryland. This report was issued in February 2022. This report populates key indicators (vaping use and depressive episodes) for LMB Result #2: Healthy Children.

4. 2021–2022 KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT REPORT, Maryland State Department of Education

Link: Coming Back Stronger Readiness Matters (marylandpublicschools.org)

Website:

https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/4/readinessmatters2021-2022 accessible.pdf

Data for the LMB Result #3: Readiness to enter school was excerpted from this 2021-2022 report.

5. 2021 Department of Juvenile Services Data Resource Guide

Link: Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2021 (maryland.gov)

Website: https://djs.maryland.gov/documents/drg/data_resource_guide_fy2021.pdf
A Strategic Planning Committee member supplied this Resource Guide with invaluable data related to LMB Result #7: Communities are Safe for Children, Youth and Families.

6. 2019 Queen Anne's County/Maryland State Department of Education Report Card

Link and website: https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov

This data largely populated the LMB Result #4: Children are Successful in School.

7. **2015** Disconnected Youth by County

Link: <u>Disconnected/Opportunity Youth (maryland.gov)</u> **Website:** https://goc.maryland.gov/disconnected-youth/

This report supplied data for an Indicator in LMB Result #6: Youth Have Opportunities for

Employment or Career Readiness

BABIES BORN HEALTHY	MARYLAND LMB SOURCE	QAC LMB SOURCE
Infant Mortality: The number of deaths	Maryland Department of Health and Mental	Same
occurring to infants under one year of	Hygiene, Vital Statistics Administration	
age per 1,000 live births, for all infants,	Annual Reports	
and for infants in selected racial groups.		
• Births to Adolescents: The rate of	Maryland Department of Health and Mental	Same
births to adolescent females ages 15	Hygiene, Vita Statistics Administration Annual	
through 19 per 1,000 in the age-	Reports	
specific population.		
• Low Birth Weight: The percent of all	Maryland Department of Health and Mental	Same
births and births in selected racial	Hygiene, Vita Statistics Administration Annual	
groups with birth weight < 2,500 grams	Reports	
(approximately 5.5 pounds).		
Women with Prenatal Care in the First	Maryland Department of Health, BRFSS	Same
Trimester: The percent of all births and		
births in selected racial groups with		
prenatal care beginning in the first		
trimester.		

HEALTHY Children	MARYLAND LMB SOURCE	QAC LMB SOURCE
 Health Insurance Coverage: The percent of children who have health insurance coverage. 	U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, KIDS COUNT	Same
• Immunizations: The percent of children ages 19 through 35 months who have received the full schedule of recommended immunizations.	National Immunization Study (NIS)	Same
Obesity: The percent of Maryland public school students in grades 9-12 who are overweight or obese.	The Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YBRS)	Same—report: 2021 Youth Pandemic Risk Survey MD YPBS-21 Infographic REV 10.20.21 (1).pdf (maryland.gov)
 Hospitalizations: The nonfatal injury hospitalization rate for self-inflicted injuries to children ages 0-21 per 100,000 of the population. 	Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	Same—report: Maryland Resource Guide, Violence and Injury Prevention Pages - Injury and Violence Prevention (maryland.gov)
• Depressive Episode: The percent of public school students in grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 reporting a depressive episode (felt sad or hopeless).	The Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YBRS)	Same—report: 2021 Youth Pandemic Risk Survey MD YPBS-21 Infographic REV 10.20.21 (1).pdf (maryland.gov)
• Physical Activity: The percent of public school students in grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 reporting physical activity for 60 minutes in the last 7 days.	The Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YBRS)	Same—report: 2021 Youth Pandemic Risk Survey
 Vapor Product Use: The percent of public school students in grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 reporting electronic vapor product use. 	The Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YBRS)	Same—report: 2021 Youth Pandemic Risk Survey

	CHILDREN ENTER SCHOOL READY TO LEARN	MARYLAND LMB SOURCE	QAC LMB SOURCE
•	Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA): % Demonstrating Readiness: The percent of students who received "Demonstrating Readiness" on their composite, or overall, KRA score.	Maryland State Department of Education, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment	Same—report: MSDE Kindergarten Readiness 2021-22 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Report Division of Early Childhood (marylandpublicschools.org)
	CHILDREN ARE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL		
•	MCAP: Math: The average percent of public school students in grades 3 and 8 performing at or above Performance Level 4 on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program.	Maryland State Department of Education	Same—report: Tab D. MCAP 2019 Results <u>Index (maryland.gov)</u>
•	MCAP: Reading: The average percent of public school students in grades 3 and 8 performing at or above Performance Level 4 on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program.	Maryland State Department of Education	Same—report: Tab D. MCAP 2019 Results
•	Chronic Absenteeism: The percent of students enrolled in school at least 10 days who are absent for 10% or more days.	Maryland State Department of Education. Maryland Report Card	Same
•	MSAA: English: The percent of students in grades 8 and 11 scoring at or above Proficient on the English Multi-State Alternative Assessment.	Maryland State Department of Education. Maryland Report Card	Same—report: MSDE Report Card, 2019 https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov
•	MSAA: Math: The percent of students in grades 8 and 11 scoring at or above Proficient on the Math Multi-State Alternative Assessment.	Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Report Card	Same—report: MSDE Report Card, 2019

YOUTH WILL COMPLETE SCHOOL	MARYLAND LMB SOURCE	QAC LMB SOURCE
Educational Attainment: High School Graduate	Maryland State Department of	Same—report:
(Includes Equivalence): The percent of young	Education. Maryland Report Card	MSDE Report Card, 2019
adults ages 18 through 24 who have completed		https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov
high school (includes equivalency).		
Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate	Maryland State Department of Education	Same—report:
	Maryland Report Card	MSDE Report Card, 2019
Program Completion of Students with Disabilities:	Maryland Special Education/ Early	Same
The percent of students with disabilities who	Intervention Services Census Data	
graduated with a diploma.		
YOUTH HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR		
EMPLOYMENT OR CAREER READINESS		
Youth Employment: The percent of 16-19 year	U.S. Census Bureau, American	Same
olds in the labor force who are unemployed	Community Survey, 5-year estimates	
• Youth Employment: The percent of 20-24 year	U.S. Census Bureau, American	Same
olds in the labor force who are unemployed	Community Survey, 5-year estimates	
Percent of High School Graduates Who Complete a	Maryland State Department of	Same
Career and Technology Education (CTE) Program.	Education, CTE Maryland	
Youth Disconnection: The Percent of Youth Not	Measure of America and Opportunity	Same with additional report:
Working and Not in School: The percentage of	Nation	Disconnected Youth Jurisdictional
youth ages 16-24 who are not enrolled in school and		Table, 2015
not working or not currently seeking employment.		Disconnected/Opportunity Youth
		(maryland.gov)

	COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES	MARYLAND LMB SOURCE	QAC LMB SOURCE
	Crime: The rate of violent crimes committed per 1,000 persons.	Governor's Office of Criminal Control and Prevention	Same—report: Maryland Resource Guide, Violence and Injury Prevention Data Resource Guide Fiscal Year 2021 [maryland.gov]
•	Hospitalizations: The nonfatal injury hospitalization rate for assault injuries to children and youth ages 0-21 per 100,000 of the population.	Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	Same—report: Maryland Resource Guide, Violence and Injury Prevention
•	Child Maltreatment: The rate of unduplicated children ages 0-17 with indicated/unsubstantiated child abuse/neglect findings (per 1,000).	Maryland Department of Human Resources	Same
•	Juvenile Felony Offenses: The rate of referrals, per 100,000 youth ages 11 through 17, for felony offenses including both violent and non-violent charges.	Maryland Department of Juvenile Services	Same – report: Maryland Juvenile Services Data Resource Guide <u>Disconnected/Opportunity Youth</u> (maryland.gov)
•	Lead Levels: The percent of children under 72 months of age with confirmed blood lead levels (BLL) > 5 µg/dL.	Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	Same—report: Lead.CBLS.National Table
•	Out-of-Home Placements: The rate of children placed in out-of-home placements per 1,000 children ages 0-18.	State of Maryland Out-of-Home Placement and Family Preservation Resource Plan	Same

FAMILIES ARE ECONOMICALLY STABLE	MARYLAND LMB SOURCE	QAC LMB SOURCE
• Child Poverty: The percent of children under age 18	U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income	Same
whose family income is equal to or below the federal	and Poverty Estimates, KIDS COUNT	
poverty threshold.		
Homelessness: The percent of children enrolled in the	Maryland State Department of	Same
public school system who lack a fixed, regular, and	Education, Division of Accountability	
adequate nighttime residence or who are awaiting	and Assessment Attendance Data	
foster-care placement.	Collection	
• Percent of Families Spending > 35% Income on	U.S. Census Bureau, American	Same—report:
Housing (Rent and Utilities).	Community Survey, 5-year estimates	QAC Housing Strategy
 Percent of Families Spending > 35% Income 		Information on the Housing Situation in
on Housing (Mortgage and Utilities).		QAC Queen Anne's County, MD -
		Official Website

C. DASHBOARD

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of HEALTH concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Infant Mortality

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
38.5%	37.8%	17.0%	6.63%	558	3.08

Low Birthweight Babies

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
31.5%	39.6%	21.1%	7.8%	555	2.95

Births to teens or adolescents/ Teen Pregnancy

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
43.4%	36.5%	15.8%	4.3%	556	3.19

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of HEALTH concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Child Immunization

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
45.8% 254	34.1%	14.8%	5.4%	252	3.20

Child hospitalization due to injuries

/ery Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
37.5%	41.4%	15.9%	5.2%	555	3.11

Health insurance

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
58.5%	29.1%	9:9%	2.4%	564	3.44

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of HEALTH concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Access to Healthcare

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
45.8% 254	34.1%	14.8%	5.4%	555	3.20

Child obesity/ physical activity

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
66.1%	24.6%	6.9% 39	2.3%	564	3.55

Health insurance

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
45.9% 256	38.6%	13.5%	1.9%	557	3.29

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of HEALTH concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Mental Health

/ery Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
70.1%	21.4%	6.7%	1.6%	595	3.60

Services delivered are culturally appropriate

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
33.5%	34.4%	20.7%	11.4%	522	2.90

Ongoing impact of COVID

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
32.3% 182	32.3% 182	19.4%	15.9% 90	263	2.81

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of HEALTH concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Substance use (vaping/tobacco, illegal drugs, prescription medication

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
61.4% 346	28.9%	8.2%	1.6%	564	3.50

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of EDUCATION Resident Survey Responses by:

Children entering kindergarten ready to learn

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
48.3% 273	35.9%	13.8%	1.9%	295	3.31

Elementary school academic performance

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
46.4%	41.5%	11.1%	1.1%	561	3.33

Middle and high school academic performance

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
63.1% 352	31.7%	4.7%	0.5%	558	3.57

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of EDUCATION Resident Survey Responses by:

School attendance/ truancy

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
42.9% 239	41.6%	13.9%	1.8%	095	3.25

Learning loss impacted by COVID

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
51.9%	31.4%	12.8%	3.9%	561	3.31

Bullying and harassment in schools

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
67.6% 381	23.6%	7.3%	1.6%	564	3.6%

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of EDUCATION Resident Survey Responses by:

Bullying and harassment outside of school or through social media platforms

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
69.3% 389	20.5%	7.3%	2.9%	561	95.8

SEL- social/ emotional/ learning/ skills/ coping/ support

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
59.9%	26.9%	9.6%	3.6%	295	3.43

Graduation rate

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
49.6%	39.3%	9.5%	1.6%	252	3.37

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of EDUCATION Resident Survey Responses by:

High school program completion for students with disabilities

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
48.8%	38.0%	11.3%	1.9%	260	3.34

outh engaged in school or employed or both (up to age 24)

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
48.3% 269	39.2% 218	9.9%	2.5%	556	3.33

Access to college or some other post high school education

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
55.1% 308	32.7% 183	10.6%	1.6%	259	3.41

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of EDUCATION Resident Survey Responses by:

Access to vocational training/opportunities

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
67.2% 373	25.9%	5.9%	0.9%	522	3.59

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of COMMUNITY Concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Child maltreatment (mistreatment and/or neglect)

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
59.1% 332	29.0%	10.5%	1.4%	562	3.46

Hunger and access to nutritional meals (for families with children)

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
60.3% 339	28.7%	9.4%	1.6%	562	3.48

Child Poverty

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
56.2%	29.5%	12.3%	1.9%	559	3.40

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of COMMUNITY Concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Homelessness (for young adults and families with children)

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
56.7%	25.4%	14.3%	2.7%	292	3.38

Ongoing financial instability as a direct result of COVID

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
38.8%	34.2%	20.8%	7.2%	558	3.03

Affordable quality housing

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
51.2%	30.6%	12.9% 73	5.3%	266	3.28

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of COMMUNITY Concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Children placed away from home due to behavior or mistreatment

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
43.9%	34.6%	18.9%	2.5%	555	3.20

Disconnected youth ages 16-24 (not in school or employed)

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
50.9%	33.6%	10.9%	4.5%	955	3.31

Juvenile crime and recidivism (repeat offenders)

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
50.1%	33.5%	13.9%	2.3%	558	3.32

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of COMMUNITY Concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Community Crime

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
49.7%	34.2%	13.9%	2.1%	561	3.32

Nellbeing of Children of incarcerated (or formerly incarcerated) parent or family

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
41.6%	38.2%	16.6%	3.4%	555	3.18

Transportation

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
39.4%	36.7%	18.5%	5.4%	561	3.10

Cross-Tabulation of the importance of COMMUNITY Concerns Resident Survey Responses by:

Recreational/Social venues for youth

Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
61.3%	27.5%	7.2%	3.9%	556	3.46

Land Use including ii. Daily Living support – getting prepared to) ii. Young adults (living independently or i. Legal Aid – Spanish Gaps by Special Population i. Spanish-speaking Shoreline Young Adults Gaps by Services Preservation Utilities Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Legal Aid TIERED ASSET MAP FOR QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY Career Planning Assistance Mortgage Business Support Vocational Training Financial Planning Civic Involvement Senior Housing Substance Use Support Arts & Culture Homeless Support Education Transportation Mental Health **Environmen** MIC COMMUNITY RESOURCES Urgent Care YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Day Care Food HOLISTIC HEALTH **BASIC NEEDS** Recreation **Early Child** Education Hospitals Housing