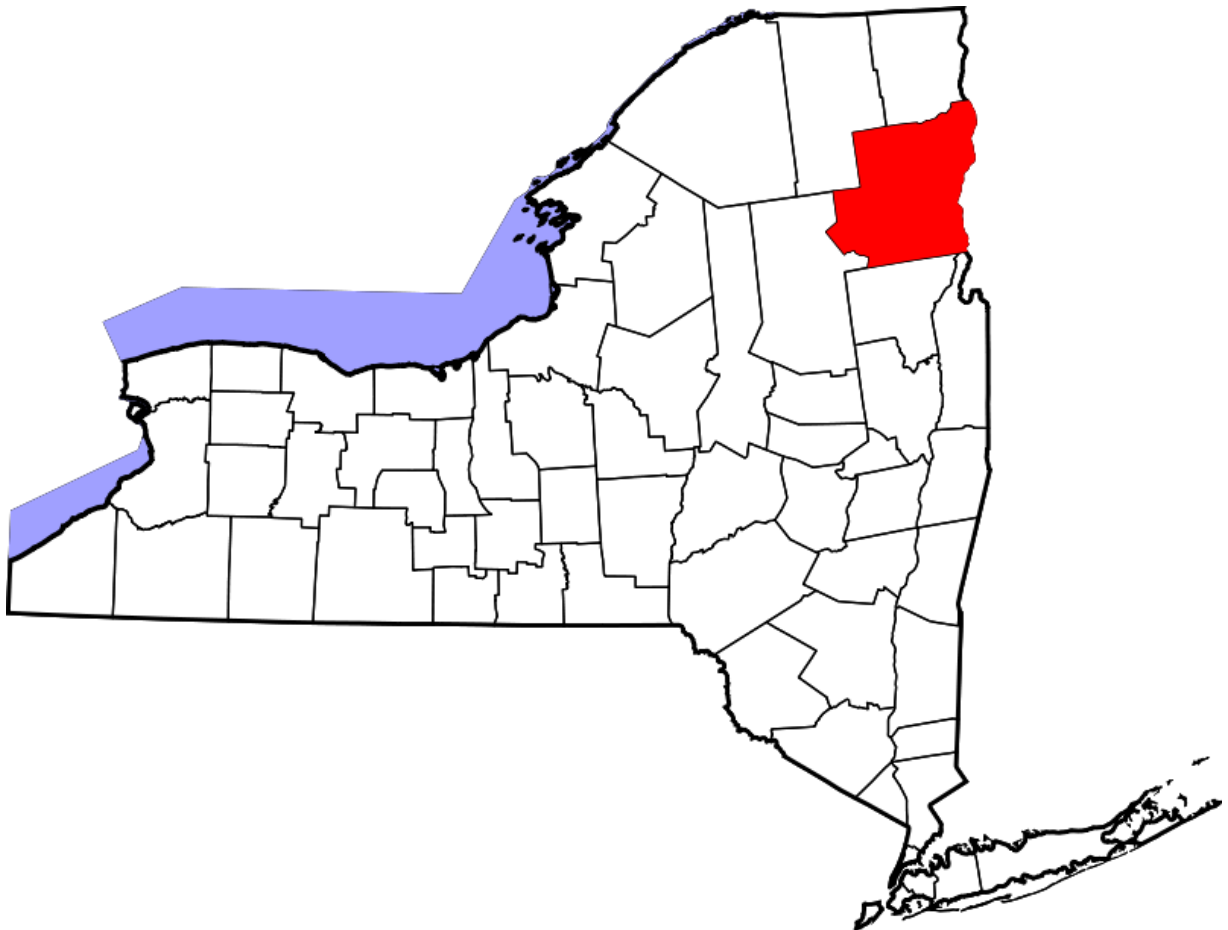




Community Assessment Report 2019



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ACAP, Inc. connects people values, and resources to promote personal, economic, and community growth.

Our Values:

*Accountability to our customers, partners, and supporters
Integrity as individuals, as a business and as members of the community
Citizenship and shared responsibility for community change
Respect for each individual's capacity to learn and grow*

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INTRODUCTION

Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. (ACAP), a Community Action agency serving Essex County, NY, completes a Community Assessment to identify and clarify the human services needs of its residents every three years. The agency began the process in March of 2018 convening the Assessment Team, which consists of Department Heads from all agency programs, and the Executive Director. The process is led by the Executive Director and Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Implementer.

Community Assessment, an ongoing process of examining the strengths and needs of our community is the basis for the agency's annual strategic plan and provides valuable information toward applying for and supporting the need of individual grants. The assessment is conducted by compiling both qualitative and quantitative information gathered through surveys, focus groups and statistical data from a variety of sources.

METHOD AND DESIGN

The primary sources of quantitative data for this document included demographic and statistical information from New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA) Community Assessment site in Community Commons, the U.S. Census, Department of Labor, Department of Health, Department of Education, Essex County Health Assessment 2016, Essex County Public Health Annual Report 2017, and the ALICE Report, completed by the United Way of the North Country.

Qualitative data was collected through surveys and focus groups. Participants were asked to give their input and feedback on the needs and services existing in the county. Surveys were distributed through all agency programs and by partner agencies to garner data from the population we serve. Surveys were also distributed to staff, county officials and our community. A total of 256 surveys were completed and collated providing feedback on the perceived strengths, identification of the issues and barriers, and the programs and services the families in our community identify as most needed to attain self-sufficiency. Additionally, the result of the survey also identified the programs and services unavailable in the local community.

In order to conduct a comprehensive assessment, the Agency identified and invited partners from the community to provide input.

Key Partners included representation from:

- Local Health and Human Service Providers (Community Based Organizations)
 - St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Center
 - Families First
- Faith based organizations
 - United Church of Christ
- Private Sector (Local Businesses/ACAP Board of Directors)
 - Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union

- Public Sector
 - Essex County Board of Supervisors
 - Essex County Department of Social Services
 - Essex County Office of the Aging
 - Essex County Mental Health
- Educational Institutions
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension
 - Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School
 - Lake Placid Central School
 - Willsboro Central School
 - Champlain Valley Educational Services (CV-TEC)
 - Clinton Community College

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. was established in 1965 to serve the needs of and advocate for low-income families in Essex County. As part of a network of 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide, ACAP front line workers work with families in our community on a daily basis to diminish the effects of poverty.

Today ACAP continues to mobilize resources and integrate programs that best meet community's needs. By coordinating multiple programs and resources, ACAP achieves its mission working with families every day.

ACAP's main office is centrally located in Elizabethtown, the county seat. The agency has a presence throughout the county through its seven Head Start/Early Head Start centers, and thirteen congregate meal sites for seniors. Information on our sites and programs can be found on ACAP's website at acapinc.org.

In 2017, the agency employed 140 staff, and mobilized 355 volunteers who provided 6,477 hours of service to their community through Head Start/Early Head Start, Advantage After School, Nutrition Program for the Elderly, Medical Transportation and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. 's (ACAP), mission is to connect people, values, and resources to promote personal, economic, and community growth. As the Community Action Agency serving Essex County, New York, the agency brings together programs and services to meet the needs of individuals and families.

ACAP's current programs include:

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) ACAP offers core services to support family stability by removing barriers that prevent individuals from moving toward self-sufficiency. In 2017, CSBG assisted 11 families with fuel or utilities and 62 families received services to prevent homelessness.

ACAP's **Aging Services** oversees the **Nutrition Program for the Elderly** and operates the food service program at the Elizabethtown Community Hospital. Seniors 60 and over can enjoy healthy, nutritious meals at senior centers or through home delivered meals. Meals are free or donations can be made. Centers provide a warm comfortable atmosphere for seniors to gather to enjoy a meal and activities. The program also provides a link to services and information for seniors. In 2017 the Aging Services program provided wellbeing checks to 1,048 qualifying seniors and served 15,000 meals to patients.

Child Care Resource and Referral is the primary resource for child care providers, and provides information, referrals, training, advocacy and education to promote quality child care in Essex County. The program assisted 42 families to access quality childcare in 2017. CCR&R also oversees ACAP's After School Program which provides a safe, healthy environment for children at the end of the school day. Located in four schools, the program served 105 children in 2017.

Employment and Training is the host partner of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs' **OneWorkSource**. In 2017 this program assisted 334 individuals in obtaining employment.

Head Start provides a comprehensive early childhood development program for eligible children 3 and 4 years of age. In 2017, 125 children and families participated in center and homebased activities that promote growth and well-being.

Early Head Start provides homebased services pregnant women and families with children 0-3 years of age. The program enhances children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development and assists pregnant women in accessing prenatal and postpartum care.

Weatherization and Energy Services provides free Weatherization & Energy Services to income eligible home owners in Essex County. IN 2017 the Weatherization program increased the heating/cooling efficiency of 54 homes.

The **Community Action Angels** is a statewide initiative that connects people who want to give back to their community with those in need and encourages people who would like to give back to their community to seek out ways to be involved and contribute. Current projects include the **BackPack Program** provides nutritious, easy to prepare food for 35 children on the weekends when schools are closed and the **Community-wide Baby Shower** solicits donations to provide diapers, wipes and baby items to families in need.

The Angels also support the Agency by organizing and participating in events throughout the year. This past year Angel Volunteers helped to raise funds for the agency Holiday Are for Sharing Program and Food Shelf.

OVERVIEW OF ESSEX COUNTY

Demographics

Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. is located in Essex County, New York, in the heart of the Adirondack Park, a six-million-acre state park with a unique land use designation of public and private land. Through design, the park does not have a main population center. Instead, towns were developed in small pockets of land dotted throughout the park. With only 21.9 people per square mile, Essex County is considered extremely rural. The county encompasses 1,794.23 square miles and is located in the North Country, bordering Clinton, Franklin, Warren and Hamilton Counties.

Population

According to the US Census update for 2017 Essex County has a population of 37,956 a decrease of 3.6% in the population since 2010. A continuing trend in our region of young people leaving the area for better jobs.

Report Area	Total Population, 2017 Census	Total Population, 2010 Census	Population Change from 2010-2017 Census/ACS	Percent Change from 2010-2017 Census/ACS
Essex County, NY	37,956	39,361	-1,405	-3.6%
New York	19,849,399	19,378,110	471,289	2.4%
United States	325,719,178	308,785,105	16,934,073	5.5%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Population Estimates, July 1, 2017. Source geography: County

Population by Gender/Age

According to American Community Survey (ACS) 2012-2016 5 year population estimates for the report area, the female population comprised 48.33% of the report area, while the male population represented 51.67%. Currently almost 20% of the population is over 65 years of age. Population by gender and age within the report area is shown below.

Report Area	0 to 4 Male	0 to 4 Female	5 to 17 Male	5 to 17 Female	18 to 64 Male	18 to 64 Female	Over 64 Male	Over 64 Female
Essex County	820	748	2,633	2,425	12,930	10,904	3,331	4,363
New York	598,437	572,286	1,562,158	1,493,528	6,168,618	6,408,629	1,088,140	1,667,884
United States	10,154,024	9,712,936	27,455,869	26,289,609	98,851,301	99,913,791	18,244,716	25,876,504

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#), 2012-16. Source geography: County

Even through Essex County has an increasing aging population the county has a strong Aging Network that has become a leader in addressing the concerns of our aging population and the agencies who serve them.

Race and Ethnicity/Language

According to US Census 2017 population estimates show Essex County population is comprised of White 93.8%, Black 3.2%, Hispanic 3.5%, Asian 0.8%, American Indian/Alaska Native 0.7% and other races combined were .7% of the population. The 2010 US Census showed 94.8% White, 2.8% Black/African American, .3% American Indian/Alaskan Native, .4% Asian and other races were .8%. Language other than English spoken at home showed a slight increase from 5.3% in 2000 to 5.9% in 2017.

Report Area	White Total	Black Total	American Indian Total	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Total	Mixed Race Total
Essex County	35,603	1,215	265	304	38	531
New York	12,667,413	3,073,278	75,751	1,599,216	7,528	576,440
United States	233,657,078	40,241,818	2,597,817	16,614,625	560,021	9,752,947

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#), 2012-16. Source geography: County

The next few charts illustrate poverty in Essex County. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 12.6% of the population live in poverty. While this is lower than the NYS (14.8%) and US rate (14.0%), the county consistently has pockets of poverty well above the state and national rates.

Poverty

2016 poverty estimates show a total of 4,532 persons living below the poverty level in Essex County, NY. Poverty information is at 100% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Towns in Essex County	Population	Percent below poverty Estimate	Population in poverty Estimate
Chesterfield	2445	9.9%	263
Crown Point	2024	12.9%	240
Elizabethtown	1163	12.2%	132
Essex	671	15.5%	96
Jay	2506	6.8%	197
Keene	1105	7.1%	78
Lewis	1382	9.2%	108
Minerva	809	16.0%	95
Moriah	4798	9.2%	423
Newcomb	436	8.5%	122
North Elba/Lake Placid	8957	8.3%	551
North Hudson	240	7.6%	15
St. Armand/Bloomingdale	1548	8.1%	132
Schroon Lake	1654	6.9%	69
Ticonderoga	5042	15.4%	753
Westport	1312	12.2%	171
Willsboro	2025	8.4%	170
Wilmington	1253	8.5%	115

Data Source: American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 2011 - 2016

Poverty Rate Change

Poverty rate change in the report area from 2010 to 2017 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area was 12.6% in 2016. While the poverty rate decreased in 2013, it increased .9% between 2013 and 2016.

Report Area	Poverty 2010	Poverty 2011	Poverty 2012	Poverty 2013	Poverty 2014	Poverty 2015	Poverty 2016	Poverty 2017
Essex County	13%	14.6%	14.2%	11.7%	12%	12.2%	12.6%	10.86%
New York	15%	16.1%	15.9%	16%	16%	15.5%	14.8%	14.1%
United States	15.3%	15.9%	15.9%	15.8%	15.5%	14.7%	14%	12.3%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates](#). 2017. Source geography: county

Children in Poverty by Race Alone, Percent: Age 0 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Multiple Race
Essex County	12.12%	6.98%	0%	28.89%	No data	18.9%	27.27%
New York	13.58%	32.35%	29.57%	20.92%	18.03%	38.98%	23.88%
United States	12.72%	37.42%	35.2%	12.54%	26.76%	34.63%	21.62%

Data Source: American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 2011 - 2016

Population/Poverty by Age Groups

	Ages 0 – 4	Ages 5 – 17	Ages 18 - 64	Ages 65 & up
Total Population in Age Group	2011	4959	21723	7881
Number in Age Group in Poverty	399	516	2345	436
Percentage of Group in Poverty	19.8%	10.4%	10.8%	5.5%

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The number of persons receiving TANF in January 2018, within the report area is shown in below. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 222 persons were receiving TANF benefits at a cost of \$68,477.00, or \$308.45 per recipient.

Report Area	Recipients Total	Recipients Children	Recipients Adults	Cases	Expenditures Total	Expenditures Per Case	Expenditures Per Person
Essex County	222	136	86	132	\$68,477.00	\$518.77	\$308.45
New York	540,031	264,964	275,067	284,536	\$189,852,839	\$667.24	\$351.56

Data Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance](#). Source geography: county

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Trend

Report Area	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Essex County, NY	258	237	251	228	214	233	166	193	222

Data Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance](#). Source geography: County

EDUCATION

The US has moved from a manufactured economy to a knowledge based economy increasing the need for higher education. In years past high school graduates were able to receive good paying jobs right out of school. In today's society this is no longer the case. Training and postsecondary education are critical for families to earn sufficient income to support a family.

Quality education from pre-kindergarten to adulthood is one of the building blocks in moving individuals and families out of poverty and achieving self-sufficiency.

Educational Attainment

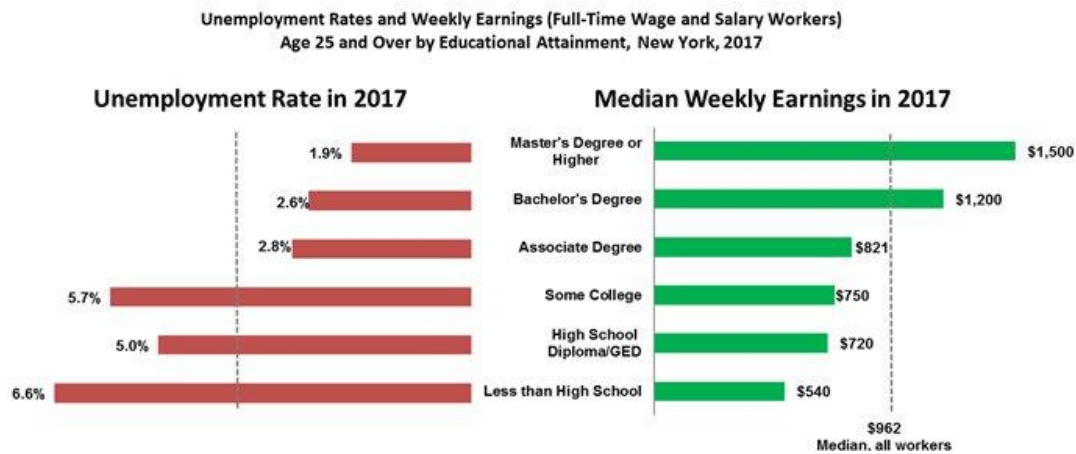
Educational Attainment shows the distribution of educational attainment levels in the report area. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an estimated average for the period from 2012 to 2016.

Report Area	Percent No High School Diploma	Percent High School Only	Percent Some College	Percent Associates Degree	Percent Bachelors Degree	Percent Graduate or Professional Degree
Essex County	10.45%	34.8%	20.1%	10.1%	13.6%	11%
New York	14.08%	26.4%	16.1%	8.6%	19.7%	15.1%
United States	13.02%	27.5%	21%	8.2%	18.8%	11.5%

Data Source: American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 2011 – 2016

Income by Education Attainment

Research shows education is a major factor in an individual's wage potential. The next two charts reflect incomes and poverty in New York State by educational attainment.



Data Source: NYS Dept. of Labor Statistics 2017

Poverty Rates by Education Levels

	Total Population for whom data was determined	Percentage
POVERTY RATE FOR THE POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT LEVEL		
Less than high school graduate	(X)	15.9%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	(X)	10.9%
Some college or associate's degree	(X)	6.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	5.4%
MEDIAN EARNINGS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2016 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)		
Population 25 years and over with earnings	31,474	(X)
Less than high school graduate	25,141	(X)
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	27,821	(X)
Some college or associate's degree	28,933	(X)
Bachelor's degree	41,681	(X)
Graduate or professional degree	54,139	(X)

Data Source: American Community Survey 2011 – 2016

School Enrollment

	Total	Percent	In public school	Percent in public school	In private school	Percent in private school
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	7,070	(X)	(X)	86.8%	(X)	13.2%
Nursery school, preschool	571	8.1%	370	64.8%	201	35.2%
Kindergarten to 12th grade	5,063	71.6%	4,685	92.5%	378	7.5%
Kindergarten	408	5.8%	396	97.1%	12	2.9%
Elementary: grade 1 to grade 4	1,450	20.5%	1,235	85.2%	215	14.8%
Elementary: grade 5 to grade 8	1,468	20.8%	1,429	97.3%	39	2.7%
High school: grade 9 to grade 12	1,737	24.6%	1,625	93.6%	112	6.4%
College, undergraduate	1,200	17.0%	962	80.2%	238	19.8%
Graduate, professional school	236	3.3%	122	51.7%	114	48.3%
Population enrolled in college or graduate school	1,436	20.3%	1,084	75.5%	352	24.5%
Males enrolled in college or graduate school	683	19.0%	497	72.8%	186	27.2%
Females enrolled in college or graduate school	753	21.6%	587	78.0%	166	22.0%

Data Source: American Community Survey 2011 – 2016

High School Dropouts

The table below shows the number of Public High School dropouts in the selected region. Totals were updated to reflect counts for the 2016/2017 school year.

Report Area	Dropouts Total	Dropouts Male	Dropouts Female	Dropout Rate Total	Dropout Rate Males	Dropout Rate Females
Essex County	18	8	10	6.16%	5.23%	7.19%
New York	12,922	7,703	5,219	6.24%	7.20%	5.21%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: [New York State Education Department](#). 2012-16. Source geography: county [Show more details](#)

Income Levels

Three common measures of income are Median Household Income, Per Capita Income, and Average Income based on American Community Survey (ACS) estimates. All three measures from the 2012 - 2016 ACS are shown for the report area below.

The Census Bureau defines an earner as someone age 15 and older that receives any form of income, whether it be wages, salaries, benefits, or other type of income.

Report Area	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income	Average Income Per Earner
Essex County, NY	\$53,244.00	\$28,155.00	\$36,363.00
New York	\$60,741.00	\$34,212.00	\$48,847.00
United States	\$55,322.00	\$29,829.00	\$42,837.00

Data Source: American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 2011 - 2016

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT/KEY FINDINGS

In an on-going effort to gain insight into the perceived needs of our community, ACAP conducts periodic surveys of our community and the families we serve. To conduct a comprehensive assessment that includes input from our community (including low income families), partners, and Board of Directors, the agency distributed surveys and conducted focus groups.

The agency conducted two focus groups, one consisting of local stakeholders who partnered with ACAP on the community assessment (see Methodology and Design for more information on make-up of participants), the other focus group included local human services providers and health care providers who participate on the Human Services/Long Term Care Coalitions.

Responses were received from all 18 towns in Essex County and were representative of all ages and household types. The majority of responses were Female (over 80%). Of the people responding to the survey 98.4% were White, .8% were Hispanic, .8% were American Indian or Alaska Native. The large age group responding were ages 25 to 44 at 30.4%, ages 60 to 74 was second at 23.4% and third was ages 55 to 59 at 12.5%.

Of those responding, 291 were employed full-time, 183 were not employed, and 20 employed seasonally.

Feedback from focus groups and surveys showed community resources and the strong network of organizations as one of the county's biggest strengths. Surveys also reflected a large number of respondents were aware of ACAP and the programs and services we provide.

Two emerging needs that came out of both the survey and focus groups were:

- There is an urgent need for foster homes throughout the Adirondack region, particularly in Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties, as a crisis of heroin and other opioid drugs has added to the growing number of children who require foster placements. The number of children in need currently exceeds the capacity of the local foster system, with Essex County currently serving 37 foster children. Currently, Essex County has 18 foster homes and six which are kinship homes.
- The impact of the drug (heroin/opioid) crisis is being seen in our programs and were identified in our focus group as major concern.

The effects of poverty were reflected in both the surveys and focus groups. The ability of low-income families to meet their needs in the areas of health care, fuel and food cost impact the success of many families. Substandard housing and lack of transportation in our rural community compound these concerns.

CHILDCARE

Quality childcare is essential to the healthy development of children and the economic health of our community. The lack of quality childcare in Essex County has a major impact on our communities, families, children and economy. It prevents some parents from working, but, more importantly, it prevents children in our community from receiving the early childhood development that will help them be successful later in life.

After health care, child care was identified as the biggest need in our survey. Comments on the survey identified affordable childcare and non-traditional hours (afterschool, weekends, summers and evenings) as

being the biggest concerns. Lack of quality childcare was also identified as a need in focus groups. ACAP Child Care reported that 146 parents/caregivers seeking childcare in 2017 and only 117 accessed quality childcare.

Current Active Child Care in Essex County

Licensed/Registered Providers	37
Exempt Legally Providers	20
Small Day Care Centers	1
Afterschool Programs	4

Key findings: With 14984 individuals working families in Essex County, finding quality childcare is a concern. With only 62 providers, the need to expand childcare options for parents are great. In our survey, only 15.7% of families responding to childcare questions used a registered/licensed childcare provider. Reasons included cost and none available. The childcare department reported they had 146 request for child care in 2017 and 106 were able to be placed.

Feedback on surveys also reflected a need for more afterschool programs. Currently less than half the schools in the county are able to offer afterschool programs.

Challenges: Recruiting and maintaining quality childcare providers remains a challenge. ACAP CCR&R works closely with the Department of Social Services and Office of Children and Family Services to expand quality childcare. Lack of funding and regulations remain a barrier.

ACAP will continue to work with Early Care Learning Center (ECLC) and the Capital Region to increase toddler and infant care in our region. With the possibility of funding to create center based options for infant and toddler to meet this critical need, ACAP will work to develop these options in Essex County.

NUTRITION/FOOD SECURITY

According to the *Essex County Health Assessment 2016*, grocery store density in Essex County is .62 per 1000 population; this rate is comparable to other rural counties in the U.S. Households with no car and low access to a grocery store account for 3.7% of the population. Those with low income and limited access to a grocery store is 2.0%. Other populations with limited access to a grocery store include 1.4% of children and 1.2% of people ages 6 and over.

Food security is one of the most basic human needs and with 16.4% respondents stating they have skipped or reduced the size of a meal is a major concern. Of those responding yes, 41% responded they do so monthly, 39% weekly and 19% daily. 16.4% of respondents stated they had to choose between buying food or paying a bill.

According to *Feeding America*, 9.9% of the population in Essex County is food insecure. Food insecurity rate for children much higher with 17.7% or 1,180 food insecure. Only 65% of this population is eligible for SNAP benefits.

SNAP is America's hunger safety net, helping working households in gaining access to critical nutritious food. Monthly benefits are used to purchase foods at authorized retail stores.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamp Program)

The number of persons receiving SNAP benefits and the total SNAP dollars issued per county in January 2018, within the report area is shown in below. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 1,958 households were receiving SNAP benefits totaling \$414,162.00, or \$211.52 per household.

Report Area	Household Receiving Benefits Total	Household Receiving Benefits Temp	Household Receiving Benefits Non-Temp	Persons Receiving Benefits Total	Persons Receiving Benefits Temp	Persons Receiving Benefits Non-Temp
Essex County, NY	1,958	687	1,271	3,462	785	2,677
New York	1,580,152	655,184	924,968	2,831,503	973,210	1,858,293

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

The Free and Reduced Lunch Program is a federally funded program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children on school days. Currently two schools in our county, Moriah and Elizabethtown-Lewis CSDs, are now eligible for free lunches. Schroon Lake has, by far, the highest percent of children receiving free and reduced lunches at 89.8%. 58% of the schools in Essex County have a Free and Reduced rate of 50% or higher.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School

The table below shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during January, 2018. The figures below include all School Food Authority agencies, including public and non-public.

	Enrollment	Free Eligible	Free Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Free and Reduced
Crown Point CSD	284	133	46.8%	37	13%	59.9%
Elizabethtown-Lewis CSD	279	147	52.7%	15	5.4%	58.1%
Keene CSD	170	45	26.5%	16	9.4%	35.9%
Lake Placid CSD	752	214	28.5%	56	7.4%	35.9%
Minerva CSD	99	58	58.6%	1	1%	59.6%
Moriah CSD	720	489	67.9%	0	0%	67.9%
Newcomb CSD	83	18	21.7%	12	14.5%	36.1%

	Enrollment	Free Eligible	Free Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Free and Reduced
Schroon Lake CSD	245	220	89.8%	0	0%	89.8%
St Mary's School	103	40	38.8%	8	7.8%	46.6%
Ticonderoga CSD	808	534	66.1%	0	0%	66.1%
Westport CSD	213	78	36.6%	6	2.8%	39.4%
Willsboro CSD	260	127	48.8%	19	7.3%	56.2%
Essex County	4,016	2,103	52.4%	170	4.2%	56.6%
New York State	2,735,502	1,862,336	68.1%	56,776	2.1%	70.2%

Data Source: NYS Department of Education

Food assistance is also available through local food shelves/pantries and soup kitchens. ACAP operates 2 food pantries, one in Elizabethtown and one in Keeseville. In 2017, the food shelf served 163 people distributing 399 boxes of food to low-income families.

There are several other food shelves located through-out the county, supported by the Regional Food Bank including:

- Community Food Pantry – Elizabethtown
- Jay/Wilmington Food Pantry
- Lake Placid Ecumenical Food Pantry
- Minerva Food Pantry
- Schroon Lake Food Pantry
- Ticonderoga Food Pantry
- Town of Moriah Food Pantry
- Westport Food Pantry

While the effects of poverty have their own set of concern for children, the effect on families and seniors are equally as concerning.

The ALICE report (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), a study of financial hardship in New York, despite overall improvement in employment and gains in median income, the recovery in NY has been uneven. Many ALICE households continue to face challenges from low wages, reduce work hours, depleted savings, and increasing cost. For the many households that earned just above the ALICE Threshold in the past, the increases in the cost of living have pushed them below the threshold and in financial hardship. According to the report 40% of the households in Essex County live below the ALICE Threshold and are unable to meet the daily cost of living.

Key Findings: Food insecurity has increased over the past few years, with 12.2% of respondents on our survey saying they have skipped or cut the size of a meal because there was not enough food. While 12% of

households in the county receive SNAP, the increase cost of living leaves the 40% of ALICE families (those who do not make an adequate wage to meet the current cost of living) struggling to afford adequate food and nutrition for their families.

These issues are compounded for seniors living on a fixed income. With the projected increase in the aging population, the need for nutrition support for seniors become an even greater concern

ACAP programs such as Community Services Food Shelves, Backpack program, Nutrition Program for the Elderly and CACFP (Child and Adult Food Program) through both Head Start and Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) work to meet the nutritional need for children, families and seniors. Challenges include transportation, awareness, and the perceived stigma of participating in these programs.

ACAP participates on the Essex County Transportation Committee which is working to identify resources to increase options to assist low income families in meeting their transportation needs. The agency will increase marketing efforts to increase awareness of programs and to change perceived stigma associated with programs. The agency will update website and marketing materials to convey a more socially acceptable idea of the programs and services we offer.

SENIORS

The increase in the cost of living is an even greater impact for seniors on a fixed income. According to the U.S. Census Bureau 20% of Essex County's population is over 65 and the percent is expected to increase. When looking at the aging population for Essex County it is important to note that a large percentage are over the age of 75. In an extremely rural area such as Essex County the inability to drive and lack of transportation systems compound the isolation of many of our seniors.

According to the New York Home Care Crisis Coalition (a group of advocates, community-based organizations, health and human service agency professionals, providers, and local government organizations throughout NYS collaborating together to seek adequate, and affordable home care for all who need it, regardless of payer or geographic location) there is a growing need for services for our aging population and shared the following information.

- The current population of New Yorkers age 65 and older is estimated at over 2.9 million and is expected to approach 4.4 million by the year 2040. (NYS Office for the Aging data, County Data Book).
- Inadequate Home Health Aide Services: Both the Medicaid and Non-Medicaid populations are underserved.
- Consequences of Insufficient home care workforce: Elders face delayed discharge from hospital or require costlier institutionalization rather than preferred (and less expensive services at home).
- Decreasing numbers of available informal caregivers will increase the demand for home care.
- The human dignity of all persons requires that they receive care when it is needed, regardless of payer.

The Coalition aims to:

- Raise awareness about the inadequate home care services in New York State and seek solutions to provide accessible, affordable, and available home health care for people who need it in NYS.
- Raise Public Awareness about the growing need for age-friendly communities and health systems.
- Seek more qualified home health care workers.
- Improve the quality of the home health delivery system in NYS.
- Improve the quality of life of elders who access home care.

Key Findings: While ACAP Nutrition Program for the Elderly provides a daily check for seniors, meeting the needs of this population remains a challenge. Awareness and the stigma or “receiving services” remain an issue, along with the rural nature of our county prevent seniors from accessing programs and services which can enhance the quality of their lives.

Essex County is fortunate to have a vital and active human service network that has become a leader in the “Age in Place” initiative in New York State. Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, Essex County Office for the Aging, ACAP and many other groups are active in advocating for and improving aging services in our region.

EMPLOYMENT

In Essex County, 57% of the population is in the labor force, down from 58.1% in 2015. Since unemployment rates do not reflect this decrease, it can be surmised that it is due to the number of young people moving out of the area for better jobs, or the “brain drain” as it has become known. (NYS Dept. of Labor)

Of those responding to the survey 29.9% stated finding a job, 59.6% stated finding a better job and 24% stated job training/retaining as a need. While the Service Industry remains one of the largest employers in the county, jobs in Health Care, Education, Human Services and Manufacturing are on the rise. With the projected increase in better paying jobs, training/retraining become a more pressing need in our county. A common theme in our focus groups was the need for a better trained workforce which, unfortunately, is not support with funding to meet that need.

Seasonal and the service industry remains two of the top employers in the county. Entry level and even median income for these jobs are often barely above the poverty line.

OCCUPATIONS BY CATEGORY

Occupations	Employment	Mean	Median	Entry	Experienced
Office and Administrative Support	21,710	\$36,470	\$33,940	\$24,210	\$42,590
Sales and Related	15,860	\$32,030	\$24,710	\$21,730	\$37,180
Food Preparation and Serving Related	14,850	\$25,890	\$22,770	\$21,632	\$28,360
Education, Training and Library	13,390	\$50,900	\$47,810	\$24,330	\$64,190
Health Practitioners and Technical	10,220	\$78,800	\$64,160	\$39,220	\$98,590
Production	7,810	\$39,480	\$37,280	\$24,990	\$46,720
Transportation and Material Moving	7,780	\$34,040	\$30,400	\$22,080	\$40,020
Protective Service	7,220	\$62,490	\$65,510	\$38,720	\$74,380
Personal Care and Service	7,210	\$28,710	\$25,350	\$21,750	\$32,190
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	6,920	\$46,780	\$43,050	\$28,770	\$55,790
Construction and Extraction	6,050	\$48,320	\$43,840	\$32,600	\$56,180
Management Occupations	5,640	\$95,710	\$88,380	\$53,750	\$116,690
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	5,600	\$30,380	\$27,600	\$22,290	\$34,420
Healthcare Support	5,370	\$32,180	\$30,130	\$23,370	\$36,590
Business and Financial	4,350	\$64,450	\$60,950	\$39,800	\$76,780
Community and Social Services	3,630	\$48,220	\$45,870	\$30,050	\$57,310

Data Source: NYS Dept. of Labor, Labor Statistics January 2018

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann Avg
2018	7.7%	7.9%	7.3%	6.3%	4.9%	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%	4.0%	3.5%	4.2%		

2017	7.7%	7.6%	7.0%	6.4%	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%	5.3%	6.0%	6.5%	6.2%
2016	7.2%	7.1%	7.0%	6.3%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.8%	6.5%	6.0%
2015	8.4%	8.3%	7.7%	7.1%	6.4%	6.3%	6.1%	5.6%	5.4%	5.3%	5.9%	6.2%	6.6%
2014	9.2%	9.2%	8.8%	7.8%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.6%	6.1%	6.0%	6.8%	7.0%	7.3%
2013	11.2%	10.8%	10.1%	9.4%	8.6%	8.8%	8.3%	7.9%	7.7%	7.7%	8.1%	8.2%	8.9%
2012	11.5%	11.5%	11.2%	10.2%	9.6%	9.5%	9.5%	9.0%	8.6%	8.7%	8.8%	9.7%	9.8%
2011	11.3%	11.1%	10.8%	10.0%	9.2%	9.3%	9.2%	8.8%	9.0%	8.9%	9.3%	10.0%	9.7%
2010	11.1%	11.0%	10.7%	9.8%	8.9%	9.0%	9.0%	8.7%	8.7%	8.8%	9.8%	10.0%	9.6%

Data Source: NYS Dept. of Labor

Key Findings: Unemployment rates are relatively low, but finding good paying, year-round employment remains a concern. Of those responding to ACAP’s Survey, almost 60% chose finding a better job as a priority. Seasonal and service industry remains one of the largest employers in our area. Due to the low unemployment rate increase in minimum wage, wages are increasing in these fields. While many of these jobs wages are barely above the poverty rate for families with children, there has been an effort to increase wages.

Better paying jobs are projected for our area, but there is a need for training/retraining to meet the need, especially in the area of caretakers. With the increase in our aging population, the need for home health aides and caregivers has already increased and is expected to continue to do so.

ACAP OneWorkSource has moved to the main office to increase access for customers and support referrals among programs. The agency will continue to work with the local Workforce Investment Board to increase service for the unemployed/underemployed in the county. The Tri-county WIOA has recently applied for and received a Dislocated Workers grant to increase job training opportunities.

HOUSING AND ENERGY

In Essex County, over 40% of homes were built prior to 1960, making heating efficiency a concern for much of the population. Of those responding to the survey, 52.3% stated their home needed minor repairs, 10.9% stated their homes needed major repairs, and 9% stated they needed weatherization.

There is a high percent of owner-occupied housing, 73.5% compared to the NYS average of 53.8%. Of those renting, 49% spend more than 30% of their income on housing. A significant burden is exhibited for young adults who are averaging 81.3% and those 65 or over averaging 56% (*Essex County Community Assessment*). Low- income families continue to struggle to meet the increasing cost of housing, with 41% stating they cannot afford repairs, 19% cannot afford to pay for heat/electrical, and 11% cannot afford their rent/mortgage.

Key Findings: With the long, harsh winters in the North County, the cost of heating homes remains a concern for many families. This coupled with an ever-aging housing stock and ever increasing cost of housing, create a need for safe, healthy and affordable housing.

ACAP Weatherization has recently received an increase in the cost per unit, increasing the services it can provide. The program will continue to work to increase the heating efficiency of homes in Essex County. ACAP will work with partner agencies to increase awareness and referrals. The agency will research options for offering small home repairs for senior including possible partnerships to meet this need.

HEALTH

According to the Essex County Health Assessment 2016, people who lack a regular source of health care may not receive the proper medical service, including routine check-ups and screenings. When they become ill, they generally delay seeking treatment until the condition is more advanced and therefore more difficult and costly to treat. Maintaining regular contact with a health care provider is especially difficult for low-income people, who are less likely to have health insurance. This often results in emergency room visits which raises overall costs and lessens the continuity of care.

The percent of children, women and adults with health insurance have increase since the last assessment.

Indicator	Essex (Previous)	Essex (Current)
Adults (18-64) with Health Insurance	84.0% ('08/'09)	89.8% (2013)
Women (18-64 with Health Insurance	85.7% ('08/'09)	91.7% (2014)
Children (0-19) with Health Insurance	93.6% ('08/'09)	95.8% (2014)
Adults with regular health care provider	83.7% ('08/'09)	77.8% (2014)
Adults who did not receive care due to cost	11.1% ('08/'09)	10.0% (2014)

Essex County Community Health Assessment 2016.

While the percent of residents with health insurance has been increasing, residents continue to be at a healthcare provider access disadvantage as there are no OB/GYN or limited Psychiatry providers in county, primary care providers are considerably less than the region and state and that there are Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) for Primary Care, Dental Care, and Mental Health. (Essex County Community Health Assessment 2016)

The long-term effects of poverty on children are well documented. A study by the National Center for Children in poverty at Columbia University found that children who grew up in poverty were not only more likely to experience poverty as adults, but that the likelihood of being poor in adulthood increase with the number of years spent in poverty as a child. Children who grow up in poverty are also more likely to develop chronic illnesses such as asthma or obesity.

Obesity Indicator	Essex ('08-'09)	Essex ('13-'14)	Upstate NY ('13-'14)
Adult, Obese	24.8%	32.2%	27.0%
Adults, Overweight or Obese	64.3%	68.6%	62.2%
School-Age Children, Obese	18.8% ('10-'12)	19.2% ('12-'14)	17.3% ('12-'14)

Essex County Community Health Assessment 2016

Key findings: The effects of poverty on of children and families remains a concern. Head Start and Early Head Start are the first responders for families with young children and there is an increasing need for their services. Families not only deal with adequate health care and issues such as obesity, but the drug and opioid crisis has become a major factor in many HS/EHS households.

ACAP is proactive in supporting initiatives that address these issues for the families we serve. The agency is involved in the County's Tier 2 Committee which is in the process of renaming and rebranding itself. The committee is looking to focus on Trauma Awareness (ACES) and increasing mental health services in the county. ACAP is also involved in the ECHO (Essex County Heroin and Opioid) Coalition which brings together

County Departments, Human Services, local Health Providers and Law Enforcement to address the issues surrounding the epidemic that is impacting our community.

TRANSPORTATION

Residents rely heavily on personal vehicles for transportation through and increasing percent of households, 8.5% in 2016, report having no vehicles available. Public transportation is limited to the county transportation system that offers limited routes throughout the county and a trolley in the Village of Lake Placid primarily geared towards visitors. The percent of commuters who use alternate modes of transportation to work is 20.7% compared with the 22.6% for Upstate NY.

ACAP currently participates on the local ALICE Project overseen by the United Way of the Adirondack Region. One of the focuses of the group is to increase transportation options for the low-income population. The project is looking into options including the possibility of a Wheels-to-Work program.

Many seniors and people with disabilities rely on Medicaid Transportation to get to doctor's appointments, medical treatments and mental health services. ACAP Medicaid Transportation program has 8 volunteer drivers who provided 463 rides in 2017.

Recently New York Home Care Crisis Coalition members formed working groups to examine the issue of Transportation as it pertains to the lack of home care workers in the community. They surveyed their members and consumers around the state and found out the following information:

Geographic Characteristics: • Difficult weather conditions throughout much of the year. • Rural, hilly, isolated areas that create long distances between cases. Challenges • Limited mass transit. • Long travel time, short visits. • Cost of auto maintenance, lack of mileage reimbursement. • Aides not getting paid a living wage.

Model Solutions: • Multiple Aide agencies to collaborate & set-up zone areas of service allowing aides to work in smaller areas. • Subsidize transportation. • Funding for innovative programs to be piloted around the state. • Understanding the Unmet Need: Institute a uniform reporting mechanism requiring all counties, government offices, and providers to identify how many people are on their waiting lists (whether they are not being served because of lack of home care aides or due to lack of funding).

The agency continues to participate on the committees to address these issues including the Essex County Transportation Committee which includes Essex County Mental Health, Transportation, Department of Social Services, and the Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) The committee is looking into a possible AHI grant to increase options for low-income families in getting to and from appointments, the drug store and shopping.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START SPECIFIC DATA

Throughout this report, demographics and the data collected strongly support the need for a comprehensive program that focuses on the social, health, nutritional, educational, and emotional needs of children. Head Start combines these services along with parental involvement to provide a program that supports children and families' positive outcomes.

In an effort to meet the ever changing needs of the children, families, and community we serve the agency has worked closely with schools to develop options to best meet the needs of our community. The program currently operates to combined programs in local schools. As mentioned earlier in this report the agency is working closely with ECLC to develop infant and toddler options that best meet the needs of our community. The agency sees effort as critical to the mission of the agency in meeting the diverse needs of the low-income families with young children.

Decreasing population and Universal PreK have had an impact in Head Start over the past several years. Head Start has gone from consistently fully enrolled program of 125 in 2012/2013, to an average yearly enrollment of 117 in 2015/2016, and an average 108 in 2017/2018.

	Sept. 2017	Oct. 2017	Nov. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2018	March 2018	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018
Moriah	18	17	15	16	17	17	17	17	16	16
Ticonderoga	20	20	20	18	20	20	20	19	20	19
Home Base North*	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2
Home Base South*	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	7	6
Lake Placid	15	13	14	13	12	12	12	15	15	15
Saranac Lake	18	17	18	16	17	17	17	17	16	17
AuSable Forks	18	18	20	20	19	20	17	17	17	16
Elizabethtown/Lewis	14	15	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14
Totals	103	100	102	98	100	107	108	110	108	105

* Home Base North began operation March 2018 and Home Base South began operating February 2018

A. Demographics

- a) Eligible infants, toddlers, preschool age children, and expectant mothers

Based on data from the US Census Bureau, there are 1,536 children under the age of 5. Essex County's current poverty rate is 10.6%, the childhood poverty for ages 0-4 is 21.9%. Two of the thirteen schools which serve Essex County qualify for Free Lunch for all students enrolled. Seven of the thirteen schools have a Free/Reduced Lunch rate of over 50% (for more in depth information please refer to "Overview of Essex County" under population and Poverty).

The Program for Applied Demographics, Cornell University. Showed a decline of 0 – 29 Age Group averages 14% each decade. The K-12 Public School Enrollment studies undertaken by the Adirondack Park Regional Assessment (APRA) 2014 are supportive of Cornell's projections. Over the past ten years, the number of these students in the Park has gone down by more than 21%. Cornell projects an average loss of 604 residents per year from 2000 to 2020 in the 0 – 29 Age Group, while APRA 2014 projects an average loss of 422 students per year in grades K-12 from 2004 – 2014.

Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-4

Children represent a disproportionate share of the poor in our county and in the United States. In 2017 there were 19,554,400 children living in poverty. In Essex County 336 children, or 21.9% of children were living in poverty.

The long-term effects of poverty on children are well documented. A study by the National Center for Children in poverty at Columbia University found that children who grew up in poverty were not only more likely to experience poverty as adults, but that the likelihood of being poor in adulthood increase with the number of years spent in poverty as a child. Growing up in poverty are also more likely to develop chronic illnesses such as asthma or obesity.

Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-4 are shown for the report area. While data is not readily available to break down the data by individual age, it is reasonable to estimate that the county has approximately 334 eligible children a year with an average of 85 children per age (1-4). According to the *American Community Survey 5 year data*, an average of 21.9% percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is less than the national average of 23.6 percent.

Report Area	Ages 0-4 Total Population	Ages 0-4 In Poverty	Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate
Essex County, NY	1,538	336	21.9%
New York	1,149,470	270,883	23.6%
United States	19,554,400	4,614,933	23.6%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#). 2013-17. Source geography: County
Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate Essex County, NY (21.9%)New York (23.6%)United States (23.6%)0%50%

Children in Poverty by Gender: Age 0 – 4

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Essex County, NY	806	732	52.4%	47.6%
New York	137,995	132,888	23.49%	23.65%
United States	2,349,027	2,265,906	23.5%	23.7%

Data Source: American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 2011 – 2016

Live Births

According to NYS Department of Health, there were 336 Live Births in Essex County in 2016, with 29% of those births being unwed births. Of the 29% unwed births 5% were to mothers on Public Assistance, as compared to 2% for New York State. Births to teens in the county totaled 18, or 5.36% of all live births, in the report area.

Births Mother's Age

Report Area	Age Under 15	Age 15 to 17	Age 18 to 19	Total Live Births	Births to Teens	Births to Teens
Essex County	0	6	12	336	18	5.36%
New York	94	2,417	6,516	235,964	9,027	3.83%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: [New York State Department of Health](#), 2016. Source geography: county

Wages/Income

The ALICE report (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), a study of financial hardship in New York, despite overall improvement in employment and gains in median income, the recovery in NY has been uneven. Many ALICE households continue to face challenges from low wages, reduce work hours, depleted savings, and increasing cost. For the many households that earned just above the ALICE Threshold in the past, the increases in the cost of living have pushed them below the threshold and in financial hardship. According to the report 40% of the households in Essex County live below the ALICE Threshold and are unable to meet the daily cost of living. (To find out more about the Alice Report go to the United Way of the Adirondack Region's website)

The American Community Survey shows Essex County's median income as \$53,244, less than the NYS average of \$60,741. Unemployment rates for Essex County range from 4.0% to 7.9% over the course of the year, due in large to seasonal employment and the service industry. (pg. 17)

Average weekly wages for the report area during the period July - September, 2017, are provided below. Wage and employment figures are shown by county of employment. The report area has an average weekly wage of \$726.00.

Report Area	Total Employees	Avg Weekly Wage	Federal Employees	Avg Federal Government Weekly Wage	State/Local Employees	Avg State/Local Government Weekly Wage	Private Employees	Avg Private Weekly Wage
Essex County	14,984	\$726.00	316	\$1,208.00	3,701	\$916.00	10,967	\$667.00
New York	9,329,834	\$1,219.00	115,407	\$1,479.00	1,265,839	\$1,158.00	7,948,588	\$1,229.00

Data Source: US Department of Labor, [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), 2012-16. Source geography: county

b. Children experiencing homelessness

According to Essex County Department of Social Services they average between 10 to 12 homeless families with children a year. According to Cares NY there were 75 households in the Continuums of Care including: 62 households without children (containing 62 individuals), 13 households with both adults and children (containing 16 adults and 22 children), and no households of only unaccompanied minors (under 18 years of age).

ACAP Emergency Services often works with our local DSS to help transition families into permanent housing, by paying the security deposit.

c. Children in foster care

As stated under Community Assessment/Key Findings There is an urgent need for foster homes throughout the Adirondack region, particularly in Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties, as a crisis of heroin and other opioid drugs has added to the growing number of children who require foster placements. The number of children in need currently exceeds the capacity of the local foster system, with Essex County currently serving 37 foster children. Currently, Essex County has 18 foster homes and six which are kinship homes.

According to Essex County Department of Social Services there are currently 60 children in the care and custody of the Commissioner of Social Services. Status of those 60 children:

- 7 are in residential facilities (6 for evaluation only at this time)
- 0 in group home
- 18 in Berkshire Farm Center Foster Boarding Home
- 1 in Behavior Health Services North for Therapeutic Foster care
- 15 are in BFC regular boarding homes
- 8 are in BFC Certified Relative Foster Boarding Homes
- 3 are Pre-Adoptive
- 1 College
- 1 AWOL
- 2 Trial Discharge

d. Children with disabilities

Essex County’s Early Intervention program services children ages birth to three who have diagnosed disability or are delayed in their development. Their Preschool Program serves children ages 3-5 years old. Eligibility for preschool services is determined by a child’s individual school district’s committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) and follow Part 200 of the NYS Education Department; Regulations.

Children Service Data	2017	2016	2015
Early Intervention Referrals	85	73	67
Early Intervention Active Cases	64	69	70
Preschool Program Referrals	80	74	77
Preschool Program-Average # Receiving Services	120	120	112

There are 818 individuals receiving SSI including 100 children under the age of 18.

B. Needs of eligible children and their families for:

a. Education:

Children are born with the means to learn from the people and experiences they encounter, enabling them to acquire knowledge that affords academic success and personal fulfillment. In short, children’s realization of their potential is the culmination of healthy child development. Children’s healthy development—their successful attainment of physical, social emotional, and cognitive skills—is essential to their ability to succeed in a dynamic society. Yet, children who experience poverty are disproportionately at-risk of being exposed to factors that can (compromise their development. Furthermore, their reduced likelihood of meeting traditional childhood milestones can translate to adulthood outcomes that pose challenges to them throughout their entire life. (*Council on Children and Families – A Look at Poverty in New York State*)

Schools

There are eleven public school districts entirely within the county and two bordering districts which serve more than one county. Student to teacher ratio is lower than NY (9.0% in Essex County, 13.8% in NYS) and the percent of students that dropped out of high school (8.6%) is lower than the region (12.7%) and the state (12.8%).

Between 2000 and 2014, public school enrollment in the Adirondack Park has declined by about one-quarter. Within Essex County, enrollment has declined from 9.9% in Moriah to 47.8% in Newcomb. The average decline in school enrollment for this time period was 22.9%.

Private schools include:

- Lakeside School at Black Kettle Farms - Essex (serve children 0-9, up to 3rd grade)
- Little Peaks – Keene (serves children 3 – 5, PreK)
- Northern Lights – Saranac Lake (serves ages 0-6, including Kindergarten and Prek)

There are three Christian schools: St. Agnes (PreK – 3rd Grade) in Lake Placid, St. Bernard (K-5th Grade) in Saranac Lake, and St. Mary’s (PreK – 8th Grade) in Ticonderoga. There are three private boarding schools: Mountain Lake Academy, North Country School, and North Woods School located in Lake Placid. There is one community college, North Country Community College, located in Saranac Lake, with a satellite campus in Ticonderoga.

Education remains one of the critical factors for success for the population we serve and our community (see Income by Education Attainment pg. 9-10). Over the past few years, ACAP Head Start has worked closely with two of our local schools to address the needs of children ages 0 to 5 in our rural community as a result of this two schools currently have a combined Pre-K/Head Start program.

Systems are in place and schools and programs such as Head Start/Early Head Start work to address the needs of low income children and families. The rural nature of the county creates many barriers to providing services to this population.

See Overview of Essex County – Education for information on School Enrollment, High School Dropout, etc.

Literacy

Data from the National Assessment of Adult Literacy estimates that 12% of the population 16 and over in Essex County lacked basic prose literacy skills.

b. Health

Health Care

Licensed Providers (*Essex County Community Health Assessment 2016*)

Essex County a significantly lower Total Physicians per 100,000 population (93.5) compared to the region (214.2) and NY (307.0). Of particular note are rates of Primary Care Providers (54.5) compared to the region (81.5) and NY (94.5). There is one full time Pediatric provider, no Obstetrics/Gynecology Providers and limited Psychiatric services located in the county, especially for young children. Essex County Public Health reports they have 2 part-time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners and one, one-day per-week child psychiatrist.

There are five Primary Care Health Provider Shortage Areas in Essex County (covering 8,080 people); one Dental Care HPSA (covering 6,394 people); and one Mental Health HPSA (covering 35,299 people).

Medicare and Medicaid Providers

Total institutional Medicare and Medicaid providers, including hospitals, nursing facilities, Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and community mental health centers for the report area are shown. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 11 active Medicare and Medicaid institutional service providers in the report area in the first quarter of 2018.

Report Area	Total Institutional Providers	Hospitals	Nursing Facilities	Federally Qualified Health Centers	Rural Health Clinics	Community Mental Health Centers
Essex County	11	2	3	4	0	0
New York	2,384	246	621	419	8	0
United States	73,554	7,153	15,635	8,350	4,246	142

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [Provider of Services File](#), March 2018. Source geography: County

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

Essex County Public Health Annual Report 2017 showed:

	Essex County WIC Program Result	Regional Ranking	State Ranking (out of 91 agencies)
WIC Checks Redeemed	\$545,959	N/A	N/A
# of breast pump loans/issuances	26	N/A	N/A
Percent breastfeeding initiation rate	82.6%	1 st	N/A
Infants exclusively breastfed a 6 months	19.3%	1 st	8 th
Prenatal Enrollment in First Trimester	52.1%	3 rd	7 th
Daily consumption of fruits and vegetables	94.5%	1 st	1 st

ECPH also offers adult and child immunizations twice weekly at their main office, at WIC clinics and at flu clinics throughout Essex County.

	2017	2016	2015
Adult immunizations	334	470	372
Child Immunizations	115	114	99

Child Health Plus

The table below shows the total enrollment for the New York Child Health Plus program for each September 2010 - 2017. According to the New York Department of Health, there were 674 persons enrolled in the Child Health Plus Program during September 2017. Between September 2010 and September 2017, enrollment decreased in the report area by -154 persons, or -16.1%.

Report Area	Enrollment Sept 2010	Enrollment Sept 2011	Enrollment Sept 2012	Enrollment Sept 2013	Enrollment Sept 2014	Enrollment Sept 2015	Enrollment Sept 2016	Enrollment Sept 2017
Essex County	955	951	756	726	694	640	674	801
New York	395,312	411,892	345,741	309,335	292,802	277,947	303,430	350,195

Data Source: [New York State Department of Health](#). Source geography: county

Persons Receiving Medicaid

The average number of persons receiving Medicaid during 2014 is shown below for the report area.

Report Area	Recipients Children	Recipients Adults	Recipients Elderly	Recipients Disabled	Recipients Family Health	Recipients Other	Total	Per 1000
Essex County	2,032.67	2,087.92	253.42	1,305.92	342.83	15.08	\$5,948.58	151.82
New York	1,816,194.58	1,679,607.67	292,636	634,979.42	220,514.50	260,806.5	\$4,842,490.00	248.50

Data Source: [New York State Department of Health](#), 2010-14. Source geography: county

c. Nutrition

According to *Feeding America*, 9.9% of the population in Essex County is food insecure. Food insecurity rate for children much higher with 17.7% or 1,180 food insecure. Only 65% of this population is eligible for SNAP benefits.

SNAP is America's hunger safety net, helping working households in gaining access to critical nutritious food. Monthly benefits are used to purchase foods at authorized retail stores. In Essex County the NY Office of

Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 1,958 households or 12.8% of the households receive SNAP benefits.

Food insecurity has increased over the past few years, with 12.2% of respondents on our survey saying they have skipped or cut the size of a meal because there was not enough food. While 12% of the households receive SNAP, the increase cost of living leaves the 40% of ALICE (those who do not make an adequate wage to meet the current cost of living) are struggling to afford adequate food and nutrition for their families.

CHILD AND ADULT FEEDING PROGRAM (CACFP) DATA

Through ACAP Head Start as many as 108 children are able to improve their daily nutrition through CACFP. The program averaged 1,110 breakfasts and 1,020 lunches *per operating month* in the 2017-2018 year. During the 2017-2018 program year, 10,788 breakfast and 9,890 lunches were served.

ACAP Child Care sponsors CACFP (Child and Adult Food Program) for home care providers in Essex County. The program provides a partial reimbursement of the cost of healthy meals served in day care homes. The following information shows participation for 2017 – 2018.

- 25 Participating Providers
- 320 Children enrolled in CACFP
- 25,200 Breakfasts served
- 8,400 Morning Snacks
- 24,000 Lunches
- 30,000 Afternoon Snacks

Free and Reduced Lunch Program by School

The table below shows the number of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during January, 2018. The figures below include all School Food Authority agencies, including public and non-public.

	Enrollment	Free Eligible	Free Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Free and Reduced
Crown Point CSD	284	133	46.8%	37	13%	59.9%
Elizabethtown-Lewis CSD	279	147	52.7%	15	5.4%	58.1%
Keene CSD	170	45	26.5%	16	9.4%	35.9%
Lake Placid CSD	752	214	28.5%	56	7.4%	35.9%
Minerva CSD	99	58	58.6%	1	1%	59.6%
Moriah CSD	720	489	67.9%	0	0%	67.9%
Newcomb CSD	83	18	21.7%	12	14.5%	36.1%
Schroon Lake CSD	245	220	89.8%	0	0%	89.8%

	Enrollment	Free Eligible	Free Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Reduced Eligible	Free and Reduced
St Mary's School	103	40	38.8%	8	7.8%	46.6%
Ticonderoga CSD	808	534	66.1%	0	0%	66.1%
Westport CSD	213	78	36.6%	6	2.8%	39.4%
Willsboro CSD	260	127	48.8%	19	7.3%	56.2%
Essex County	4,016	2,103	52.4%	170	4.2%	56.6%
New York State	2,735,502	1,862,336	68.1%	56,776	2.1%	70.2%

Data Source: NYS Department of Education

Food assistance is also available through local food shelves/pantries and soup kitchens. ACAP operates 2 Food Pantries, one in Elizabethtown and one in Keeseville. In 2017, the food shelf served 163 people distributing 399 boxes of food to low-income families.

There are several other food shelves located through-out the county, supported by the Regional Food Bank including:

- Community Food Pantry – Elizabethtown
 - Jay/Wilmington Food Pantry
 - Lake Placid Ecumenical Food Pantry
 - Minerva Food Pantry
 - Schroon Lake Food Pantry
 - Ticonderoga Food Pantry
 - Town of Moriah Food Pantry
 - Westport Food Pantry
- d. Social Services

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The number of persons receiving TANF in January 2018, within the report area is shown in below. The New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance reported that 222 persons were receiving TANF benefits at a cost of \$68,477.00, or \$308.45 per recipient.

Report Area	Recipients Total	Recipients Children	Recipients Adults	Cases	Expenditures Total	Expenditures Per Case	Expenditures Per Person
Essex County	222	136	86	132	\$68,477.00	\$518.77	\$308.45
New York	540,031	264,964	275,067	284,536	\$189,852,839	\$667.24	\$351.56

Data Source: [New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance](#). Source geography: county

C. Schedules of parents with eligible children

a) Work

According to the NYS Department of Labor statistics there are 149,130 people employed in Essex County as of January of 2018. The service industry including account for 20.6% of the jobs. Add in other low paying occupations such as Personal Care and Service; Building and Grounds, Cleaning and Maintenance and Healthcare Support which account for another 8.6%, all of which pay less than the \$53,244.00 Essex County and \$60,741.00 NYS median income and many of these families are the working poor that Head Start/Early Head Start work with.

Many of these jobs listed below require shift work and many are seasonal. Occupations with an asterisk (*) in the chart below require shift work, and are low-paying jobs.

Occupations	Employment	Mean	Median	Entry	Experienced
Office and Administrative Support	21,710	\$36,470	\$33,940	\$24,210	\$42,590
Sales and Related *	15,860	\$32,030	\$24,710	\$21,730	\$37,180
Food Preparation & Serving Related *	14,850	\$25,890	\$22,770	\$21,632	\$28,360
Education, Training and Library	13,390	\$50,900	\$47,810	\$24,330	\$64,190
Health Practitioners and Technical *	10,220	\$78,800	\$64,160	\$39,220	\$98,590
Production	7,810	\$39,480	\$37,280	\$24,990	\$46,720
Transportation & Material Moving *	7,780	\$34,040	\$30,400	\$22,080	\$40,020
Protective Service	7,220	\$62,490	\$65,510	\$38,720	\$74,380
Personal Care and Service *	7,210	\$28,710	\$25,350	\$21,750	\$32,190
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	6,920	\$46,780	\$43,050	\$28,770	\$55,790
Construction and Extraction	6,050	\$48,320	\$43,840	\$32,600	\$56,180
Management Occupations	5,640	\$95,710	\$88,380	\$53,750	\$116,690
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	5,600	\$30,380	\$27,600	\$22,290	\$34,420
Healthcare Support *	5,370	\$32,180	\$30,130	\$23,370	\$36,590
Business and Financial	4,350	\$64,450	\$60,950	\$39,800	\$76,780
Community and Social Services	3,630	\$48,220	\$45,870	\$30,050	\$57,310

b) School/Training

The majority of school and training hours are within normal working hours, the exception would be for parent/guardians working and going to school.

D. Other child development programs serving eligible children including

CURRENT ACTIVE CHILD CARE IN ESSEX COUNTY

Licensed/Registered Providers: 37

Exempt Legally Providers: 20

Small Day Care Centers: 1

After School Programs: 4

E. Resources available in the community/ strengths of the community

The resources and strengths of our community are in the strong partnerships Head Start/Early Head Start have developed with Health and Human Services Providers, Schools/Educational Institutions, Local Government, Community Resources, and Businesses. The list below gives a comprehensive view of the many programs, services, and resources available, how Head Start/Early Head Start partner with the different entities.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS - 2018

New (2017) Partners and Info

New (2018) Partners and Info

PARTNER	HOW WE PARTNER
<p>Essex County Dept of Social Services Commissioner: Michael Mascarenas PO Box 217 E'town, NY 12932 #: 873-3440</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protective Services • Preventive Services • Foster Care/Adoption • Medicaid/Transportation • Financial Assistance,TANF (Eligibility),SNAP • Child Support • HEAP 	<p>Policy Council Community Representative</p> <p>Reciprocal Referrals</p> <p>Provides TANF/Foster Care documentation to determine EHS/HS eligibility</p> <p>Collaborative Staff Meeting between EHS/HS programs and DSS programs</p> <p>Car seats and safety info provided to families</p> <p>Membership on Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC)</p>
<p>Essex County Health Department Director: Linda Beers PO Box 217 E'town, NY 12932 #873-3500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIC • MOMS Program • Children's Services: Director – Lucianna Celotti, (Part C) Service Coordinator – Denise Wiley (Part C) 	<p>Health support services to EHS pregnant women and EHS staff/resources</p> <p>2 Maternal Nurses (MOMS), WIC representative, and Dir. Of Children's Services are active members of the EHS/HS HSAC</p> <p>Provide various EHS/HS staff/parent training</p> <p>Reciprocal Referrals</p> <p>Sharing Growth Assessment Data</p> <p>Children's Services: Formal agreements with 2 Part C agencies (MOU's)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breastfeeding Coalition 	<p>B. Coalition "Block Party" participation: Walk, Bike Helmets, Free Books, Car seat Checks, Child ID's, Wic info, Food demos. Mgmt. Team member sits on the Coalition.</p>
<p>CPSE Chairpersons</p>	<p>Formal agreements (LEAs) with 10 area schools</p> <p>Partners with EHS/HS Special Services Coordinator (SSC) to provide family support/guidance throughout the referral process</p>
<p>Franklin County Early Intervention Franklin County Public Health Contact: Erin Striffe 125 Catherine Street Room 101 Malone, NY 12953 #: 891-4471 Ext. 3014</p>	<p>MOU offered – Part C</p>
<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moriah Central Ticonderga Central Willsboro Central Lake Placid Central Saranac Lake Central – Petrova, B'dale St. Agnes St. Bernard's Westport Central E'town/Lewis Central AuSable Forks Central Crown Point Central Schroon Lake Central 	<p>UPK Collaborations – ELCS and AVCS – operating – many collaborative mtgs with HS and school district personnel</p> <p>Formal agreements – LEAs (Local Education Agency)</p> <p>CPSE meetings</p> <p>Distribution of Recruitment Flyers to all elementary students</p> <p>Collaboration re: school readiness and transition activities</p> <p>Provides and supports membership on the EHS/HS HSAC</p> <p>Moriah CS provides gas for bus at a reduced rate</p>
<p>Pre-Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Corner Children's Development Group Kids-R-U's 	<p>Collaborative relationships</p>
<p>Medical Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Associates of Saranac Lake UVM/ECH Family Practice Clinic UVM/AuSable Forks Health Center UVM/Smith House Health Care Center UVM/Westport Health Center 	<p>Signed agreements to perform staff physical</p> <p>Membership on EHS/HS HSAC</p>
<p>Community Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area Fire Depts. Past Parents Local Libraries Extended family members 	<p>Field Trip Hosts</p> <p>Guests presentations to children/parents – E/L Fire Dept. visited E/L HS/PreK classroom – 10/18</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescue Squads • ORDA • Law Enforcement Agencies • Highway Departments • Nurseries • Local elected officials • Senior Centers • Vet/SPCA Facilities • Farms/Local food producers <p>Thrift/Consignment Shops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping Hands – L. Placid • GO Fish – Sar. Lake • Adirondack Attic - Keene • St. Luke’s Budget Box – Sar. Lake • Adirondack Attic – Keene • ReNew – Essex • Riverside – Wilmington • Mountainside Bible Church – Schroon Lake • Elizabethtown Thrift – E’town • First United Meth. Church - Ti • Clothing Warehouse – Mtn. Lake Services 	<p>Story Hours/Use of facilities/Use of computers for families</p> <p>Elected officials invited to visit sites and read to children</p> <p>NYS Police and Essex Co. Deputy visited Moriah HS – playground activities with children</p> <p>Many field trips to local apple orchards</p> <p>Law Enforcement: Pre-employment checks, and Child ID Card program</p> <p>Offer household and clothing items at little or no cost to EHS/HS families in need</p>
<p>Families First Director: Joanne Caswell PO Box 565 196 Water Street E’town, NY 12932 #873-9544</p>	<p>Newsletters provided to EHS/HS</p> <p>Reciprocal referrals</p> <p>Resource sharing</p> <p>Membership on HSAC</p>
<p>St. Joseph’s Substance Abuse Treatment Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ticonderoga – 585-7934 • Saranac Lake – 891-5353 • Elizabethtown – 873-9144 	<p>Newsletters provided to us</p> <p>Training provided for staff</p> <p>Resource sharing</p> <p>Reciprocal referrals</p>
<p>North Country Child Care Coordinating Council</p>	<p>Recipients of NCCC training calendar with open invitations for staff development</p> <p>Resource sharing</p>
<p>Taylor Tree Care and Nursery</p>	<p>Donations of plants for family/site gardens</p>
<p>North Country Community College</p>	<p>NCCC posts ACAP EHS/HS job openings</p>

	<p>ACAP EHS/HS invites students in the fields of Human Services and Child & Family Services to visit/observe in our sites</p> <p>ACAP EHS/HS hosts NCCC interns</p> <p>Mgmt. Team (2) attended NCCC Job Fair – 4/18</p>
<p>Essex County Probation Department PO Box 217 E'town, NY 12932 #873-3650</p>	<p>Provides notification of local identified sexual predators/offenders and information regarding restrictions</p>
<p>Foster Grandparent Program PO Box 701 80 Park Street Suite 2 Tupper Lake, NY 12986 # 359-7688</p>	<p>Provides 2 Foster Grandparents to work with individual children to enhance physical, mental, emotional and social development</p> <p>Foster Grandparent placed in Moriah HS – 10/18</p>
<p>Housing Assistance Program for Essex County (HAPEC) PO Box 157 103 Hand Ave. E'town, NY 12932 #873-6888</p>	<p>Offers training and assistance to parents who are first time home buyers</p> <p>Accepts referrals</p> <p>Assists with parents needing HUD/rental information</p>
<p>Behavioral Health Services North 22 US Oval Suite 218 Plattsburgh, NY 12903</p> <p>#563-8206</p> <p>Satellite: <u>STOP Domestic Violence</u> office located in Westport, NY 1-888-563-6904</p>	<p>Reciprocal referrals in regards to the STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM</p> <p>Provides support and guidance for families experiencing domestic violence and/or in need of developing a safety plan</p>
<p>Moriah Shock Camp Sgt. Evens 56 Burhart Lane Mineville NY 12956 # 942-7561 Ext. 5200</p>	<p>Provides work crews for EHS/HS maintenance projects, playground installations, moving sites, etc.</p>
<p>Literacy Volunteers of Essex County Director: Marie Despres Port Henry Office – 546-3008 Tri-Lakes Office – 891-5567</p>	<p>Provides resources</p> <p>Accepts referrals</p> <p>EHS/HS participates in the “Dolly Parton Imagination Library”</p>
<p>John Haverlick, LCSW 51 Beede Lane Keene Valley, NY 12943 Office: 873-6336 Cell: 637-5492</p>	<p>Provides EHS/HS counseling services to parents/children and staff training at a reduced rate – In-Kind</p> <p>EHS/HS HSAC member</p>

<p>ACAP Community Action Angels PO Box 848 Elizabethtown, NY 12932 #873-3207 or 1-877-873-2979</p>	<p>Provides support/resources to expectant families by providing a gift bag of baby items after delivery</p> <p>Provides diapers, wipes, formula to EHS/HS families in need</p>
<p>Local Early Intervention Coalition Committee (LEICC)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Essex County Preschool Steering Committee</p>	<p>Provides networking opportunities with agencies serving 0-5 population and their families</p> <p>Provide community event updates</p> <p>Provides local training opportunities</p> <p>Provides the opportunity to review updated forms, current practices and regulations</p>
<p>Adirondack Birth - to -Three Alliance Exec. Director: Megan Murphy Heaven Hill farm 302 Bear Cub Road Lake Placid, NY 12946</p>	<p>EHS/HS Director and EHS Coordinator are members of the Alliance, and attend meetings – results in networking, collaboration, etc.</p> <p>EHS/HS Mgmt. Team assisted ECDSS and the B-to-3 Alliance with planting a pin wheel garden, to launch “Child Abuse Prevention Month”.</p> <p>Provides advocacy/research/statistical data to support early childhood education</p> <p>Collaboration continuing with 2018 membership</p>
<p>Berkshire Farms Program Coordinator: Lori Beer Water Street Elizabethtown, NY 12932 # 1-844-4BRKSHR (1-844-427-5747)</p> <p>*Usually in the office on Tuesdays</p>	<p>Contracts with Essex County DSS to provide oversight of foster homes and foster youth</p> <p>Participated in “Get Acquainted”/networking meeting – program info shared, mgmt. team introductions, EHS/HS applications provided</p> <p>Referrals/collaboration continue – 1 EHS HV conducts HV’s at their office as supervised visitation is required</p>
<p>ACAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Work Source • Child Care Resource & Referral • After School/Wee Care Child Care Center • Emergency needs/Food /Homeless Assistance • Weatherization/Energy Services • Nutrition Services 	<p>Reciprocal Referrals</p> <p>“Holidays Are For Sharing” for all EHS/HS families</p> <p>Advocacy & information sharing in order to best serve EHS/HS families</p> <p>Co-membership on various ACAP committees (HSAC)</p> <p>Medicaid/Medical Transportation Services</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adirondack Assist <p>PO Box 848 7572 Court Street Suite 2 Elizabethtown, NY 12932</p> <p># 518 873-3207 or 1-877-873-2979</p> <p>Franklin County Public Health Service Coordinator: Peg Cantwell, RN 125 Catherine Street Malone, NY 12953</p> <p>#891-4471 Ext: 3006</p>	<p>Reciprocal referrals</p> <p>Support and resource for staff, families</p>
<p>Franklin County Dept. of Social Services - Children’s Services Unit Caseworker: Heather Darrah, Tiarra Dumont 136 Broadway Saranac lake, NY 12983</p> <p>891-0240 Ext. 3305</p>	<p>Resource and support provided to staff and families in regards to suspected child abuse and neglect and foster care</p> <p>Fr. Co. DSS provides documentation in regards to families in receipt of TANF benefits and foster care status, for the purpose of determining EHS/HS eligibility</p>
<p>Local Public School Transportation Supervisors</p>	<p>Resource info provided regarding bus regulations</p> <p>Provides EHS/HS Transportation Coordinator with 19-A testing, at no charge</p> <p>Collaborative relationship established with Dean Lincoln, Trans. Super at AVCS – PreK/HS</p>
<p>NYS Dept of Transportation (DOT) Paul Nichols</p>	<p>Provides resource info regarding DOT regulations</p>
<p>Essex County Highway Department</p>	<p>Collaborates with EHS/HS and local towns to enable gas purchases at a reduced cost</p>
<p>Safe Kids Adirondack</p>	<p>EHS/HS Transportation Coordinator is a member of the SKA board</p> <p>Provides safety info, bicycle helmets, and car seats to EHS/HS families in need</p>
<p>Human Services Coalition</p>	<p>ACAP staff, including EHS/HS, participate as members and have established collaborative relationships with several human services agencies in the county – all indicated in this partner list</p>
<p>EHS/HS Site Hosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Patrick’s Church St. Agnes Church Champlain Valley Educational Services (CVES) Saranac Lake Central School Elizabethtown/Lewis Central School 	<p>Reduced rental space – In-kind</p> <p>Assistance with some maintenance</p> <p>“Good Samaritan” relationships</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Jay • Town of Lewis • Richard Gasser – property owner • HUI, LLC – property owner 	
Essex County Mental Health Association 1696 NYS Rt 9N Westport, NY 12993 #962-2077	Reciprocal referrals Resource info & family support Member of HSAC
Youth Advocate Program Director: Tom Bisselle 222 Water Street Elizabethtown, NY 12932 #873-9281	Will extend invitation to Tom B. to come and present to the EHS/HS Mgmt. Team – June 2017 Will attempt to reschedule for 2018
Municipal In-Kind <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village of Lake Placid – Boat House • Town of Willsboro - Noblewood Pavilion 	Donated space for various events
HS Evacuation Sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M’ville/Witherbee Fire Dept. • Moriah Central School • Ticonderoga Fire Dept. • Best Western – Ticonderoga • St. Agnes School • St. Agnes Church • Home Energy • K & E Enterprises • AuSable Forks Elem. School • AuSable Forks Fire Dept. • ACAP, Inc. • Lewis Town Hall 	Provide emergency evacuation sites for all Head Start centers, at no cost
Essex County Suicide Prevention Coalition Contact: Shelby Davis shelby@mhainessex.org	EHS/HS representative attends Coalition meetings The Coalition provides “ Pocket guide to Essex County Resources ” to all EHS/HS families
North Country Thrive www.northcountrythrive.org	Provides support for the Pre-K grant Provided many children’s books for the program Provide data to assist us with recruitment/enrollment
Samaritan House	“Meet and Greet” took place in July ‘17

<p>Ecumenical Council of Saranac Lake</p> <p>Provides safe transitional housing for persons without adequate, stable shelter and support. Contact: Ernie Hough Cell: 518-332-0226 Office: 518-354-8662</p> <p>Cornell Cooperative Extension Box 388 Westport, NY 12993</p> <p>518-962-4810</p> <p>Carly Summers cfs82@cornell.edu</p>	<p>Reciprocal referrals.</p> <p>Share nutritional/educational opportunities with our enrolled parents</p> <p>Resource information and family support</p> <p>Provide opportunity for ACAP to display info/applications/promotional items during the Essex County Fair week in August.</p> <p>Farmer’s Market Tours & Cooking Demos</p>
<p>Adirondack Helping Hands 185 Margaret Street, Suite 100 Plattsburgh, NY 12901</p>	<p>Reciprocal referrals</p> <p>Resource info</p> <p>Collaborative relationship with EHS/HS SSC to provide family support/guidance through the referral process</p>
<p>Heaven Hill Farms 302 Bear Cub Lane Lake Placid, NY 12946</p>	<p>Donated space for trainings/meetings</p>
<p>Mountain Lake Services 10 St. Patrick’s Place Port Henry, NY 12974</p>	<p>Reciprocal referrals</p> <p>Resource info</p> <p>Collaborative relationship with EHS/HS SSC to provide family support/guidance through the referral process</p>
<p>DaCy Meadow Farm Westport, NY 12993</p> <p>518-962-2350</p> <p>dacymeadowfarm@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Field trip host</p> <p>Exploring possibility of offering “community garden” to our parents – will be able to harvest vegetables at no cost if help with the gardens</p>
<p>Food Pantries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AuSable Forks Town Hall • Crown Point Methodist Church • Church of the Good Shepard • Keene library • Lake Placid Ecumenical Pantry • Moriah Food Pantry 	<p>Provide food to families in need</p> <p>Westport Pantry will deliver to families in that town</p> <p>Pantries agreed to provide all consumers with an EHS/HS flyer and promotional bag</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountainside Bible Church /Schroon Lake Pantry • First United Methodist Church • Willsboro Pantry • Westport Pantry • Whiteface Community Meth. Church • Grace Pantry 	<p>EHS Home Visitors and HS Family Workers personally delivered bags/flyers/business cards to each pantry.</p>
<p>Special Needs Service Providers</p>	<p>“Therapist’s Handbook” developed by the SSC. Providers have received a copy and have submitted a sign-off form indicating their agreement to abide by program standards, policies and procedures.</p>
<p>American Red Cross – North Country Chapter</p>	<p>Offered to present class on Citizen’s Preparedness, smoke detector installation, and parent education – Ti site</p>
<p>Substance Abuse prevention Team</p>	<p>Collaboration with Ti HS/EHS beginning – interested in doing an on-going series of mtgs with parents</p>
<p>UPDATED 10/2018</p>	