

QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

1. Has the local Community Action Program made a positive contribution towards solving the problems of poor people and improving the greater community in which it functions?

Very much A very valuable resource to local government.
Somewhat _____
Not at all _____
Unknown _____

Additional Comments:

The CAP, with ten Neighborhood Service Centers within the City, has been a bridge of communication between the poor and the larger community and has sought constructive approaches to the problems of the poor.

2. Has the local Community Action Program been effective in stimulating the participation of the poor in community activities that affect their lives?

Very much This has been one of the strongest contributions of Atlanta's CAP.
Somewhat _____
Not at all _____
Unknown _____

Additional Comments:

City Hall utilizes the CAP neighborhood organizations for planning for housing, Model Cities, land use and for decentralizing municipal services.

3. Has the local Community Action Program been responsible for increasing the services available to the poor?

Very much The City utilizes the EOA-CAP to extend and expand city services
Somewhat _____ to the poor.
Not at all _____
Unknown _____

Additional Comments:

Through its own services, and through expanded service of other local public and private agencies, the CAP has directly and indirectly affected an increase in services for the poor.

4. Has the Community Action Program improved communications between the poor and the other sectors of the community (business, government, education)?

Very much _____ ✓
Somewhat _____
Not at all _____
Unknown _____

Additional Comments:

The CAP has been especially valuable in this respect. Recent examples include assignment of staff to help coordinate the National Alliance of Businessmen effort, bringing together dissident elements in a dispute at a target-area high school, serving as a vehicle to bring together complaining tenants and public housing officials.

- 5. Has the local Community Action Program helped to increase the level of resources which public and private institutions are contributing to the local War on Poverty?

Very much _____ ✓
 Somewhat _____
 Not at all _____
 Unknown _____

Additional Comments:

Activities of CAP have stimulated increased interest from foundations, civic groups, and government.

- 6. Has the local Community Action Program increased the will and the ability of the poor to help themselves?

Very much _____ ✓
 Somewhat _____
 Not at all _____
 Unknown _____

Additional Comments:

Poor have been helped to see that government will respond to their needs, and many leaders have been developed who are now able to articulate and express the needs of the poor.

- 7. Has the local Community Action Program helped the non-poor to understand better the problems of poverty and the need for local efforts to overcome these problems?

Very much _____ ✓
 Somewhat _____
 Not at all _____
 Unknown _____

Additional Comments:

Local support in Atlanta has been the best in the Nation, and much credit belongs to the excellent interpretive effort made by the CAP. A current example involves the designation of a week in January, 1969 as "START NOW ATLANTA" week, proclaimed by the Mayor, and designed by the CAP as a way to generate interest and activity in the "non-poor" community.

- 8. How would you evaluate the effectiveness of each of the following programs?

1. HEADSTART:

Very effective _____ ✓
 Somewhat effective _____
 Not at all effective _____
 Unknown _____

What percentage of the total potential enrollment for this program is being met in your community? Unfortunately only about 10%

Additional Comments:

This can be the best long-range effort to prevent poverty, but it is hampered by insufficient funds.

2. LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM:

Very effective X
Somewhat effective _____
Not at all effective _____
Unknown _____

What percentage of the total potential enrollment for this program is being met in your community? 20%

Additional Comments:

Legal Aide keeps issues in the courtroom and off the streets. It has been very helpful in combatting anachronistic welfare regulations and bringing attention to landlord-tenant and seller-purchaser laws which are iniquitous to the interest of the poor.

3. HEALTH CENTERS:

Very effective X
Somewhat effective _____
Not at all effective _____
Unknown _____

What percentage of the total potential enrollment for this program is being met in your community? ~~5%~~ 20%

Additional Comments:

Comprehensive Health Center marks the first real breakthrough in developing new forms of delivery for health services to the poor.

4. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTERS:

Very effective X
Somewhat effective _____
Not at all effective _____
Unknown _____

What percentage of the total potential enrollment for this program is being met in your community? 75%

Additional Comments:

These centers are a base for operations and meetings. They have been used for almost every conceivable kind of activity designed to bring help and/or growth to the target areas served.

5. COMMUNITY ACTION EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS:

Very effective _____
 Somewhat effective X _____
 Not at all effective _____
 Unknown _____

What percentage of the total potential enrollment for this program is being met in your community? 10%

Additional Comments:

Employment programs constantly run into difficult obstacles, such as the shortage of good paying jobs for women, the shortage of day care resources, the difficulty of re-training the educationally crippled male and moving him beyond the low-wage, low-status job.

6. Do you know of any better way to reach the hard core unemployed than we are now doing under present programs?
- (1) Further loosening of "red tape" which discourages businesses from participation in government sponsored "on-the-job training" programs.
 - (2) For men and women with very low potential for training and/or retraining, we need a "public works" type program. (Within our CEP we have an Atl. Beautification Corps ~~with~~ which exemplifies what we need
7. Do you feel we are assigning proper priorities to the most urgent but it is problems of the poor? If not, please indicate which problems you only a feel deserve the highest priorities.
- (1) Jobs (including public works) small pro-
 - (2) Child Development gram for 60 per-
 - (3) Community Action sons.)

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