








# Iowa Community Action Agencies - Needs Assessment Survey [Community Stakeholders] 14



## 1. 1. What county do you live in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Adair		0.0%	0
Adams		0.0%	0
Allamakee		0.0%	0
Appanoose		0.0%	0
Audubon		0.0%	0
Benton		0.0%	0
Black Hawk		0.0%	0
Boone		0.0%	0
Bremer		0.0%	0
Buchanan		0.0%	0
Buena Vista		0.0%	0
Butler		0.0%	0
Calhoun		0.0%	0
Carroll		0.0%	0
Cass		0.0%	0
Cedar	█	0.4%	1
Cerro Gordo		0.0%	0
Cherokee		0.0%	0
Chickasaw		0.0%	0
Clarke	█	0.4%	1



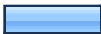








Clay		0.0%	0
Clayton		0.0%	0
Clinton		0.0%	0
Crawford		0.0%	0
Dallas		0.0%	0
Davis		0.0%	0
Decatur		0.0%	0
Delaware		0.0%	0
<b>Des Moines</b>		<b>57.9%</b>	<b>139</b>
Dickinson		0.0%	0
Dubuque		0.0%	0
Emmet		0.0%	0
Fayette		0.0%	0
Floyd		0.0%	0
Franklin		0.0%	0
Fremont		0.0%	0
Greene		0.0%	0
Grundy		0.0%	0
Guthrie		0.0%	0
Hamilton		0.0%	0
Hancock		0.0%	0
Hardin		0.0%	0
Harrison		0.0%	0
Henry		12.1%	29
Howard		0.0%	0
Humboldt		0.0%	0

Ida		0.0%	0
Iowa		0.0%	0
Jackson		0.0%	0
Jasper		0.0%	0
Jefferson		0.4%	1
Johnson		0.4%	1
Jones		0.0%	0
Keokuk		0.0%	0
Kossuth		0.0%	0
Lee		16.3%	39
Linn		0.0%	0
Louisa		7.9%	19
Lucas		0.0%	0
Lyon		0.0%	0
Madison		0.0%	0
Mahaska		0.0%	0
Marion		0.4%	1
Marshall		0.0%	0
Mills		0.0%	0
Mitchell		0.0%	0
Monona		0.0%	0
Monroe		0.0%	0
Montgomery		0.0%	0
Muscatine		2.9%	7
O'Brien		0.0%	0
Osceola		0.0%	0

Page		0.0%	0
Palo Alto		0.0%	0
Plymouth		0.0%	0
Pocahontas		0.0%	0
Polk		0.0%	0
Pottawattamie		0.0%	0
Poweshiek		0.0%	0
Ringgold		0.0%	0
Sac		0.0%	0
Scott	█	0.4%	1
Shelby		0.0%	0
Sioux		0.0%	0
Story		0.0%	0
Tama		0.0%	0
Taylor		0.0%	0
Union		0.0%	0
Van Buren		0.0%	0
Wapello		0.0%	0
Warren		0.0%	0
Washington	█	0.4%	1
Wayne		0.0%	0
Webster		0.0%	0
Winnebago		0.0%	0
Winneshiek		0.0%	0
Woodbury		0.0%	0

Worth	0.0%	0
Wright	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>240</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>21</b>

**2. 2. What community stakeholder group do you belong to? Select the one that best describes your group:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
County government		7.5%	19
City government		7.8%	20
Board of Supervisors		0.0%	0
education institution		14.1%	36
health care provider		12.5%	32
faith based		8.2%	21
<b>service organization</b>		<b>24.7%</b>	<b>63</b>
public/private housing		0.4%	1
neighborhood association		0.8%	2
police		1.6%	4
judicial		0.0%	0
private business		11.0%	28
other		11.4%	29
<b>answered question</b>		<b>255</b>	
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>6</b>	

### 3. 3. Are there full-time living wage employment (\$15 per hour or higher) opportunities available in your community?

		Response Percent	Response Count
there are an insufficient number of opportunities		67.5%	170
there are an excessive number of opportunities		0.4%	1
unsure		16.3%	41
there are a sufficient number of opportunities		10.3%	26
there are not any opportunities		5.6%	14
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>252</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>9</b>

**4. 4. Why do you believe people have problems getting or keeping a full-time living wage job? Select all that apply:**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>jobs are not available</b>		<b>69.4%</b>	<b>175</b>
language barriers		10.3%	26
lack of education		59.5%	150
need child care		40.9%	103
physical or mental disabilities		24.6%	62
need better technical job skills		54.0%	136
transportation		40.9%	103
other		13.1%	33
need better communication and people skills		50.4%	127
health issues		15.1%	38
substance abuse issues		42.1%	106
<b>answered question</b>			<b>252</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>9</b>

**5. 5. Are child care programs (during the day, Monday through Friday) for low-income families available in your community?**






		Response Percent	Response Count
there are an insufficient number available		38.8%	93
there are an excessive number available		1.3%	3
unsure		25.4%	61
there are a sufficient number available		32.9%	79
there are not any available		1.7%	4
<b>answered question</b>			<b>240</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>21</b>

**6. 6. Are child care programs (evenings, nights, and weekends) for low-income families available in your community?**






		Response Percent	Response Count
there are an insufficient number available		51.0%	123
there are an excessive number available		0.0%	0
unsure		32.8%	79
there are a sufficient number available		6.6%	16
there are not any available		9.5%	23
<b>answered question</b>			<b>241</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>20</b>














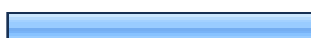





**7. 7. Are pre-school programs (including Head Start programs) for low-income families available in your community?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
there are an insufficient number available		26.1%	63
there are an excessive number available		2.9%	7
unsure		17.0%	41
<b>there are a sufficient number available</b>		<b>52.7%</b>	<b>127</b>
there are not any available		1.2%	3
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>241</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>20</b>




**8. 8. Are affordable child and youth (ages 5 through 17) activities or after school programs available in your community? Select all that apply:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>there are an insufficient number available</b>		<b>60.3%</b>	<b>143</b>
there are an excessive number available		0.8%	2
unsure		13.1%	31
there are a sufficient number available		20.3%	48
there are not any available		5.5%	13
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>237</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>24</b>




**9. 9. In your community, in which areas do you believe youth (ages 12 through 17) need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance? Select all that apply:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
after school supervision		69.3%	165
learning disabilities		29.4%	70
finding employment		58.4%	139
substance abuse/tobacco		60.5%	144
school attendance		51.3%	122
behavior disorders		54.2%	129
gang participation		31.1%	74
teen parenting		51.3%	122
none apply		0.4%	1
birth control		52.1%	124
tutoring		55.5%	132
obesity		47.5%	113
mental health		45.0%	107
affordable school/community activities		67.2%	160
<b>mentoring/leadership/volunteering</b>		<b>70.2%</b>	<b>167</b>
sexually transmitted diseases		39.1%	93
physical health and dental issues		39.9%	95
<b>answered question</b>			<b>238</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>23</b>




**10. 10. Are there adequate levels of non-medical emergency services available in your community?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
YES		40.6%	97
NO		31.4%	75
unsure		28.0%	67
answered question			239
skipped question			22




**11. 11. Are there a sufficient number of emergency shelters available in your community?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
YES		13.8%	33
NO		61.5%	147
unsure		24.7%	59
answered question			239
skipped question			22




**12. 12. Are there adequate levels of medical services available for low-income people in your community?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
YES		45.0%	108
NO		35.0%	84
unsure		20.0%	48
answered question			240
skipped question			21




**13. 13. Are there adequate levels of dental services available for low-income people in your community?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
YES		21.7%	52
NO		52.9%	127
unsure		25.4%	61
<b>answered question</b>			<b>240</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>21</b>





**14. 14. Are there adequate levels of wellness (nutrition, exercise, etc.) programs available for low-income people in your community?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
YES		22.8%	54
NO		57.4%	136
unsure		19.8%	47
<b>answered question</b>			<b>237</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>24</b>



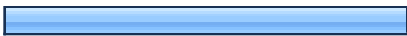



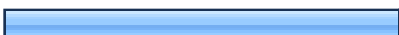

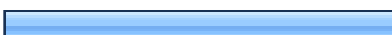













**15. 15. Are there adequate levels of public transportation options (cabs, taxis, buses, trolleys, etc.) available in your community?**




		Response Percent	Response Count
YES		36.9%	87
NO		57.2%	135
unsure		5.9%	14
<b>answered question</b>			<b>236</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>25</b>

**16. 16. Are the homes in your community in good repair?**
















		Response Percent	Response Count
most are		28.0%	66
some are		61.0%	144
few are		9.7%	23
none are		0.0%	0
unsure		1.3%	3
<b>answered question</b>			<b>236</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>25</b>

**17. 17. Which of the following issues do you believe are the greatest challenges low-income families and individuals are currently facing? Select all that apply:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
education		73.7%	174
job training		68.2%	161
housing		60.6%	143
budgeting		70.3%	166
parenting		72.9%	172
chronic illness		14.4%	34
child care		59.3%	140
teen pregnancy		38.1%	90
substance abuse		58.5%	138
transportation		50.0%	118
family violence		38.1%	90
energy/utility costs		45.8%	108
living wage employment		72.0%	170
family/child abuse		34.3%	81
language barriers		13.6%	32
health food selection		40.7%	96
special needs children		24.6%	58
financial literacy/planning		52.5%	124
mental health services		51.7%	122
medical care access		33.9%	80
dental care access		43.6%	103
health care costs		42.4%	100

credit card debt		37.3%	88
legal issues/services		28.4%	67
child support		29.2%	69
none apply		0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>			<b>236</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>25</b>






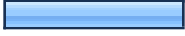





**18. 18. Which of the following areas do you believe low-income families and individuals need assistance with in order to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency? Select all that apply:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>employment</b>		<b>86.3%</b>	<b>201</b>
job training		79.8%	186
housing		49.8%	116
child care		60.9%	142
mental health		41.2%	96
literacy		38.6%	90
transportation		57.5%	134
legal issues/services		19.3%	45
substance abuse treatment		49.4%	115
financial literacy/planning		55.8%	130
energy/utility costs		43.8%	102
family planning		42.5%	99
medical care		33.5%	78
family/child abuse		29.2%	68
language barriers		14.6%	34
none apply		0.0%	0

answered question 233

skipped question 28

**19. 19. Which of the following areas do you believe the elderly (seniors) in your community need assistance with in order to remain in their home? Select all that apply:**



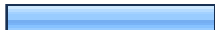



		Response Percent	Response Count
housework		61.1%	140
managing medications		74.2%	170
financial assistance		54.1%	124
yard work/snow removal		74.7%	171
grocery shopping		59.4%	136
tax preparation/legal issues		26.6%	61
<b>home repairs</b>		<b>83.8%</b>	<b>192</b>
preparing meals		58.1%	133
access to transportation		66.8%	153
energy/utility costs		53.3%	122
laundry		43.2%	99
none apply		0.0%	0
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>229</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>32</b>









**20. 20. Of the following, which of these do you believe low-income families and individuals need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance?**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>unsure</b>	<b>Rating Count</b>
checking and savings accounts	<b>70.6% (156)</b>	10.4% (23)	19.0% (42)	221
credit card debt	<b>77.5% (169)</b>	9.2% (20)	13.3% (29)	218
credit repair	<b>76.5% (169)</b>	6.3% (14)	17.2% (38)	221
payday loans	<b>70.0% (152)</b>	12.9% (28)	17.1% (37)	217
car title loans (not a car purchase loan)	<b>55.5% (116)</b>	12.4% (26)	32.1% (67)	209
budgeting or money management issues	<b>92.5% (211)</b>	1.3% (3)	6.1% (14)	228
filing tax returns (Earned Income Tax Credit)	<b>50.5% (102)</b>	22.3% (45)	27.2% (55)	202
obtaining loans	<b>50.0% (96)</b>	20.3% (39)	29.7% (57)	192
property tax exemptions	<b>41.6% (77)</b>	22.2% (41)	36.2% (67)	185
rent reimbursement claims	<b>53.8% (106)</b>	17.8% (35)	28.4% (56)	197
home energy/utility cost issues	<b>77.8% (165)</b>	12.7% (27)	9.4% (20)	212
landlord/tenant issues	<b>77.3% (163)</b>	9.0% (19)	13.7% (29)	211
			<b>answered question</b>	<b>231</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>	<b>30</b>

**21. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1=poor/poorly, 3=fine/adequate, and 5=excellent), please rate the following: 21. How would you rate your relationship with the community action agency in your community?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		2.2%	5
2		9.6%	22
3		30.9%	71
4		19.1%	44
5		23.9%	55
no relationship		14.3%	33
<b>answered question</b>			<b>230</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>31</b>

**22. 22. How well is the community action agency in your community meeting the need of low-income families and individuals?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		2.2%	5
2		10.9%	25
3		27.9%	64
4		24.5%	56
5		8.7%	20
unsure		25.8%	59
<b>answered question</b>			<b>229</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>32</b>

**23. 23. What do you believe causes poverty?**

**Response  
Count**

189

**answered question**

**189**

**skipped question**

**72**

**24. 24. What community improvement initiative would you like your community to address?**

**Response  
Count**

175

**answered question**

**175**

**skipped question**

**86**

**25. 25. If you had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue, what would you solve?**

**Response  
Count**

183

**answered question**

**183**

**skipped question**

**78**



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1	no good jobs in the area, high utilities cost, high mortgage interests/rent, lack of education, laziness	Feb 28, 2013 2:46 PM
2	No jobs with more then 24 hours to get help with daycare costs	Feb 23, 2013 7:24 AM
3	high school drop outs teen pregnancy generational issues and beliefs	Feb 22, 2013 1:12 PM
4	A convergence of factors. Health care (including mental health) costs and access; poor education; no technical skills; poor money management	Feb 22, 2013 12:56 PM
5	Lack of information, and ineffective decision making. People are faced with many decisions every day, and every response impacts something. Lack of knowledge/information; lack of self-esteem/personal pride, and many other things play into and affect decision making. Do I get up? Do I clean up? Do I learn something new today? Do I exercise? Do I snap at my kids? Do I buy cigarettes or a gallon of milk? Information is power, and people need to be empowered to make better decisions for themselves and the people they are responsible for.	Feb 22, 2013 9:58 AM
6	Lack of opportunity and motivation to change situations	Feb 22, 2013 8:32 AM
7	Many causes. Unplanned pregnancy. Lack of education. Generations of low education acheivment and poverty.	Feb 22, 2013 7:57 AM
8	A grouping of issues that cycle around education, job opportunity, financial literacy and family	Feb 22, 2013 7:50 AM
9	unemployment, budgeting issues	Feb 22, 2013 5:46 AM
10	Lack of education resulting in few skills to enter the job market. Young people require, parents mentors who teach good decision making.	Feb 21, 2013 8:27 PM
11	Poverty can be caused by uncontrollable circumstances or by poor choices. Poverty is a cycle that's hard to get out of.	Feb 21, 2013 6:55 PM
12	Broken families, inadequate jobs, unwillingness to work, low pay	Feb 21, 2013 2:43 PM
13	Portion - laziness Portion - intellectual capabilities Portion - Unable to find job to match skill set	Feb 21, 2013 11:47 AM
14	overspending, lack of high paying jobs	Feb 21, 2013 10:38 AM
15	economy	Feb 21, 2013 7:54 AM
16	Lack of good paying jobs, lack of education on how to budget, get out of debt. Lack of common living and parenting skills. Lack of a good work ethic.	Feb 21, 2013 7:43 AM
17	I believe it starts with the parents not encouraging their children to do well in school, also their lack of supervising their kids after schooll and on the weekends. When kids are bored they get into trouble. Point being, these kids grow into adults that don't hold down jobs, pay taxes, and insist that the government and city should support them. As a single mom, who had to use government assistance to provide for my son while going to college and working towards financial independence, I only used the programs until I could support	Feb 21, 2013 7:16 AM

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	us both on my work wages. The ones that live on the government for their whole life and not work are the ones raising kids to do the same thing!	
18	A lack of education, managing, and motivation.	Feb 20, 2013 7:11 PM
19	The way the system is set up. It keeps people in a cycle of poverty. You have a tough time and you get help but some get trapped there.	Feb 20, 2013 4:49 PM
20	The lack of opportunities for education, training and adequate income to sustain the family unit.	Feb 20, 2013 2:46 PM
21	Generational	Feb 20, 2013 2:45 PM
22	limited employment opportunities, limited job skills, absenteeism from the job	Feb 20, 2013 12:16 PM
23	Not providing the means to people to be more self sustaining. We give a lot away to those who are not trying to better their situations. Why not reward the people working harder to make life better?	Feb 20, 2013 12:09 PM
24	lack of opportunities, lack of education, no one to encourage the first two, lack of role models in own their life, lack of supporting people, mental illness.	Feb 20, 2013 11:27 AM
25	Lack of education, mental health services and health care	Feb 20, 2013 11:20 AM
26	Laziness.People don't want to work. They get more money living off the government. They get medical and dental free, low housing and free food.Most could go out and get a job but choice to stay at home. They also have kids take they can't afford. The wages need to be so a person that works a 40 hour week can support a family.	Feb 20, 2013 11:14 AM
27	Please are not teaching people how to manage money.	Feb 20, 2013 10:57 AM
28	lack of education, parenting skills, and responsibility/accountability	Feb 20, 2013 10:50 AM
29	individuals do not acknowledge what life skills are needed to live and survive on their own	Feb 20, 2013 10:36 AM
30	Lack of education. Lack of good paying jobs in the area.	Feb 20, 2013 10:32 AM
31	Lack of education and family issues	Feb 20, 2013 10:28 AM
32	Lack of jobs that can support a family. Some families live better with their assistance from Food Stamps etc. than they do working. Also, a lot of people don't have a very good work ethic. They don't show up, or call in all the time.	Feb 20, 2013 9:36 AM
33	Lack of ambition, lack of resources, lack of education, lack of motivation, lack of opportunity	Feb 20, 2013 9:20 AM
34	Environment, lack of education	Feb 20, 2013 9:13 AM
35	I think poverty is a vicious circle that can be broken. I have seen people in bad homes (drugs, unemployed, etc) that have turned their life around, gotten and kept a job, then worked hard to get through college and live a successful life. But, I have also seen people from bad homes succumb to the same way of living	Feb 19, 2013 2:38 PM

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	as their parents. I think the difference between those two kinds of people is the drive within them that makes them want to be better. If they are lazy and don't care about their future or the future of their children, then of course they are going to try to skate through life like their parents did. If they work hard and are determined to have a good life, they will. There are plenty of ways to get help through government hand outs that will completely turn around their life if they are willing to jump through the hoops to get it.	
36	What I see is families and people get stuck in the cycle. The legacy a person leaves is poverty; it is handed down from one generation to the next.	Feb 19, 2013 6:47 AM
37	lack of education and drive to work	Feb 18, 2013 6:09 PM
38	I believe lack of education is at the root of poverty. If people were educated on money management, job skills, family planning, etc. they would have the tools need to put their family in a self sustaining position.	Feb 18, 2013 7:13 AM
39	No jobs and what jobs there are do not pay enough.	Feb 15, 2013 9:04 AM
40	For some I think they have been born into a cycle of living off of social services. Their parents have learned what services are available and they learn from them. They lack the desire to be self sufficient because being dependant on the system is what they know.	Feb 15, 2013 7:04 AM
41	Inadequate paying jobs and lack of education. High cost of medical bills a contributing factor.	Feb 15, 2013 6:46 AM
42	Family cycle,education,job training,transportation,substance abuse,teen pregnancy	Feb 15, 2013 6:22 AM
43	Inadequate job skills for the job market, illiteracy, inability to access birth control, poor health, lack of self-confidence, hopelessness. ability to afford transportation, child care	Feb 14, 2013 2:06 PM
44	loss of jobs in the area	Feb 14, 2013 1:56 PM
45	Most times it is situational. Meaning that the bread winner looses their job or dies without adequate insurance. Or they are unable to secure a live-able wage.	Feb 14, 2013 1:33 PM
46	For the most part I think its poor financial decision like the unwillingness to forgo debt and instead use credit cards and payday loans to further an unrealistic lifestyle. Also people not taking some personal responsibility in looking for work and then committing to the job.	Feb 13, 2013 11:17 AM
47	lack of education and lack of motivation and the "entitlement mentality"	Feb 13, 2013 6:51 AM
48	Situation	Feb 12, 2013 12:38 PM
49	lack of motivation to break the cycle.	Feb 12, 2013 10:40 AM
50	Several things: lack of a desire to work, lack of skills to be placed in the jobs that are available, jobs that are available are LOW pay and do not provides individuals with enough funds to survive off of much less to support a family.	Feb 12, 2013 10:38 AM

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51	Lack of education, jobs, and laziness	Feb 12, 2013 9:59 AM
52	Lack of guidance and lack of education	Feb 12, 2013 8:44 AM
53	I think poverty will always be an issue - there will naturally be struggles in the world. Poverty cannot be eliminated, but assistance can be provided to make transitions out of poverty possible. But to be successful, these transitions cannot make people dependent, or incentivize remaining where they are.	Feb 12, 2013 8:06 AM
54	many factors interacting - generational, lack of living wage, language barriers, transportation issues, etc.	Feb 12, 2013 7:42 AM
55	Loss of job; being raised in poverty	Feb 12, 2013 6:08 AM
56	Lack of education caused directly by a lack of parenting. Non-existent parenting skills continue the cycle of those becoming adults with little to no life skills or the motivation to accept and hold a job.	Feb 12, 2013 5:51 AM
57	Lack of hope, generational cycles of dependency on government hand-outs, lack of opportunity to have employment and self-sufficiency.	Feb 11, 2013 9:14 PM
58	ignorance, disparate distribution of wealth	Feb 11, 2013 1:06 PM
59	lack of positive reinforcement for people. Lack of job training and lack of support from family and community	Feb 11, 2013 10:59 AM
60	Poor financial planning, lack of decent jobs.	Feb 11, 2013 8:24 AM
61	Lack of education beyond high school	Feb 11, 2013 6:32 AM
62	Lack of jobs period, but especially lack of jobs paying over \$10/hour, full-time, with benefits. Most people WANT to work but there are not enough full-time jobs with decent wages.	Feb 8, 2013 3:18 PM
63	Poverty is caused by many factors-medical expenses and illness which may cause someone to not work or lose job, lack of health care insurance for adults, instability with mental health/substance abuse issues, domestic violence, lack of confidence or training to apply for jobs beyond the basics etc. A real issue is childhood trauma that is not resolved which contributes to the person making unstable choices in life or not feeling capable of further stability. or not knowing what it would take to be stable because they were raised in poverty and the focus was on surviving.	Feb 8, 2013 12:18 PM
64	lack of jobs, money management, inflation, education	Feb 8, 2013 11:43 AM
65	Lack of education, technical skills and job interviewing skills to obtain a full time job with benefits. Also financial literacy plan -- maintain job, pay bills, plan for crisis or retirement.	Feb 8, 2013 11:15 AM
66	lack of skills, preparation for work and life	Feb 8, 2013 10:57 AM
67	Lack of jobs and job training opportunities, adequate education, lack of financial resources to cover needs	Feb 8, 2013 10:29 AM



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68	Lack of education It is generational in some cases Lack of job opportunities	Feb 8, 2013 10:24 AM
69	I believe it is cyclical in nature with many other factors such as transportation, child care, housing, and making ends meet. More than anything, though, I believe that most, if not all, of those in poverty in my community represent generations of poverty. They have grown up thinking there is no real way to get ahead, that working does not pay off, and that getting by on assistance is good enough. In addition, they lack the skills of the middle class, so they do not know how to enter the work force and succeed because it is normed for middle class. This can be seen by the way they speak, view time, prioritize, value people, and value things.	Feb 8, 2013 10:23 AM
70	It is generational. Lack of education. Public Assistance dependency, disabilities.	Feb 8, 2013 10:20 AM
71	Lack of education not only at school but in families. Young parents and first time parents do not see the lack of education being a problems for them to success.	Feb 8, 2013 9:45 AM
72	I believe that poverty is sometimes an historical or cultural problem. People do not have the skills required to move out of their present situation and believe that more is possible. I also believe that living wage jobs are scarce.	Feb 8, 2013 8:05 AM
73	Lack of education Addictions Part time work at minimum wages.	Feb 8, 2013 7:43 AM
74	Mental health and substance abuse issues in combination with low education and job skills in combination with a community lacking job opportunities	Feb 8, 2013 7:42 AM
75	I believe poverty is a result of learned behavior and families not seeing or knowing way to improve their situation. I believe that children follow what they have learned and if they see poverty and expect assistance without seeing something better or developing hope the cycle continues.	Feb 8, 2013 7:42 AM
76	A whole host of issues or problems such as: being born into poverty; learning disabilities; other disabilities; health problems and inadequate treatment or expensive treatment; substance abuse; mental health issues; not enough living wage jobs available; lack of transportation to the jobs that are available; poor financial choices; lack of family planning (either by choice or not); lack of a role model who is successful; etc. Some people start out their lives in middle class and end up in poverty. Others are born into poverty and never get out of it.	Feb 8, 2013 7:40 AM
77	Sadly, some individuals who are not willing to work at places such as McDonald's, but to add to that, some are unwilling because once they make too much money, they lose all their benefits, so they would rather not try. There are others who sadly, have a disability or several hardships that make it difficult for them to get ahead, which causes them to live in poverty because they can never seem to take a step forward without taking three more back.	Feb 8, 2013 7:31 AM
78	Poor parenting, continuing the cycle of entitlement as a means of support.	Feb 8, 2013 6:42 AM
79	Lack of motivation to work & not knowing how to handle finances.	Feb 7, 2013 1:53 PM
80	many factors- lack of working skills, lack of jobs available, family dynamics and history, lack of transportation to get to work and school, and school drop out rates to name only a few	Feb 7, 2013 8:05 AM

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81	Illiteracy, lackof/use of birth control, lack of job skills	Feb 6, 2013 8:31 AM
82	Low self esteem, inadequate educational background, habits of family dynamics.	Feb 5, 2013 8:12 AM
83	Generational poverty	Feb 4, 2013 10:54 AM
84	Lack of education./parenting/	Feb 4, 2013 10:01 AM
85	Many things. Taking the opposite view, I think education and a supportive enriching stimulating environment can help people out of poverty.	Feb 4, 2013 9:13 AM
86	The thought that all things should be given to you without working at all...and for those who want to work the lack of jobs available...	Feb 2, 2013 8:20 PM
87	Mainly, no industry jobs that pay well. Government gives to many handouts, not a hand up!	Feb 1, 2013 5:38 PM
88	breakdown of the family, when circumstances do not allow two parents to live together	Feb 1, 2013 2:30 PM
89	family history (generational) lack of self respect	Feb 1, 2013 11:35 AM
90	A lack of education and lack of parent involvement and understanding of the importance of their children receiving a quality education as a means of getting out of the poverty cycle. Children do not always have positive adult role models. Positive adult role models and mentors would help children realize there are ways of rising above poverty and the issues that go with it.	Feb 1, 2013 11:30 AM
91	Most, if not all, poverty that I have witnessed has been a generational matter. Poor choices have been made in the past and the cycle is encouraged or allowed to continue. I wouldn't wish hardship on anyone but some learning/forward progress needs to take place. Often times, that learning happens when we are allowed to fail and must make the tough decision not to repeat our mistakes.	Feb 1, 2013 10:52 AM
92	family history, education, lack of employment, poor physical or mental health	Feb 1, 2013 10:18 AM
93	The fact that daily living expenses have been steadily on the increase and yet wages are not going up to help offset the expense. Nobody can make it.	Feb 1, 2013 9:47 AM
94	The lack of good paying jobs in the community, people with drug and alcohol problems, and a lack of skills to get good jobs.	Feb 1, 2013 8:24 AM
95	Combination of lack of knowledge and leadership oportunities to mentor or recieve information to make better choices.	Feb 1, 2013 8:12 AM
96	lack of education and training for employment; lack of employment opportunities; substance abuse problems.	Feb 1, 2013 8:06 AM
97	cyclical family of origin issues, lack of education, untreated mental health and substance abuse issues, lack of resources to get start in housing	Feb 1, 2013 8:03 AM
98	Over regulating small business. High taxes. High gas prices. Providing too many big government hand outs (Fed government should allow states to handle), as	Feb 1, 2013 7:55 AM

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	local levels can do more efficient.	
99	lack of decent paying jobs/wages	Feb 1, 2013 7:02 AM
100	Lack of education, access to jobs that pay well and lack of health care.	Feb 1, 2013 6:56 AM
101	Generational. Also apathy and alot of people get so frustrated that they quit trying to improve their situation.	Feb 1, 2013 6:15 AM
102	People not wanting to work or giving up easily on jobs.	Feb 1, 2013 3:58 AM
103	Lack of vision/goals/rolemodels Greed. Many employers, companies fail to pay a living wage. For example, CNA's go to college and make less per hour than I did when I grad from college over 30 years ago! This isn't progress. These nursing professionals run their tails off.	Jan 31, 2013 8:16 PM
104	no education or lack of, job training, teen pregnancy	Jan 31, 2013 6:48 PM
105	Lack of proper educational and work opportunities. High health care costs.	Jan 31, 2013 4:52 PM
106	I believe that there is a lot people that don't have skills that they need to obtain a job or need more people skills.	Jan 31, 2013 3:49 PM
107	Lack of education to improve jobb skills.	Jan 31, 2013 3:47 PM
108	Sense of entitlement, unwilling to work labor jobs, lack of education...	Jan 31, 2013 3:01 PM
109	Technically a lack of money, but low self-esteem and lack of education. Not having anyone take the time to help you understand why you are where you are and help you make a plan to work your way out of it.	Jan 31, 2013 2:35 PM
110	poor judgement in career training and seeking proper employment	Jan 31, 2013 2:11 PM
111	lack of self esteem and poor expectations	Jan 31, 2013 1:40 PM
112	background environment, education, attitude	Jan 31, 2013 12:17 PM
113	Poor education and poor job skills	Jan 31, 2013 12:02 PM
114	low self esteem, ignorance	Jan 31, 2013 11:59 AM
115	Lack of living wage jobs	Jan 31, 2013 11:58 AM
116	people around here make more money on welfare then getting a job but too they need jobs so they can go to them	Jan 31, 2013 10:44 AM
117	Poor education and job training combined with lack of support and resources to maintain a living-wage job.	Jan 31, 2013 9:37 AM
118	Lack of opportunity, education and community engagement. There are few chances to get good paying jobs without assistance and there is a mistrust between those who need services and those that provide them.	Jan 31, 2013 9:06 AM
119	A lack of knowledge and means to teach family members how to best take care	Jan 31, 2013 8:58 AM

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	of themselves and their families.	
120	Single parent homes	Jan 31, 2013 8:36 AM
121	Too much growing dependence on community support & general attitudes of entitlement, not enough available jobs that pay a sufficient living wage, substance abuse.	Jan 31, 2013 7:46 AM
122	Poverty perpetuates poverty, families continue through the years to remain in poverty and poverty continues with children and grandchildren. Missing jobs that provide a living wage, affordable child care for those who work. It takes 2 people in a home to work in order to pay for housing, utilities and necessities. If only one can work because of the expense of childcare. Single moms are unable to provide adequately for their children due to one income or unable to work due to expense or lack of childcare or a loss of public assistance if one works.	Jan 31, 2013 7:10 AM
123	Fiscal ineptness	Jan 31, 2013 6:38 AM
124	Lack of decent jobs.	Jan 31, 2013 6:36 AM
125	Lack of education, coping skills, and outside support.	Jan 31, 2013 6:33 AM
126	lack of knowledge, no ambition to do better	Jan 31, 2013 6:23 AM
127	Working with the families in our community, I see a lot of trauma in their early childhood and these adverse childhood experiences lead to emotional, mental, social and physical impairments in their development. This then leads to poor coping, social, communication skills which leads to problems with self-esteem, self-concept, poor mental health, poor physical health, and an impairment in their life functioning. Most low income families have a history of trauma and this trauma cycle continues when they are in government assistance programs as trying to work and earning more money to support your family means less assistance. In summation, I think poverty can be linked to the following: 1) it's often generational, 2) adverse childhood experiences, 3) lack of incentive by government systems to empower families to be successful.	Jan 31, 2013 6:19 AM
128	Lack of literacy; unemployment.	Jan 31, 2013 5:57 AM
129	Lack of motivation, drugs, feelings of entitlement.	Jan 31, 2013 5:44 AM
130	Choices... born into it... lack of motivation/goals	Jan 31, 2013 5:37 AM
131	Low paying jobs. High city services costs.	Jan 31, 2013 5:36 AM
132	Poor choices people make in regards to education, drug abuse, and in some cases lack of or types of jobs available.	Jan 31, 2013 5:19 AM
133	education and motivation to get a job without getting everything handed over to them.	Jan 31, 2013 5:11 AM
134	Life style choices. Use of drugs, Attitudes toward work. Bad financial decisions.	Jan 30, 2013 6:42 PM
135	Loss of hope, attitude, poor work ethic & desire to work, drugs & alcohol, dependent on social services, need for training/education & low paying jobs.	Jan 30, 2013 6:23 PM

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136	Poor personal decisions, like drug use, alcoholism, and dropping out of school.	Jan 30, 2013 5:48 PM
137	Lack of knowledge, lack of help with income, housing, child care.	Jan 30, 2013 4:38 PM
138	Too many factors - poor education, substance abuse, no work ethic	Jan 30, 2013 4:21 PM
139	Education and environment	Jan 30, 2013 3:49 PM
140	Lack of skilled workers	Jan 30, 2013 3:06 PM
141	Lack of education/skills. Generational dependency upon welfare. Women are "puppy mills" to get a check. It is telling them that this is the only thing that they are capable of doing. Substance abuse and lack of work ethic.	Jan 30, 2013 2:42 PM
142	lack of parenting (cycle poverty from parent to child etc), motivation, depression/mental or physical illness	Jan 30, 2013 2:30 PM
143	poor choices, lack of jobs, lack of money management, unexpected expenses	Jan 30, 2013 2:18 PM
144	Poverty can be environmental. For example, southeast Iowa offers few prospects for living wage jobs, educational opportunities or job expansion. Poverty is also a stronghold that can be inherited from generation to generation. Lack of opportunity, an unsupported home life and a community that doesn't invest in breaking the cycle can also continue insolvency.	Jan 30, 2013 2:17 PM
145	drug abuse	Jan 30, 2013 2:00 PM
146	A variety of educational, class, and social factors as well as the economic environment of the community.	Jan 30, 2013 1:58 PM
147	Multi-factorial - the economy, lack of education and skills to perform in the job market. Lack of birth control (or education on proper use of birth control).	Jan 30, 2013 1:57 PM
148	Upbringing. Most have not learned any other way of living.	Jan 30, 2013 1:56 PM
149	Its a cycle that people fall into for some reason and then can not get out-they often lack skills or education to get adequate jobs as well as cover costs associated with child care, food, utilities, housing. Sometime people in poverty see that staying there and getting assistance is easier than working a minimum wage job and possibly losing other benefits because they are working. Its a failing system that we are all responsible for.	Jan 30, 2013 1:43 PM
150	All the ones I marked.	Jan 30, 2013 1:39 PM
151	failure to complete high school/obtain GED failure to obtain post high school education/technical training lack of budgeting/financial knowledge lack of knowledge of available resources	Jan 30, 2013 1:38 PM
152	lack of education and support	Jan 30, 2013 1:23 PM
153	Our government enabling families for generations. No accountability on their part. Education is not important as a whole to this group of people. Poor work ethic and self discipline.	Jan 30, 2013 1:20 PM

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154	Poor choices combined with bad luck.	Jan 30, 2013 1:11 PM
155	Passed on from generation to generation	Jan 30, 2013 12:38 PM
156	1. Insufficient training/education 2. Limited opportunities for employment that pays a living wage 3. Poor role models (resulting in lack of encouragement to train for or develop good employment 4. Financial illiteracy 5. Inability to realistically plan, set goals and address problems 5. Social problems (abuses-drug/alcohol/family)	Jan 30, 2013 12:36 PM
157	A large part of the cause of poverty is the family you are born into or grow up with. Remember the poster (c.'70ish?) "Children learn what they live."? It is difficult to see how an education makes a difference if no one in your family has ever really gained the education necessary to actually get ahead. That education is more than just what you learn in school, too. How do you learn that life is about choices, not chances? How do you learn about saving, rather than using credit, if you aren't aware of people that actually achieve that? We cannot do or use that of which we have no knowledge. How many 12 year old girls are taught about how hard it is financially to be a teen parent? We don't like to think about 12 year old girls having sex, but many do so. The smaller part of poverty is the fact that not every person is capable of supporting themselves (well). Mental illnesses exist. Disabilities exist. It is for these that charity exists. It is a pity that there are so many who decide they are entitled to charity after they make poor choices.	Jan 30, 2013 12:24 PM
158	Many things. Sin is very expensive. Lack of order in putting together choices. Getting the cart before the house. Laziness. Abusing systems which are intended to help you to better your self not support you and make it a way of life. Thinking they deserve things without working and leaving Godly principles out of their lives. Godly principles work even with bad politics.	Jan 30, 2013 12:19 PM
159	Joblessness and generational public assistance.	Jan 30, 2013 12:18 PM
160	limited education	Jan 30, 2013 11:56 AM
161	Undereducated, single parent households create significant barriers to employment retention and upward mobility. This leads to chronic underemployment and unemployment. Additionally, we now have decades of evidence that many of our best intentions have created and deepened a culture of dependency that cruelly dooms people to lives below the subsistence level.	Jan 30, 2013 11:53 AM
162	I believe a lack of education and community support affects some of the poverty issues. Living in a community that only recognizes individuals who make a certain amount of money, leaves out a lot of families and creates distance between them.	Jan 30, 2013 11:51 AM
163	Lack of understanding of the education/work required to break out of poverty.	Jan 30, 2013 11:50 AM
164	Lack of education/opportunities.	Jan 30, 2013 11:46 AM
165	The choice to receive public assistance or PELL grants to avoid having to work. Underemployment. Not enough living wage jobs in the area.	Jan 30, 2013 11:32 AM

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166	A lot is laziness or lack of desire to work!	Jan 30, 2013 11:18 AM
167	Family paterns, born into poverty and unable to get out. Lack of diverse jobs to sustain a workforce.	Jan 30, 2013 11:15 AM
168	no income coming in, ignorance, sloth, fear, feeling of helplessness	Jan 30, 2013 11:02 AM
169	Lack of Employment Oppourtunities.	Jan 30, 2013 10:54 AM
170	This is a long answer - but family systems, poor choices, mental illness, and attitude.	Jan 30, 2013 9:47 AM
171	Lack of education; repeating what one grew up with	Jan 30, 2013 9:40 AM
172	Sadly, my impression is that much of it is generational. People are born into poverty and very challenging home environments with little support and few positive role models. They learn habits and world views that devalue education, distrust authority, and keep them in poverty.	Jan 30, 2013 9:11 AM
173	There is no single answer. Sometimes it is lack of education, including language/cultural/racial barrier. Sometimes it is because of unexpected consequences of job loss or health issues. Sometimes it is an outcome of sustained substance abuse or untreated mental illness.	Jan 30, 2013 8:19 AM
174	Low minimum wage. Substance abuse. Being born into poverty.	Jan 30, 2013 7:53 AM
175	Lack of high school diploma, unemployment, lack of direction.	Jan 30, 2013 7:46 AM
176	People who are lazy, ignorant, starting families before they are financially and emotionally ready. People who grow up in a family where welfare assistance was received and expected. People with no goals or self respect.	Jan 30, 2013 7:44 AM
177	Lack of education, drug abuse	Jan 30, 2013 7:31 AM
178	beleif that government should take care of me	Jan 30, 2013 7:30 AM
179	An inability to meet basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and medical care as a result of an insufficient amount of decent paying jobs. Individuals cannot live on minimum wage, especially when they have aquired debt and/or have child care expenses. All of these factors contribute to increased poverty.	Jan 30, 2013 7:29 AM
180	multi-generational patterns of low acheivement	Jan 30, 2013 7:26 AM
181	some are born into it, poor choices, lack of education, single parents	Jan 30, 2013 7:12 AM
182	Under employment and unemployment	Jan 30, 2013 6:26 AM
183	Cycle learned from parents likely. Inadequate income - possibly due to lack of motivation but also more likely job skills and challenges to staying at work due to family issues.	Jan 30, 2013 6:23 AM
184	I think it is a combination of education, skills traning, self esteem and initiative. Sometimes it is just easier to let society take care of you and/or your family.	Jan 30, 2013 5:47 AM



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185	No drive to learn. Education is not important to them	Jan 30, 2013 4:48 AM
186	Limited education and job skills. A lack of living wage jobs in the community. Familial instability (leads to more single parent households, childrearing issues). Substance use/abuse (contributes to limited education/job skills and familial instability).	Jan 29, 2013 8:01 PM
187	lack of employment opportunity, poor choices and priorities in standard of living issues	Jan 29, 2013 7:59 PM
188	low income poor management attitude	Jan 29, 2013 5:48 PM
189	Probably the greatest cause of poverty is the baggage that people take with them from their childhood homes and childhood environment. Little children are often given terrible messages about who they are and what they can expect to achieve. Many children come out of dysfunctional homes. Many young people do not have the same last name as the adults they live with.	Jan 29, 2013 4:58 PM





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1	1. take care of yourself (take a shower, wash your cloth and stop wearing pyjamas outside bed) and your surroundings (clean around your house) 2. read books and educate yourself 3. try to find a job and actually work 4. work - even if it is	Feb 28, 2013 2:46 PM
2	If you work less then 28 hours daycare help should be available	Feb 23, 2013 7:24 AM
3	transportation. public transportation such as buses or taxis along with healthy transportation such as bike-friendly streets that would allow people to conduct business from a bike. Not just a bike trail in a park, the ability to go to the store or library safely on a bike.	Feb 22, 2013 12:56 PM
4	Public Education is needed on so many topics. Public educaiton that is offered in settings that are welcoming.	Feb 22, 2013 9:58 AM
5	Responsibility to particpate in community - children go to school everyday, adults go to work everyday. People that are unemployment do not understand this concept	Feb 22, 2013 8:32 AM
6	Pregnancy prevention. Our teen pregnancy rate is abysmal. Some of these children will be the next generation of the impoverished. Once born, these families need lots of resources to help them overcome. Our drop out rate is abysmal. We need programs to enhance completion of school, after school programs and tutoring in supportive and safe environments.i	Feb 22, 2013 7:57 AM
7	Mentoring youth and young families.	Feb 22, 2013 7:50 AM
8	no idea	Feb 22, 2013 5:46 AM
9	Programs which improve parenting skills, which woul include nutrition, decision making, financial skills, and teaching the difference education and knowledge can mean to a productive life.	Feb 21, 2013 8:27 PM
10	More mental health services, group and individual programs, support programs for those with mental illness and for parents.	Feb 21, 2013 6:55 PM
11	I would like to see more investment into families and keeping families together.	Feb 21, 2013 2:43 PM
12	Playgrounds for the children, both indoor and outdoor	Feb 21, 2013 11:47 AM
13	Transportation	Feb 21, 2013 10:38 AM
14	jobs	Feb 21, 2013 7:54 AM
15	Education for families in poverty.	Feb 21, 2013 7:43 AM
16	I believe we need more young people groups in the community. Llife after school programs for teenagers so they have something to do instead of walk the streets and get in trouble. Again though, this comes from the parents pushing their kids to partake in extra activities.	Feb 21, 2013 7:16 AM
17	Working for what you want/need.	Feb 20, 2013 7:11 PM
18	Cover more mental health care costs. More transportation and free training for	Feb 20, 2013 4:49 PM

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	jobs for all.	
19	Positive activities for youth and young adults so they have things to do without getting involved in gangs and illegal activities.	Feb 20, 2013 2:46 PM
20	Bringing more businesses into this area.	Feb 20, 2013 2:45 PM
21	unsure	Feb 20, 2013 12:16 PM
22	More jobs that can pay at a standard living wage. Right now it is difficult to find employment that covers the cost of daycare. I want my children to be well cared for while i am working on providing for them. Costs are continuously increasing and wages are not at this time.	Feb 20, 2013 12:09 PM
23	Mental illness, coaching/encouraging/supporting people, housing is a huge issue, education	Feb 20, 2013 11:27 AM
24	Parenting skills/early childhood education	Feb 20, 2013 11:20 AM
25	Affordable day care so a single parent can go out and get a job	Feb 20, 2013 11:14 AM
26	Make the people clean up there yards and trash from infront.	Feb 20, 2013 10:57 AM
27	Head start needs to align with Iowa Core as do the preschool programs. Kids are not prepared for kindergarten!	Feb 20, 2013 10:50 AM
28	Mental health services are needed in the community.	Feb 20, 2013 10:32 AM
29	Tutoring for students struggling in school to keep them in school	Feb 20, 2013 10:28 AM
30	Providing education to parents that they must "parent" first then be the child's friend. We have so many parents that are afraid to parent because they don't want their child to be mad at them.	Feb 20, 2013 9:36 AM
31	I would like to see more resources for exercise and nutrition for low income families.	Feb 20, 2013 9:20 AM
32	I think our community has a problem with spending money on the wrong things. A financial class will do no good if people aren't willing to change their ways. I have seen women with iPhones and manicures not be able to pay their \$10 childcare bill because they don't "have" enough money. This is clearly a huge problem in our community. We need to teach people to value a dollar and what is important in life that they should be spending their money on. If you had \$100, would you spend it on your child's care and food, or would you spend it on booze and tattoos? These are the kinds of things our society needs to learn, but if they aren't willing to change, then what can we do as a community to improve things? I know this is the problem we have to fix, but I haven't the slightest as how to do it :(	Feb 19, 2013 2:38 PM
33	Most people that come through my office are involved in crime. I think that crime and especially people traveling back and forth to Chicago to sell drugs. These are not people that are agencies should be supporting.	Feb 19, 2013 6:47 AM
34	incentive to seek employment and keep the job	Feb 18, 2013 6:09 PM

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35	I would like to see more budget planning/goal planning for low income families so that they can have help coming up with a plan.	Feb 18, 2013 7:13 AM
36	No homeless or emergency shelters are available in our community.	Feb 15, 2013 9:04 AM
37	increasing the number of higher wage jobs, both full and part time.	Feb 15, 2013 7:04 AM
38	Lack of higher paying jobs.	Feb 15, 2013 6:46 AM
39	Youth Center -Teen activities-After School Center	Feb 15, 2013 6:22 AM
40	Preschool education for all children.	Feb 14, 2013 2:06 PM
41	more for families so do that does not cost, one of the best things that we lost was Kid Zone. That was a great program for kids.	Feb 14, 2013 1:56 PM
42	I'd like to see second and third shift child care facilities as well as weekend child care options. I'd also like to see more educational workshops offered free of charge. Things like good nutrition, how to shop on a budget, first home buyers classes, etc.	Feb 14, 2013 1:33 PM
43	More education on financial scams that target low income or uneducated people like payday loans, car title loans, high interest car loans, renting furniture, credit card debt, etc. Also education about what employers are looking for besides the technical skills like showing up on time, customer service, sacrifice, and a willingness to work outside your comfort zone.	Feb 13, 2013 11:17 AM
44	to fully integrate the immigrant population into our workforce and our society and to have them learn our language and customs and to be taxpayers and not taxusers	Feb 13, 2013 6:51 AM
45	Transportation	Feb 12, 2013 12:38 PM
46	not sure at this time	Feb 12, 2013 10:40 AM
47	Our employers need to offer jobs that pay more than \$8 - \$10 and hour. Employers need to work with Work Force or SCC to offer FREE training courses to train employees. We need have to more mental health care available to those who need it but can't afford it. When they don't have the right kind of help, they take matters into their own hands and self medicate (which never ends well).	Feb 12, 2013 10:38 AM
48	Clean up of interior/exterior housing	Feb 12, 2013 9:59 AM
49	Education and jobs, handouts only help in the short term.	Feb 12, 2013 8:44 AM
50	living wage	Feb 12, 2013 7:42 AM
51	cleaning up neighborhoods	Feb 12, 2013 6:08 AM
52	Develop stronger parenting skills in Low-Income families and begin to hold those accountable for their lack of accepting responsibility for themselves. Provide assistance for those needing a boost but at some point make them stand on their own two feet.	Feb 12, 2013 5:51 AM

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53	Churches should be more involved in bringing Hope and Help.	Feb 11, 2013 9:14 PM
54	"saving the children," affordable housing, job skills training jobs which require using tech related tools,	Feb 11, 2013 1:06 PM
55	programs to help people build their communication skills. programs to teach people the basic ways of doing things that can save them money and make them more self sufficient	Feb 11, 2013 10:59 AM
56	chore services for seniors	Feb 11, 2013 8:53 AM
57	More after school activities for the youth.	Feb 11, 2013 8:24 AM
58	Child maltreatment, teen pregnancy	Feb 11, 2013 6:32 AM
59	Public transportation.	Feb 8, 2013 3:18 PM
60	Increased availability for mental health funding and substance abuse treatment and support for those living with different abilities. I could dream about it-but we are faced with doing more in our jobs with inadequate pay in most sectors serving people.	Feb 8, 2013 12:18 PM
61	more affordable housing/rental units	Feb 8, 2013 11:43 AM
62	Something that would give youth incentive to have self-confidence, set goals to be self sufficient, etc.	Feb 8, 2013 11:15 AM
63	mental health access	Feb 8, 2013 10:57 AM
64	job training, utilities and rent assistance	Feb 8, 2013 10:29 AM
65	More vocational training programs	Feb 8, 2013 10:24 AM
66	I think as a community we need to come to understand what it takes to lift someone out of poverty (both those in poverty and those not) because it will be middle class people employing them and they need to know how to empower them and give them teh needed skills.	Feb 8, 2013 10:23 AM
67	More job skill training for those that have no work skills.	Feb 8, 2013 10:20 AM
68	Child care assistance	Feb 8, 2013 9:45 AM
69	Affordable housing Affordable childcare for working mothers.	Feb 8, 2013 7:43 AM
70	Accessing mental health services	Feb 8, 2013 7:42 AM
71	I am not aware of all the initiatives that are currently in the works. From my past experience I believe students and families need to learn to develop goal and have something to work toward.	Feb 8, 2013 7:42 AM
72	I would love to address substance abuse/addiction and mental health issues. I don't know an effective way to do it, though.	Feb 8, 2013 7:40 AM
73	I believe food stamps should require a photo ID, all state benefits should require	Feb 8, 2013 7:31 AM

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	a drug test to ensure that any type of state or grant money is going towards those who do not abuse illegal substances and therefore, their "income", and I would like to see more after school programs for teens and early adolescents so they have somewhere safe to go.	
74	Community service for benefits if capable. Mental Health issues are paramount - not enough free/low-cost services and providers available. If each health care/mental health care professional/provider was mandated to donate at least 40 hours a month to no-cost/low-cost services, this would be a great service to our community. To reach those who are in desperate need of medication - esp. those requiring meds for mental health stability.	Feb 8, 2013 6:42 AM
75	Not sure	Feb 7, 2013 1:53 PM
76	job development and skills to the underprivileged	Feb 7, 2013 8:05 AM
77	Safety in our schools, law enforcement presence in schools.	Feb 5, 2013 8:12 AM
78	Violence, transportation, & housing	Feb 4, 2013 10:54 AM
79	homeless shelter issues and these are many.	Feb 4, 2013 10:01 AM
80	I'd like the school district to be better--smaller class sizes, more than 180 days of class per year, better trained teachers, more extracurricular academic offerings, more accomplishment and more confidence all around.	Feb 4, 2013 9:13 AM
81	More better paying jobs in the community	Feb 2, 2013 8:20 PM
82	Mental health issue in children/teenagers	Feb 1, 2013 5:38 PM
83	Please look at Washington Counties transitional housing program	Feb 1, 2013 2:30 PM
84	Stop enableing families.	Feb 1, 2013 11:35 AM
85	Child care and health care.	Feb 1, 2013 11:30 AM
86	Much of our energy should be focused on assisting families who are willing to change lifelong lifestyle habits not just make the empty promises to. I have assisted a board who was in charge of allocating funds to those in need. Individuals who are trying to better their situations and who have proven that they are willing to do the hard work to solve their situational problems should be encouraged along their journey. To solve physical needs without attending to the spiritual needs is futile, frustrating, and fruitless.	Feb 1, 2013 10:52 AM
87	rental housing for those with mental illness	Feb 1, 2013 10:18 AM
88	I believe poverty needs to be addressed but I also feel that if we are going to continue to grow as a community, we need to find more for our young adults to do and for them to be able to grow a family here. Nobody can afford it right now and young adults are leaving.	Feb 1, 2013 9:47 AM
89	A Technical Traing Center to help people get the neccessary skills that is needed for better paying jobs.	Feb 1, 2013 8:24 AM

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90	Cooking on a budget.	Feb 1, 2013 8:12 AM
91	more emergency shelter options	Feb 1, 2013 8:06 AM
92	better access to community mental health centers, no waiting list, better mental health services for children and adults	Feb 1, 2013 8:03 AM
93	Attracting new industry, thereby allowing for more jobs.	Feb 1, 2013 7:55 AM
94	Resource center for low income families to obtain information or direction on health care, community services, day care and employment. Grants such as heating assistance etc is not well communicated in our community. Most low income people do not get the newspaper or have access to the internet. MANY entities expect you to get online to obtain information and with limited income, transportation and families not having adequate daycare, getting to a place that offers free computer use is minimal.	Feb 1, 2013 6:56 AM
95	Comprehensive Home Management. Program that assists families to spend their food stamps wisely, planning meals for their family, budgeting, low cost activities for families.	Feb 1, 2013 6:15 AM
96	helping childcare providers on QRS to have the equipment they need and help paying staff to make more childcare available.	Feb 1, 2013 3:58 AM
97	bikes from point A's (say downtown) to point Bs (the mall) OR from Case or GE to neighborhoods. Sidewalks or bike trails interconnecting this vast system. With tiny stores selling healthy goods. Some larger cities have this. Great way to get more wellness and reduce the reliance on the automobile.	Jan 31, 2013 8:16 PM
98	homeless shelter, job training in high school	Jan 31, 2013 6:48 PM
99	Job training and placement	Jan 31, 2013 4:52 PM
100	Finding something to do for teenagers, and to help slow down gang and drug related issues.	Jan 31, 2013 3:49 PM
101	Supervised after school programs. Assisted living facility.	Jan 31, 2013 3:47 PM
102	We need to get rid of the gangs! Safety is a huge concern here.	Jan 31, 2013 3:01 PM
103	Life education - how things work in the world of finances and how to handle money.	Jan 31, 2013 2:35 PM
104	offer more programs to keep kids off the streets and getting into gangs and drugs and trouble	Jan 31, 2013 2:11 PM
105	mental health	Jan 31, 2013 1:40 PM
106	provide functional educational opportunities to those who want to improve themselves; like budgeting, english as a second language, etc. Give them the tools to pull themselves up out of poverty. (teach a man to fish...)	Jan 31, 2013 12:17 PM
107	child abuse	Jan 31, 2013 12:02 PM

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108	I would like to see everyone quit asking what race I am and just be concerned with people in general. I went to the Dr. recently and was asked if I was Hispanic or non-Hispanic when I asked why that made a difference I was told that they could provide better care for me if I was Hispanic now I don't know what kind of Red carpet care I could have gotten because I was speaking in English to her so I clearly did not anyone interpret. I paid in cash that day because I do not have health insurance. No one asked me if I needed help paying my Non-Hispanic bill. I then went to the pharmacy and waited for my medication I needed an EPI Pen because I have developed an allergy which I could not pick up because I did not have the \$275 Non-Hispanic dollars it would cost. I won a trip to Mexico, I am enjoying myself on the beach when I go running into the ocean and am stung by a jellyfish I go to the hospital wait in line like everyone else, see the Dr. when it is my turn, pay my bill and go back to the beach. No one ever asked me what race I was they just took care of my need. People of all races need a proper education, job, healthcare etc.	Jan 31, 2013 11:59 AM
109	Training for work - Improvement of work skills	Jan 31, 2013 11:58 AM
110	government spending	Jan 31, 2013 10:44 AM
111	Adequate job-training and child care for struggling families.	Jan 31, 2013 9:37 AM
112	Education and activites for youth and young families. There is nothing of low cost for familise to do and ther youth are left ot fend for themselves because parents work and there are few low or free acitivities.	Jan 31, 2013 9:06 AM
113	Meeting basic needs of food, housing, and medical needs	Jan 31, 2013 8:58 AM
114	Mental health, Obesity, Parenting	Jan 31, 2013 8:36 AM
115	Addressing the egregious lack of jobs and insufficient living wages, reducing crime in high-risk neighborhoods, cracking down on landlords that rent to anyone the government will subsidize so they can come in from bigger cities & tear up our neighborhoods. Subject welfare recipients to drug testing in order to receive subsidies.	Jan 31, 2013 7:46 AM
116	Community with living wage jobs	Jan 31, 2013 7:10 AM
117	Fiscal planning, debt managment as well as job skills training.	Jan 31, 2013 6:38 AM
118	More help for the elderly and free mental health services.	Jan 31, 2013 6:33 AM
119	obestiy in children and families and elderly wanting to stay in their homes.	Jan 31, 2013 6:23 AM
120	I would like to see our community build awareness of how trauma impacts our lives, how adverse childhood experiences (ACE's) impact individuals, and how unresolved trauma impairs a person's ability to live a healthy, productive life. When we begin to understand trauma and how it impacts individuals, we can begin to see how it impacts our community. Building programs to assist people in resolving/healing from their ACE's and trauma would help bridge the gaps in their emotional, mental, social and physical development and then we can better assess their needs and connect them with services/programs to assist them.	Jan 31, 2013 6:19 AM



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121	Accessibility to wellness opportunities at a low cost/childhood obesity.	Jan 31, 2013 5:57 AM
122	Job skills and training=\$	Jan 31, 2013 5:44 AM
123	Landlord/rent situation. Many rentals are dumps but still charged excessive high rent.	Jan 31, 2013 5:37 AM
124	To get people who are on assistance as a way of life into the working environment and not living off of the taxpayers.	Jan 31, 2013 5:36 AM
125	Increase our youth involvement in positive activities. Do not decrease our school athletic or art programs. Keep the youth involved and help them find their purpose.	Jan 31, 2013 5:19 AM
126	education and training to change their motivation	Jan 31, 2013 5:11 AM
127	Bringing in living wage job opportunities & training local people to fill them. Return to having County Homes again for the menatally ill & physically handicapped. What is in place now is a train wreck with services sometimes not provided, provided poorly yet are billed to the state. Many People on services manipulate system, lie, take in delayed children just for the money & do not properly care for them. Need to get back to structure, security & professional monitored care for those that are not able to live independently in 24 hour a day safe environment. Obesity should be addressed head on in a faucility where they live & learn how to properly care for themselves. Drug testing on all people on welfare!	Jan 30, 2013 6:23 PM
128	Low income house with monitored housing.	Jan 30, 2013 4:38 PM
129	Improve children's education to help	Jan 30, 2013 4:21 PM
130	More after school and children activites	Jan 30, 2013 3:49 PM
131	Outdoor entertainment for kids ie. a skate park or trail system	Jan 30, 2013 3:06 PM
132	Employment, financial literacy	Jan 30, 2013 2:42 PM
133	health/physical activity availability	Jan 30, 2013 2:30 PM
134	housing, low rent housing, medical needs of families, transportation issues	Jan 30, 2013 2:18 PM
135	An increase in high school graduation in our community would be a terrific imitative. We need to work on housing for lower and middle income families and expanding livable wage jobs into our local economy.	Jan 30, 2013 2:17 PM
136	crime	Jan 30, 2013 2:00 PM
137	Economic development for businesses that will bring something besides retail or fast food to the community.	Jan 30, 2013 1:58 PM
138	Family planning and parenting	Jan 30, 2013 1:57 PM
139	AFFORDABLE and QUALITY home rentals and getting community members employed	Jan 30, 2013 1:56 PM

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140	Families feeling supported, that there is a way out and hope. Skills for JOBS that are available. Mentoring for families trying to succeed.	Jan 30, 2013 1:43 PM
141	All that I marked.	Jan 30, 2013 1:39 PM
142	better community relations in announcing services available	Jan 30, 2013 1:38 PM
143	transportation and employment	Jan 30, 2013 1:23 PM
144	laobr skills and work ethics	Jan 30, 2013 12:38 PM
145	I would like to see programs that help strengthen the family (health/nutrition, goal-setting, parenting) and to have some type of reward for participating and progressing toward self-sufficiency.	Jan 30, 2013 12:36 PM
146	Programs to actively help low to middle income families overcome issues with budgeting, debt management, credit improvement and culminating in reasonable home purchases.	Jan 30, 2013 12:24 PM
147	The community needs to emphasize taking the high road and realizing that there is help along life's path way to help us when the unexpected or unplanned storms of life hit us, but we are not to seek a life of enablements, and biting the hand that helped us. Godliness is profitable unto all things, and when we leave out God, we remove ourselves from His path of blessings.	Jan 30, 2013 12:19 PM
148	High School drop out rate, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, advocate for higher learning and skill upgrading to have the kind of employees that would attract companies to come here and create jobs.	Jan 30, 2013 12:18 PM
149	bullying in the school system	Jan 30, 2013 11:56 AM
150	Enforce educational standards; stop graduating students who cannot read and/or do basic math.	Jan 30, 2013 11:53 AM
151	I'd like for the community to address the education issue and how educators are treating children in the schools; how the children with parents in high ranking positions aren't equally penalized as those of low-income homes.	Jan 30, 2013 11:51 AM
152	After-school learning/tutoring.	Jan 30, 2013 11:46 AM
153	More of an emphasis on mental health service providers.	Jan 30, 2013 11:32 AM
154	Support system for low income homes to make repairs and improvements.	Jan 30, 2013 11:15 AM
155	Rehab the city pool, fund all people with housing for People with disabilities.	Jan 30, 2013 11:02 AM
156	Need More Apartment Buildings and affordable grocery stores such as an Aldi.	Jan 30, 2013 10:54 AM
157	Community agencies commucation and parent education	Jan 30, 2013 9:47 AM
158	Affordable, maintainable housing; adult education programs in places those in need frequent	Jan 30, 2013 9:40 AM
159	I think we need to meet basic needs and provide role models/mentors for	Jan 30, 2013 9:11 AM

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	children.	
160	This community needs better coordination and cooperation between helping agencies, better communication to the public/potential users of these agencies, and a comprehensive assessment and planning to address what needs are determined for physical and mental health needs.	Jan 30, 2013 8:19 AM
161	Bringing in more employment opportunities	Jan 30, 2013 7:53 AM
162	Job training/placement	Jan 30, 2013 7:46 AM
163	To improve the mental health system. Work to eliminate/ reduce substance abuse in all ages. .	Jan 30, 2013 7:44 AM
164	More adult education	Jan 30, 2013 7:31 AM
165	NA	Jan 30, 2013 7:30 AM
166	Job training and low rent housing are among a few of the biggest needs.	Jan 30, 2013 7:29 AM
167	motivation for teens to make good choices	Jan 30, 2013 7:26 AM
168	job opportunities and crime rate	Jan 30, 2013 7:12 AM
169	Dental program for the elderly for taking care of dental needs but also dental education for all age groups.	Jan 30, 2013 6:26 AM
170	Money spent on expensive facilities (recplex, eg) used instead for improved housing, transportation.	Jan 30, 2013 6:23 AM
171	Drugs and substance abuse.	Jan 30, 2013 5:47 AM
172	All education	Jan 30, 2013 4:48 AM
173	Familial instability - more support of households with young children to ensure the next generation grows up safe, healthy, and prepared to be productive citizens.	Jan 29, 2013 8:01 PM
174	The employment issue is of the greatest importance requiring a salary w/benefits (insurance-health care) would be a must. At the present time the community lacks a viable workforce - either retirees, disabled, or already employed outside of the community.	Jan 29, 2013 7:59 PM
175	I am a pastor. Jesus has always been important to me in knowing who I am and in guiding me into adulthood. Many young people are now being told that Christianity and the Bible are evil and must not be part of the school experience, or in their communities. I wonder what I could have accomplished if I were told that Jesus and the Bible are evil and are to be separated out of the school and treated with disdain.	Jan 29, 2013 4:58 PM



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1	not enough money for this community, but would start with some programs for children	Feb 28, 2013 2:46 PM
2	Build more jobs	Feb 23, 2013 7:24 AM
3	get of drugs	Feb 22, 2013 1:12 PM
4	Vocational and technical education programs. Not just pay someone's tuition, but to establish a sustainable program.	Feb 22, 2013 12:56 PM
5	I would tie all assistance of any type to public education and public service/volunteering. Nothing is free, and to get help for whatever, it would involve public education on the topic (a preventive approach) and also public service/pay it forward.	Feb 22, 2013 9:58 AM
6	Abuse - mental, sexual, violence	Feb 22, 2013 8:32 AM
7	Support for educational achievement for the young people in our community, with a track to job training or college.	Feb 22, 2013 7:57 AM
8	I would repair substandard housing.	Feb 22, 2013 7:50 AM
9	no idea	Feb 22, 2013 5:46 AM
10	Dedicate this to teaching parenting skills mentioned above. It would not be limited to low income families but made available to all income levels.	Feb 21, 2013 8:27 PM
11	I would create more before and after school programs in the community and family/parent support groups. Also implement group and individual mental health programs to help those with mental illness achieve self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life.	Feb 21, 2013 6:55 PM
12	I would create programs to assist low-income citizens with their basic needs by encouraging them to contribute their time and efforts to obtain the needed items. In other words, it would not be a hand-out. They would need to show initiative to obtain.	Feb 21, 2013 2:43 PM
13	Helping the elderly fix up their homes and provide lawn service.	Feb 21, 2013 11:47 AM
14	Transportation and affordable quality child care as infants and before and after school	Feb 21, 2013 10:38 AM
15	More services for senior citizens and more entertainment for the youth!	Feb 21, 2013 8:13 AM
16	lack of good paying jobs, mental health access for those in need.	Feb 21, 2013 7:54 AM
17	Bring good paying jobs to community.	Feb 21, 2013 7:43 AM
18	Self sufficiency.	Feb 20, 2013 7:11 PM
19	Low income dentists and doctors. Tired of going to Iowa City for everything.	Feb 20, 2013 4:49 PM
20	Provide funding for low income to take the training they need to acquire skills/education to become self sufficient.	Feb 20, 2013 2:46 PM

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21	JOB	Feb 20, 2013 2:45 PM
22	drug abuse and gangs	Feb 20, 2013 12:16 PM
23	I would open a daycare for working parents. I would charge \$1 an hr per child and provide as much as could in order to help the parents such as food, diapers, etc. I would then talk to area businesses to help cover the costs of operating the daycare in order for their employees to be able to benefit from the service as well. This would be a great benefit to offer to all working parents. I would also ask volunteers including those 14-18yrs to help with additional operations of the daycare such as cleaning and planning activites that would keep them busy and introduce them to care for children, responsibility, and allow volunteer hrs for their goals at school.	Feb 20, 2013 12:09 PM
24	Build 3+ bedroom apartments to rent at a low cost & incorporate educational program/job training with coaching/support, mandatory meetings to live there that address budgeting etc.	Feb 20, 2013 11:27 AM
25	I would start a home for single parents that requires participation of financial classes, parenting classes, counseling services, substance abuse treatment and job training.	Feb 20, 2013 11:20 AM
26	a park or building that our youth could spend time at after school our evening. maybe have a room in the building that youth could talk to someone about issues or concerns.	Feb 20, 2013 11:14 AM
27	I would help bring jobs to our area. Then I would help the parents that would have a job with child care.	Feb 20, 2013 10:57 AM
28	early childhood education and animal neglect	Feb 20, 2013 10:50 AM
29	adult and childhood obesity	Feb 20, 2013 10:36 AM
30	Bus/van transportation system. Financial assistance for services in the home. Financial assistance to help pay for medical and dental care. Financial assistance to obtain GED, to obtain technical skills/education. Funds to bring in higher paying jobs. Funds to help low income repair/remodel their homes.	Feb 20, 2013 10:32 AM
31	Have a fully-staffed community indoor rec center with counselors on mental, physical needs of children. A safe place for all children no matter what socioeconomic status to play sports in a supervised facility.	Feb 20, 2013 10:28 AM
32	That is a hard question. Teaching adults to be productive members of society. Have them work for their benefits. Even if they have to volunteer to work at a community agency for their food stamps or other benfits. This would give people pride in their community if they are a part of it. Teaching them to be parents.	Feb 20, 2013 9:36 AM
33	Work on health and wellness issues.	Feb 20, 2013 9:24 AM
34	I would have more oppotunities for after school programs for all ages. Offer skill building, including job skills training to low income families.	Feb 20, 2013 9:20 AM
35	I know drugs are a huge problem in the community and probably lead to many crimes and other negative problems. Maybe if we eliminate drug rings in the	Feb 19, 2013 2:38 PM

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city, then people will be forced to clean up, get jobs, and use their money wisely. I would spend the \$1,000,000 to have special forces come in, make arrests in all the drug houses we can find, condemn them, knock them down, and slowly improve the neighborhoods.

36	I would like to see a shelter(housing) for individuals and families that working to help become self supportive. They could live in the housing for up to one year for free as long as they remained employed. Their money would be collected and saved until they were ready to move out. At that time that would have learned budgeting and would have money to get out and on their own two feet.	Feb 19, 2013 6:47 AM
37	incentives to go to college and learn a work skill that would lead to employment	Feb 18, 2013 6:09 PM
38	I would invest it in a program that helped families set and meet goals to make their family self sustaining.	Feb 18, 2013 7:13 AM
39	We need free/income based activities for all ages of children, especially after school and weekends.	Feb 15, 2013 9:04 AM
40	???	Feb 15, 2013 7:04 AM
41	Help supply the food pantries.	Feb 15, 2013 6:46 AM
42	Youth Center too many teens here doing nothing.....	Feb 15, 2013 6:22 AM
43	Physical and mental abuse of spouses, children, elderly.	Feb 14, 2013 2:06 PM
44	A safe and fun place for kids to hang out. Along with having family events too	Feb 14, 2013 1:56 PM
45	Publicize the options the community already has available. If I don't know it's available then others don't know either. Educate the community!	Feb 14, 2013 1:33 PM
46	THROWING MONEY AT THE ISSUE ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. IT IS SOCIAL AND IS GOING TO TAKE A GRAND SOCIAL REVOLUTION TO CHANGE HOW WE PERCEIVE OUR SELVES AS A CULTURE.	Feb 14, 2013 7:15 AM
47	I would put on a bunch of Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Universities around town and let everyone attend for free.	Feb 13, 2013 11:17 AM
48	to provide better housing to the low income families, and to eliminate the "slum lords" who own and rent housing but neglect to maintain those properties	Feb 13, 2013 6:51 AM
49	Homeless	Feb 12, 2013 12:38 PM
50	transportation and more child care providers	Feb 12, 2013 10:40 AM
51	1.) I would fund a free mental health program to help those who cannot afford it (and there would not be a 4-6 mth waiting period). 2.) I would find a way, and I'm not sure how, but I would find a way to work with local employers to get them to understand that paying their employees does not do the employee, the employees families, or the community any good. The only people benefiting from this is their own pocket book. If we treat our employees well, they will (most generally) treat us well. 3.) I would set up a network/program in which all of the	Feb 12, 2013 10:38 AM

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	local non-profits, service organizations, churches, etc. could work together and help each other. If one does not have funding or materials for a need, who has the ability to help this person/family that I'm working with.	
52	I would fund a program to get people to support themselves instead of relying on welfare	Feb 12, 2013 9:59 AM
53	Tech and trade education programs to assist those in need. Along with an employment placement program. Instill a sense of pride for a days work.	Feb 12, 2013 8:44 AM
54	homelessness	Feb 12, 2013 7:42 AM
55	Homes in need of repairs	Feb 12, 2013 6:08 AM
56	I would develop a program to allow those that have no tangible trade or skills an opportunity to enroll free of charge in a trade school. If they fail to enroll or complete the training they are removed from public assistance completely.	Feb 12, 2013 5:51 AM
57	Develop a Christian Community Center with outreaches bringing Hope to kids, youth, adults, families, seniors.	Feb 11, 2013 9:14 PM
58	"saving the children" - well parenting training, healthy diet, self-esteem and confidence building, mental assets assessment followed by appropriate growth opportunities	Feb 11, 2013 1:06 PM
59	low income housing, after school programs for elementary, and open a youth center	Feb 11, 2013 10:59 AM
60	add sidewalks and trails to encourage walking and biking to schools and stores	Feb 11, 2013 8:53 AM
61	Child maltreatment	Feb 11, 2013 6:32 AM
62	Provide public transportation in our town and county days, evenings, and weekends so people without cars can get to work.	Feb 8, 2013 3:18 PM
63	First I would build a new head Start building large enough to provide adequate space for classes, better pay for the teachers, and then- play therapy for the children and for family therapy as needed, also parental support groups for teaching parenting and job skills if needed.	Feb 8, 2013 12:18 PM
64	add grocery store, add housing, youth activities, senior center, child care center, housing rehab, fitness activities/trails, etc.	Feb 8, 2013 11:43 AM
65	Provide all high school students with technical training (2 year degree) and an internship to provide them with self confidence and experience to be successful in job market.	Feb 8, 2013 11:15 AM
66	mental health problems and funding.	Feb 8, 2013 10:57 AM
67	creating of more jobs and job training for those jobs	Feb 8, 2013 10:29 AM
68	I would help create a multi facted system designed for those in poverty to be successful, i.e. they have no reasons not to succeed because all barriers are addressed. This would include child care centers, job skills and life skills	Feb 8, 2013 10:23 AM



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	classes, transportation, job counseling on the job (for both employees and employers), and housing.	
69	Child Abuse	Feb 8, 2013 10:20 AM
70	New to my position but so far I see people who want to work but can not afford child care and have difficulty jumping through the hoops of the government to get help.	Feb 8, 2013 9:45 AM
71	I would help elderly people to remain in their homes. Home repairs, yard work, snow removal, widen doors to accommodate wheel chairs. Install bathroom on the first floor. Have someone contact that person on a daily basis so they don't feel abandoned. Assisted living is too expensive and elderly are at the mercy of people who are paid to take care of you. They aren't always kind. Elderly people need peace of mind and if they want to stay in their own home, there should be a way to do that.	Feb 8, 2013 7:43 AM
72	Substance and mental illness	Feb 8, 2013 7:42 AM
73	Wow! I am not sure where I would start but working with family involvement, student school attendance, safe and adequate child care, addressing student issues to identify substance abuse, mental health and possible domestic violence in the home as these are the things that often fall between the crack and lead to cycles of poverty and secrecy in families.	Feb 8, 2013 7:42 AM
74	With a finite amount of money like that, it would need to be something that would not need ongoing staff. So perhaps investing in some sustainable energy devices for low income housing, or fixing up a community building that is in need of repair. Or building a playground in an area where there isn't one. Maybe you could set up a program that would use volunteers from the community to mentor children from low-income families (the money could be used to buy a space and/or materials for tutoring).	Feb 8, 2013 7:40 AM
75	I would create the stated program in #24 as well as, a program for young children too, those that suffer from some type of abuse or lack of parenting- to attempt to break the cycle. I would try to create activities that sneak in a skill of some sort in hopes of them not becoming their parents and/or bettering their futures.	Feb 8, 2013 7:31 AM
76	The need for no-cost/low-cost medical/mental health services. Obviously a million dollars would not solve it - but would be seed money for investment.	Feb 8, 2013 6:42 AM
77	Financial Education & education in general.	Feb 7, 2013 1:53 PM
78	I would not try to solve one issue but many. I would help build a homeless shelter and have it provide job skill development to those who entered its doors. I would want to have more mental health providers to our area and treat the mentally ill and also link them to disability if applicable or in many cases link them to jobs where they can accomplish skills that they are good at. I think everyone gets benefits from working.	Feb 7, 2013 8:05 AM
79	Obesity	Feb 6, 2013 8:31 AM

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80	Community gym with tutoring afterschool classes.	Feb 5, 2013 8:12 AM
81	One stop shop for low/income and elderly programs	Feb 4, 2013 10:54 AM
82	Give it to salvation Army so they could complete their building project and help many thousands .	Feb 4, 2013 10:01 AM
83	I'd try to improve k-12 education perhaps by creating a very strong pre-k program	Feb 4, 2013 9:13 AM
84	In my town I would clean it up and get rid of the run down houses that no one lives in and make the area more appealing...	Feb 2, 2013 8:20 PM
85	Have more mental health providers	Feb 1, 2013 5:38 PM
86	Teach individuals skills; cooking, parenting, money management, job skills, interviewing skills and need to go to work after accepting a job.	Feb 1, 2013 11:35 AM
87	Quality child care so that parents could continue with their education and or job training in order to provide for their families. Mentors for both the children and the parents would be an integral part of the program. The mentors would be trained or knowledgeable in working with the children and adults in nutrition, health care, budgeting, etc.	Feb 1, 2013 11:30 AM
88	In all seriousness, I would pour funds into helping families grow in their faith in Jesus Christ because without him we cannot put the pieces of our broken lives, and in turn, our family's lives back together. Families have to be allowed to reach the point of needing spiritual assistance and not living from one hand out (physical and material) to the next. Tough financial storms are coming and we need to have what it will take in place, to weather the storms. Teach them, train them, and then see how they do.	Feb 1, 2013 10:52 AM
89	I would provide better housing for individuals with mental illness and increase our transportation system. The bus is only available limited hours and cabs are too expensive. Funding needs to be provided to provide education and resources to individuals who do not qualify for a state program and seem to fall thru the cracks.	Feb 1, 2013 10:18 AM
90	Housing for the low income and I don't mean applying for low rent housing because there is a 2 year waiting list for that. I am suggesting more that goes off of your current income without having to file with the agency. I know there is Greenway, but the reputation out there is not for most and other families need opportunities like that. I would also invest in some kind of youth program that is affordable for the average family.	Feb 1, 2013 9:47 AM
91	After school programs for youths	Feb 1, 2013 8:24 AM
92	Lack of knowledge in cooking which would decrease dependance on fast food/convenience foods the greastes contributor to obesity rates.	Feb 1, 2013 8:12 AM
93	mental health and substance abuse; better housing options	Feb 1, 2013 8:06 AM
94	mental health access and treatment for families.	Feb 1, 2013 8:03 AM

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95	Priority 1) Construct progressive housing complex for the elderly. Priority 2) Enlist an activities director to provide community activities for seniors and for kids.	Feb 1, 2013 7:55 AM
96	jobs/adequate housing	Feb 1, 2013 7:02 AM
97	Vouchers for transportation, assistance with water and heating bills, assistance for families with students in school who want to participate in extra-curricular activities, free tax and financial consultations.	Feb 1, 2013 6:56 AM
98	Families with any government assistance would be required to attend and participate in programs that help them budget, manage their household, parent their children, and spend their food stamps in a way that they can feed their family sufficiently.	Feb 1, 2013 6:15 AM
99	more jobs, more childcare and public transportation.	Feb 1, 2013 3:58 AM
100	Obesity. I'd like to put in oodles of bike trails and wide pedestrian sidewalks with lots of benches, drinking fountains, healthy coffee shops, eateries. Like a termite that takes teeny tiny bites, if we gave people a place and a purpose to walk, they just might take it up again, and we could slowly and safely start taking off the ounces. Iowa could become a model state. Iowa = I Often Win Against Adiposity.	Jan 31, 2013 8:16 PM
101	more jobs	Jan 31, 2013 6:48 PM
102	Develop projects to employ residents at a livable wage	Jan 31, 2013 4:52 PM
103	The first thing I would do is create a bigger building for teenagers to hang out and have volunteers to help and security to help cut down fights, drugs, and any misbehaving. They would have several pool tables, big screen tv's with comfortable seating, music and dances, a gym for them to work out, etc.	Jan 31, 2013 3:49 PM
104	The young people have no where to go and nothing to do after school. Establish an after school program that could be educational or vocational, as well as entertaining.	Jan 31, 2013 3:47 PM
105	I would bring more police presence to the higher crime areas.	Jan 31, 2013 3:01 PM
106	Not sure. But I'd start by helping people feel better about themselves and teach them how worthy they are and that they can do better.	Jan 31, 2013 2:35 PM
107	keeping a great majority of young teens off the streets by giving them a place to go not just for education or activities but to learn the word of GOD!!	Jan 31, 2013 2:11 PM
108	homeless shelter and education to get on own	Jan 31, 2013 1:40 PM
109	a trust fund to pay for question 24.	Jan 31, 2013 12:17 PM
110	educate young parents and child care	Jan 31, 2013 12:02 PM
111	More harmony less division, everyone working together for the greater good	Jan 31, 2013 11:59 AM
112	Lack of jobs, Housing improvement	Jan 31, 2013 11:58 AM

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113	drugs get the national guard here and run out the drug dealers , and treat the ones that want help ,	Jan 31, 2013 10:44 AM
114	Adequate, affordable job-training and child care.	Jan 31, 2013 9:37 AM
115	I would provide youth and family education/support in a centralized location to engage familise and youth in positive activites and educational actities to support them thus earning trust for agencies and hopefully getting the referred to agencies that can help.	Jan 31, 2013 9:06 AM
116	Obtaining affordable, safe, housing.	Jan 31, 2013 8:58 AM
117	Personally I believe people need Jesus, but I am not sure \$1,000,000 would accomplish that. So my answer would be help for neglected and abused children, which I think Mental Health and Substance Abuse issues being the underlying causes.	Jan 31, 2013 8:36 AM
118	Entice investors to create jobs that provide the community with sufficient living wages.	Jan 31, 2013 7:46 AM
119	Education or job training, but you need living wage jobs available after they complete their education or they will move to a community that provides those jobs.	Jan 31, 2013 7:10 AM
120	Education and Job Skills training.	Jan 31, 2013 6:38 AM
121	Contribute to bring in better paying jobs for highschool and above graduates.	Jan 31, 2013 6:36 AM
122	Offering free mental health counseling and assist elderly in obtaining groceries every month, as well as paying for medication.	Jan 31, 2013 6:33 AM
123	Not sure	Jan 31, 2013 6:23 AM
124	I would create programs in our community that are trauma specific to offer individuals an opportunity to heal from their trauma, ACE's, and victimization. Included in these programs would be agency trainings for agencies in the community so they could learn more about trauma and how it impacts individuals and give them tools they can utilize when working with individuals and families to empower them (the ind/families). This would be aimed and targeting the root of the problem (trauma) instead of creating more band-aids. Look up Walla Walla, Washington or <a href="http://www.acestoohigh.com">www.acestoohigh.com</a> for a look at a community's efforts to be trauma informed and how it has transformed a community.	Jan 31, 2013 6:19 AM
125	Accessibility to wellness opportunities at a low cost/childhood obesity.	Jan 31, 2013 5:57 AM
126	Job skills seminars and training programs.	Jan 31, 2013 5:44 AM
127	Start a new company and specilaize in hiring & training those who are desperate for jobs.	Jan 31, 2013 5:37 AM
128	Drugs.	Jan 31, 2013 5:36 AM
129	First of all I would implement a program in the schoold system for a Culture Change for all students from low income or other. I would have someone in	Jan 31, 2013 5:19 AM

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	charge of implementing the the program throughout the school system and would have them be responsible for followup on the progress with administration, teachers, and students. Everyone has to be held accountable not just the students, lead by example. I would add another gym or two to the high school and promote activities for those not able to participate on the selected teams. I think our YMCA does a great job with our elementary age but doesn't offer our teens affordable options. I would pay for an evening classroom for kids to get tutoring help. Promote healthy choices,	
130	getting more jobs that the average person can do	Jan 31, 2013 5:11 AM
131	Programs & initiatives for a generation or more of little to no parenting for so many children. Children either are growing up feeling entitled, worthless, angry or lost because that is how they live. Cohabiting with blended children, having more children & moving on to the next person is a living nightmare for children!. Every other week with other parent & chaos, grandparents taking over guardianship yet disfunctional parents are allowed to come in as they wish, some do not even know who will be picking them up. No money for clothing, tuition, food, rent but can drink alcohol & smoke, etc. We need to turn around the family lifestyle & lack of parenting for so many suffering children.... It is heart breaking. We are failing our children by allowing this chaos to continue!	Jan 30, 2013 6:23 PM
132	I would help the elderl with living and medical and housing.	Jan 30, 2013 4:38 PM
133	Provide training to those looking for employment and substance abuse issues, including more for law enforcement; Assist with educating low income family children	Jan 30, 2013 4:21 PM
134	Children training and mentoring programs	Jan 30, 2013 3:49 PM
135	Improve central park and the square	Jan 30, 2013 3:06 PM
136	A business that would partner to provide job training and skills. With built in affordable daycare. Mandatory attendance to financial literacy programs with rewards for good attendance. Also, free health screens until the worker can afford insurance . (health screening done for family)	Jan 30, 2013 2:42 PM
137	services for mental illness and more physical activities (safe streets, sidewalks) for families	Jan 30, 2013 2:30 PM
138	help families needing food, transportation to appointments, activities for kids without cost,	Jan 30, 2013 2:18 PM
139	Transportation. At the end of the day, transportation means access. I would make it free, but I would start the ground work to make the public transit system useful to lower and middle income citizens.	Jan 30, 2013 2:17 PM
140	Funding for mental health services	Jan 30, 2013 2:00 PM
141	Expand the economic base of the community by adding a variety of small and mid-sized businesses that promote new programs and opportunities for improving access to the arts, sports, health, education and tourism,	Jan 30, 2013 1:58 PM

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142	Education and hands-on workshops for familys to plan and prepare balanced, economical meals.	Jan 30, 2013 1:57 PM
143	Violence....lower the crime rate	Jan 30, 2013 1:56 PM
144	Overhaul the whole system to make incentives for people to become self sufficient and stay there	Jan 30, 2013 1:43 PM
145	To help all on the list.	Jan 30, 2013 1:39 PM
146	employment, mental health, substance abuse	Jan 30, 2013 1:23 PM
147	Child care for families so that they could find jobs.	Jan 30, 2013 1:20 PM
148	Provide jobs in community clean up and house repair.	Jan 30, 2013 1:11 PM
149	job training	Jan 30, 2013 12:38 PM
150	Developing healthy (mental/physical/finacial) families.	Jan 30, 2013 12:36 PM
151	Programs to actively help low to middle income families overcome issues with budgeting, debt management, credit improvement and culminating in reasonable home purchases.	Jan 30, 2013 12:24 PM
152	Money will never solve ungodly and immoral ways. Gods ways, (which most people don't know) are a cost saving measure as well and a stress reliever:) We have lowered the bar in dress, morals, ethics, manners, character, and I could go on, but until we seek God first and His righteousness, we have little hope for much change.	Jan 30, 2013 12:19 PM
153	Decreasing the drop out rate and encourage and assist with successful post secondary education.	Jan 30, 2013 12:18 PM
154	full time youth center with educated staff	Jan 30, 2013 11:56 AM
155	I would spend it on school vouchers, so low-income students wouldn't be forced to attend our community's substandard schools.	Jan 30, 2013 11:53 AM
156	I'd give the money to the school's music program. I would also pay to have the district reevaluate the teachers and staff in the schools, in order to make appropriate changes that would best benefit the children.	Jan 30, 2013 11:51 AM
157	Schools ability to play an active role in educating our youth. With budget issues and overworked teachers, their job is passive far to often.	Jan 30, 2013 11:50 AM
158	After-school learning/tutoring.	Jan 30, 2013 11:46 AM
159	Improve our current child care facility. They do Excellant with limited funding and resources, unlike the federal funded preschool at the school.	Jan 30, 2013 11:18 AM
160	Scholarship program for low income kids to participate in after school activities (both school based and private) that cost money. i.e. dance classes, tae kwon do, or the costs associated with band, cheerleading, dance team, football, etc.... Help low income kids have the same experiences that high middle class get.	Jan 30, 2013 11:15 AM

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161	I'd make sure persons with disabilities don't lose their jobs or homes and then put the balance to buying/rehabinig historic homes and turn them into affordable housing.	Jan 30, 2013 11:02 AM
162	Property Rentals and More work opportunities, which are necessary for sound mental health.	Jan 30, 2013 10:54 AM
163	children would not go to bed hungry	Jan 30, 2013 10:13 AM
164	Whatever it would be, I'd place a deadline to solve - helping agencies are to help people instead of sustaining themselves.	Jan 30, 2013 9:47 AM
165	Affordable, maintainable housing	Jan 30, 2013 9:40 AM
166	Afterschool programs at all schools with teachers for educational assistance and activities for enrichment in a safe caring environment.	Jan 30, 2013 9:11 AM
167	Substance abuse (though reailistically substance abuse won't be "solved" just by an infusion of money/new programs) and education/literacy/language barriers.	Jan 30, 2013 8:19 AM
168	Unemployment/lack of jobs.	Jan 30, 2013 7:53 AM
169	Unemployment	Jan 30, 2013 7:46 AM
170	Substance abuse	Jan 30, 2013 7:44 AM
171	Begin housing improvements	Jan 30, 2013 7:31 AM
172	Nothing it is a choice to put effort into working	Jan 30, 2013 7:30 AM
173	Create jobs, decent paying jobs, that would boost the overall economy and help individuals secure employment and better meet their basic needs.	Jan 30, 2013 7:29 AM
174	I would give children a safe and supportive place to spend time, be mentored, be engaged, be challenged.....	Jan 30, 2013 7:26 AM
175	housing, streets, programs for children	Jan 30, 2013 7:12 AM
176	Wellness Programs for all ages. The development of a youth volunteer program to help elderly and/or disabled with stay at home needs that are not covered by waiver programs or for people that can not meet level of care.	Jan 30, 2013 6:26 AM
177	Help mothers stay home with children; provide parenting education; strenghten marriage bonds;	Jan 30, 2013 6:23 AM
178	Neighborhood improvement and city codes that address uninhabitable property and absentee landlords. A city with blight only attracts unsavory citizens.	Jan 30, 2013 5:47 AM
179	Better teachers and parenting class	Jan 30, 2013 4:48 AM
180	Creation of sustainable living wage jobs. Funds to support those who ARE working but not making a living wage (ensuring these "loop hole" families have access to healthcare, healthy food choices, etc) - I guess workfare not welfare.	Jan 29, 2013 8:01 PM



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181	I would address infrastructure issues. The water system is 40 years old and will soon be in need of updates. The Sewer System has an outstanding loan. The main street is in need of resurfacing to accommodate the 75-100 semis that travel over it each work day.	Jan 29, 2013 7:59 PM
182	Center for kids for after school, providing meals-tutoring until parents get off work A place for those in the community needing shelter at night maybe new coming to the community and providing meals throughout the day	Jan 29, 2013 5:48 PM
183	We need education. There are so many people who believe that education will solve many problems. That education should include knowledge of who Jesus is, how he loves all of us, and how the Bible tells us all that we need to know about our relationship with God and with people in our community.	Jan 29, 2013 4:58 PM