Comprehensive Community Assessment Tool (EICAT)

Data collection may be obtained with this survey tool through the use of observation, interviewing and interactions with members of the community.

Identified Community:

I. **Body**
   A. Physical(ecological) environment of community
      1. Appearance: (does the community look welcoming, what kind of feeling does the community give you, how does it affect your senses)
      2. Use of land( open-space, residential, industrial, commercial, other)
      3. Utilization of space (how are houses spaced, general condition of residents or commercial properties).
      4. Climate (weather conditions)
      5. Any signs of Community decline
   B. Composition of community (People)
      1. How many people live in this community
      2. Age:
      3. Race:
      4. Sex:
      5. Marital status:
      6. Vulnerable aggregates:
      7. Growth trends:
      8. Morbidity & mortality:
      9. Disabilities/impairment:
      10. Pre-symptomatic illness:
C. Boundaries:

1. Are there any signs that tell you where community begins & ends?

2. Transportation: (how do people get in and out of community).

3. Political (do you see any political campaign signs; is there any evidence of political party affiliations?)

D. Barriers or threats to community

1. Security, protection (is presence of law enforcement evident?)

2. Life sustaining activities: are there social agencies or health facilities, doctors offices, dentist, places for alternative medicine? What types of stores are available for residents to shop?

3. Norms & controls:

4. Prevention of physical disasters:

II. Mind

A. Goals/purposes (Why does community exist?)

1. Philosophy

2. Sources of community leadership

3. Educational level and opportunities for community members

B. Service systems

1. Employment (economics)

2. Production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services

3. Community activities (any apparent signs of community growth)

4. Community participation

5. Identification of resources

C. Socio-cultural characteristics

1. Quality of life

2. Size of families (household composition)

3. Social ties

4. Social interactions

5. Civic/political involvement
III. Spirit
A. Atmosphere of community
B. Religion
C. Community pride, (is there a “local name” by which the community refers to itself?)
D. Identification of community need by community members
E. Identification of community strengths and weaknesses
F. Values
   1. Traditions
   2. Beliefs
G. Community suggestions for resolution of needs

IV. Patterns of interaction (community’s involvement with internal and external environments)
A. Communication
   1. Internal environment (verbal/non-verbal, focus of communication, within individuals, families and community)
   2. External environment (outside community sources of information, focus of communication)
B. Community resources
   1. Internal environment: (do neighbors seem to support each other?)
   2. External environment:
C. Health care practices
   1. Internal environment (What is already being done in community)
   2. External environment (What is brought into community)
D. Health care resources
   1. Internal environment
      a) Availability of space
      b) Type of equipment
      c) Human resources
   2. External environment
      a) Desire and scope of assistance to come into community
      b) Potential available space
      c) Type of equipment
      d) Human resources
E. Coordination and development of health care related activities
References


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