

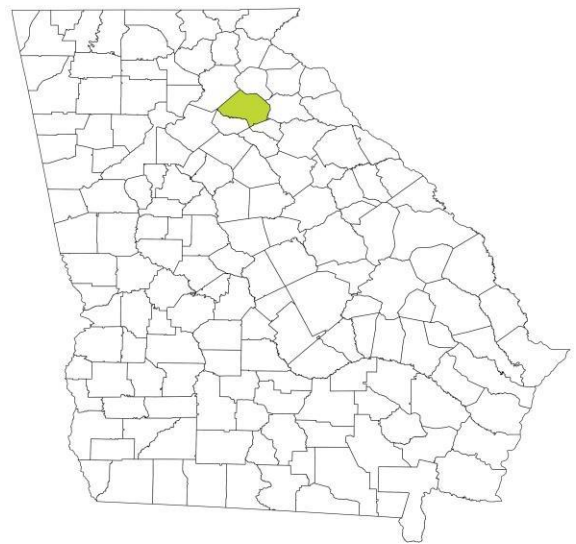
Jackson County Family Connection Community Assessment Results

Introduction

The Jackson County Family Connection Collaborative community assessment was conducted to provide local quantitative and qualitative data about community issues to inform the annual collaborative strategic plan. A team of collaborative partners representing various sectors of the community worked together to develop and implement the community assessment process. The assessment included two community surveys with community members and teenagers and a healthcare focus group. These methods were used to identify community needs and highlight potential priority areas.

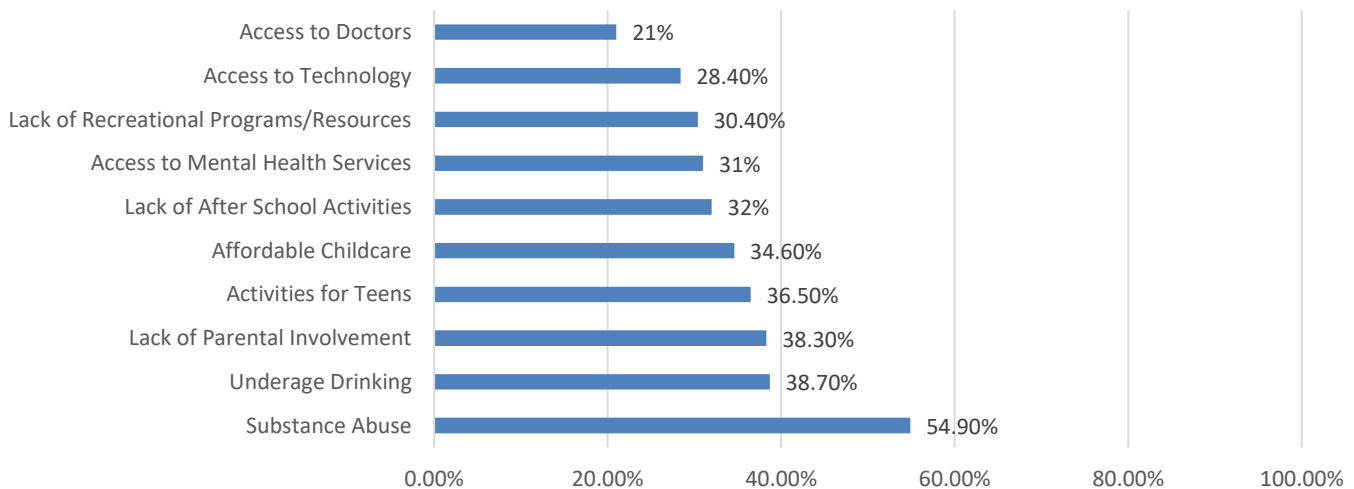
Demographic Profile of Jackson County

Demographics	Jackson	Georgia
Total Population	62,131	10,099,320
Children Under 18 (%)	25.7%	24.7%
Population by Race/Ethnicity (%)		
White, Non-Hispanic (%)	82.6%	54.1%
Black, Non-Hispanic (%)	6.9%	30.7%
Asian and Pacific Islander (%)	1.8%	3.7%
American Indian (%)	0.1%	0.2%
Multi-racial (%)	1.4%	1.8%
Hispanic, of any race (%)	7.0%	9.2%
Median Household Income	\$55,426	\$53,468
Individuals In Poverty (%)	12.7%	16.1%



Community Survey Results

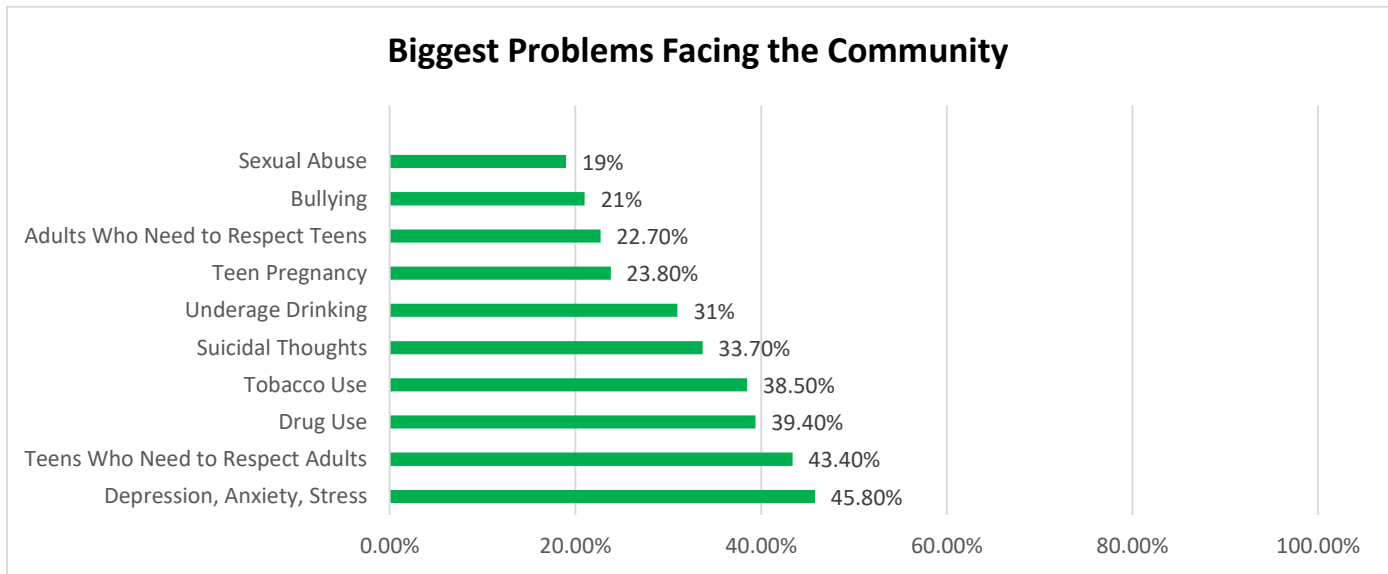
Biggest Problems Facing the Community



Community Members Recommendations

- Educate the community about available resources and programs
- Develop more recreational opportunities for youth
- Increase job opportunities
- Develop and expand relationships with local business
- Provide more affordable housing
- Expand mental health and social services, especially for seniors
- Address lack of transportation

Youth Survey Results



Youth Recommendations

- Provide support and resources to address bullying
- Provide mental health resources for teens, especially for depression, stress and suicidal thoughts
- Identify ways to improve the overall school climate to ensure ALL students are treated with respect

Health Care Focus Group Summary



Barriers to Medical and Mental Health Care

- Transportation
- Finances
- Medical office hours
- Misuse of emergency room
- Lack of pediatric providers
- Lack of pediatric mental health providers
- Georgia Gateway System

Recommendations

- Educate the community about health care resources
- Update resource directory
- Establish a protocol for referrals
- Increase nutrition education
- Expand community health care partnerships

Methods

Community Surveys Completed: 543

Teen Surveys Completed: 273

Focus Groups Held: 1

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