

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In July 2014 The Converse County Tripartite Board retained Business Resource Group (BRG) to conduct a Community Needs Assessment to identify the services currently available in the County to assist low-income individuals, families and the elderly to become more self-sufficient. This Assessment is required as a part of the Wyoming Community Services Block Grant future funding criteria.

The Converse County Tripartite Board goal is to reduce poverty, improve the general health and living conditions, and increase economic self-sufficiency of Converse County’s low income residents. To effectively address this goal, it is necessary to identify the scope of human services currently available in the County and then to determine from those utilizing the services the extent the needs are being addressed. The current priorities of the Converse County Tripartite Board are focused toward:

- Medical services and health care assistance to support employability
- Services to support sustainable employment
- Training and education to enhance employability

METHODOLOGY

The primary research for this assessment included data collection and analysis from agencies and organizations in the County that provide services for this population, through surveys and personal interviews with segmentation based on the desire for quantitative and qualitative data.

It was determined during the initial project scoping meeting to replicate the Provider and Client survey format and questions used for the 2009 and 2011 Community Assessment. Several new questions were added into the 2011 Client Survey that were also included in the 2014 survey. The integrity of both the Provider and Client surveys was maintained allowing for current and historic response data comparison.

In this report 2014 Provider and Client data are presented by respondent group and location (Glenrock and Douglas) and combined as Converse County data and, where possible, historic comparisons of matching data from previous Assessment report (2009 & 2011). Provider and Client survey distribution and completed returns are summarized below:

CONVERSE COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS	2009	2011	2014
Provider Surveys Distributed	40	80	51
Provider Surveys Completed	18	27	24
% Provider Surveys Completed & Returned	45%	34%	47%
Below Poverty Converse County Households	493	491	462
Client Surveys Completed	189	101	196
% Below Poverty Households Represented	38%	21%	42%