

Issues Facing Our Community:

CHILDREN & SPECIAL NEEDS/DISABILITIES

OVERVIEW

Children with special needs and/or disabilities may require services for a variety of reasons. Resources and programs that offer assistance and support for children and their families will enhance their lives. Partnerships, quality programs, access, affordability and acceptability, informed families and awareness/education in response to the needs of children and their families will equip them for the future and help to build a stronger community.

SERVICES/ORGANIZATIONS

Local services that have programming or the ability to assist with children with special need/disabilities. Organizations are matched in areas where they do or *may* be able to assist.

- Horizon Public Health
- Human Services
- Schools
- Respite providers
- Group homes

- Supportive employers
- Independent living services
- PCA providers
- Homecare agencies
- Windmill Project
- Vocational Rehab
- Day training and rehabilitation
- Medical Providers
- Rainbow Rider

NEEDS

Training:

- Staff
- Volunteers

Person with needs:

- Employment
- Respite providers
- Higher level of care
- Longevity of care
- Consistency in care
- Summer care

Services in schools

Diversity in providers

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY IMPACT COALITION

The coalition's strategic intent is to create long lasting impact in our community in the areas of education, income, and health by serving as a resource in identifying and meeting community needs, as well as being a resource to one another. Meetings take place once a month and are open to the community.

Learn more at www.uwdp.prg



BARRIERS TO MEETING NEEDS

Employment:

- Job description
- Skilled service training
- Workforce requirements

Professional:

- Income
- Burnout

Waiver eligibility

Transportation

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Training
Advocacy
Community awareness

Providers:
• Increased providers
• Special focuses
Partnerships

POPE COUNTY

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties

