



Rockingham County Citizens:

Each of us spends a lifetime trying to discover who we really are as a person. This pursuit can also be extended to communities. The difficulty in our discovery of ourselves and our community is that both are subject to the force of continual change. As individuals and communities we must adapt to our changing world. The difference in who we are rests in our ability to influence positive change in response to the ever present changes around us. This is the heart of the Community Health Assessment (CHA) process. By discovering who we are, a community becomes the patient, and its health is assessed every four years on key areas such as physical health, healthcare resources, economic health, behavioral health, social indicators, environmental health, and lifelong learning.

The CHA process would not be possible without the extensive collaboration of our many community partners and stakeholders. The data contained in this document was gathered from dozens of sources including the State Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Census, Employment Security Commission, and Rockingham County databases. Primary data was collected through community surveys, focus groups, and stakeholder interviews. The final product serves as a 2012 snapshot of the community's overall health, and provides the basis for the wise allocation of resources to address Rockingham County's priority health concerns.

We would like to thank each agency and person who made this Community Health Assessment a reality as we plan for a healthier Rockingham County.

Sincerely,

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Eden News	Rockingham County Help for Homeless
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