



**2009 Community Health Assessment
ACTION PLAN
Clear Creek Health Advisory Committee, May 2009**

Background: In February 2009 Clear Creek Public and Environmental Health (CCPEH) conducted a community health assessment with the assistance of students from the Colorado School of Public Health. A Community Health Assessment is a dynamic tool mandated by the state every five years, and the action plans that address the needs assessment are continually being updated. The action items listed below are currently being addressed by the members and board of the Health Advisory Committee.

- Survey Result: Water and Air pollution scored very high on the public's environmental health concern question.

Action : Although CCPHE does not regulate air and water quality, we have increased communication on air and water monitoring and will be revamping the regulations for Individual Sewage Disposal Systems (ISDS) to prevent run off.

- Survey Result: Access to Dental care was an important concern.

Action: We are implementing the program "Cavity Free at Three" and will be utilizing our Health Advocate worker to inform people about dental services that are available to kids. Colorado State Block Grant money will also be available to help defray the cost of dental care. The 30-Minute Health Stop program at Loaves and Fishes Food Bank will provide free oral assessments for adults and free oral hygiene products.

- Survey Result: Mental health issues and access to services were a concern in many of the Key Informant interviews.

Action: The Health Advisory Board will be discussing possible ways in which to address mental health issues in the community. Mental Health issues of particular concern have been substance abuse and suicide prevention.

- Survey Result: The affordability of prescription drugs and the number of those without health insurance were recognized as barriers to service.

Action: Colorado State Block Grant Funds continue to be used to cover the cost of prescriptions for eligible residents. We are currently launching the National Association of Counties discount Drug Card Program.

- Survey Result: Transportation continues to be a barrier to services for county residents.

Action: We will continue to troubleshoot ways to break transportation barriers.

- Survey Result: Residents indicated that a greater number of residents are now receiving their information from online sources. Residents also are interested in accessing restaurant inspections online.

Action: We will be updating our Website and we will look at the possibility of posting restaurant inspections online.