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FULMONT Community Needs Assessment

CLIENT: Fulmont Community Action Agency

DESCRIPTION: The Fulmont Community Action Agency undertook the development of this community needs assessment as part of its regular reporting requirements under the Community Services Block Grant program and Head Start Program. The focus of this assessment is to collect and analyze data and solicit input describing conditions faced by low and moderate income citizens and their advocates in Fulton and Montgomery County, New York. In addition to developing the Community Needs Assessment, Fulmont Community Action Agency has been engaged in an agency-wide, board-led strategic planning process to determine the best strategy to manage the new actions chosen for agency focus in the next five years.

CONCLUSION: The community needs assessment concluded there a greater number of households with children living at and below the threshold of poverty. These families are experiencing food insecurities and a shortage of supplemental services. Transportation is a significant problem transporting children to and from different programs. There are a variety of child care services available in both Fulton and Montgomery Counties. However, there are only a limited number of child care slots available for infants.

KEY FINDINGS: Population of Fulton and Montgomery Counties have decline by 1% between 2000-2015 and by 10% for those under the age of 20 years.

There is an increasing number of single parent and Grandparent household with children. Parents who were never married as single parents - head of the household has increased by 26% and female as a single parent – head of household

The burden of Housing cost has risen, over 52% of renter and 31% pay more than 30% of the gross income towards housing cost.

