

Below please find the top community needs identified in the Monroe County Assessment of Needs and Assets (2001). A follow-up needs assessment was conducted in 2008 showing that the areas of need remain the same, and that the need for youth services has increased. See attached for 2008 Needs Assessment.

- ✓ PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH (1)
- ✓ HEALTH / DENTAL CARE
- ✓ HOUSING
- ✓ DIVERSITY AWARENESS PROGRAMMING (2)
- ✓ JOBS WITH A LIVABLE WAGE
- ✓ TRANSPORTATION
- ✓ SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WITH COMPLEX NEEDS
- ✓ CHILD CARE
- ✓ ACCESS TO SERVICES IN "OUTLYING" PARTS OF THE COUNTY, SUCH AS THE MOUNTAIN AND WEST END.

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1 Source: Monroe County Assessment of Needs & Assets (2008). "The 2001 report encouraged the county to place the needs of children and adolescents "at the top of the public agenda," with the development of additional programs, facilities and activities for young people and with special emphasis on the county's growing population of at-risk youth."

2 Source: Monroe County Assessment of Needs & Assets (2008). "The Monroe County Assessment of Needs and Assets (2001) highlighted the tremendous increase in racial and ethnic diversity in the county, as well as the often-dichotomous perspectives characterizing the urban experience of many newcomers and the more-rural experience of long-time residents. The report encouraged programs to help bridge the gap between these perspectives and help foster an appreciation of diversity."