

Waldo County : An assessment- 2017



Method: Training assistants Jan. 31, 2017



Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Thanks, Introductions

10min.

2. Background - Waldo County

5 min.

3. Poverty in Waldo county- don't be shocked

5 min.

4. Background of AWWC and assessment process

10 min.

5. Conducting the surveys

10 min.

6. Conducting focus groups

5 min.

7. Distribution of surveys- electronic – “Snowballing.”

5 min.

8. distribution of surveys - hand copies
(Jan Dodge and Paul Sheridan)

5 min.

- **quick break and reconvene for...**

9. Sorting out assignments within Waldo county

10 min.

10. Handing in completed surveys

10 min.

11. Timeline for our work

10 min.

- Questions?

As needed

Distribution Strategies

- Snowballing via each assistant's contact group on email
- Online survey on aginwellinwaldocounty.org
- Research assistants attended:
 - Churches
 - Lunches
 - Club meetings
 - Town meetings
 - Local hangouts
 - Etc.

Item 27 and 27A

What is working for you in your community?

What is not?

Focus Groups -3

- The focus group questions were:
 - > 1. What in your community or area is an asset to people 50 and over?
 - > 2. What in your community or area needs to be different or changed to suit people 50 and over?
 - > 3. If there is one thing you could change in your community or area, what would that be?
 - > 4. Do you have anything else you would like to say?

Belfast	310	29.6%
Belmont or Morrill	22	2.1%
Brooks	17	1.6%
Burnham or Troy	30	2.8%
Frankfort or Prospect	23	2.1%
Freedom or Montville	41	3.9%
Islesboro	32	3.0%
Jackson	26	2.4%
Knox or Thorndike	22	2.1%
Liberty or Palermo	107	10.2%
Lincolnton	36	3.4%
Monroe	40	3.8%
Northport	28	2.6%
Searsmont	64	6.1%
Searsport	44	4.2%
Stockton Springs	55	5.2%
Swanville	20	1.9%
Unity	12	1.1%
Waldo	25	2.3%
Winterport	46	4.3%
No Responses	47	4.4%
Total	1047	100%

2. How many years have you lived in Waldo County?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
0-5	155	14.8%
6-20	329	31.4%
21-50	373	35.6%
All my life	138	13.1%
No Responses	52	4.9%
Total	1047	100%

4. How many years old are you?

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
50-55		76	7.2%
56-59		95	9.0%
60-65		199	19.0%
66-70		223	21.2%
71-75		189	18.0%
76-79		85	8.1%
80+		126	12.0%
No Responses		54	5.1%
Total		1047	100%

7. Is your housing situation ideal for you now?

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes		823	84.3%
No		163	16.7%
Total		976	100%

9A. If no, please **check** those that apply to your situation:

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Paying for fuel is a problem		94	67.1%
There are problems with insulation		89	63.5%
Total		140	100%

10A. If **transportation** is an issue for you, why?

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
No problems		498	77.8%
Money is an issue		71	11.0%
No vehicle		26	4.0%
No public transportation		43	6.7%
Uncomfortable asking for rides		42	6.5%
Difficulty walking		48	7.5%
Total		640	100%

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12. Do you feel **included** and respected as an older person?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	839	80.1%
No	124	11.8%
No Responses	84	8.0%
Total	1047	100%

14. How do you find out what's happening?

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Read the newspaper		619	63.1%
Use the internet		676	68.9%
Go to church		292	29.7%
Talk to friends		679	69.2%
Watch TV		476	48.5%
Listen to the radio		400	40.8%
Total		980	100%

16. When you go out, what kinds of things do you do?

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Walks		679	68.7%
Exercise class		264	26.7%
Sports		109	11.0%
Visit friends		619	62.7%
Religious gathering		287	29.0%
Cards or bingo		88	8.9%
Restaurant		614	62.2%
Hobby group		125	12.6%
Volunteer		407	41.2%
Classes		241	24.4%
Medical appointments		634	64.2%
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21. Do you **visit** any of these public spaces?

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Public parks		641	67.7%
Public buildings/libraries		668	70.6%
Walking trails		515	54.4%
no		129	13.6%
Total		946	100%

Help out through a local organization, service group or church		501	56.4%
Help others informally		412	46.3%
Would like to do more		159	17.9%
Not interested in volunteering		114	12.8%
Total		888	100%

22. Where do you get your food?

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Supermarket		910	94.6%
Farmers' market		486	50.5%
Convenience stores		189	19.6%
Co-op		413	42.9%
Local farms		241	25.0%
Food pantry/soup kitchen		59	6.1%
My own garden		417	43.3%
I do not have enough food		18	1.8%
Total		961	100%

24. How will you get around?

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Public transportation		94	10.0%
Rides for seniors		110	11.8%
Will drive as long as I can		754	80.9%
My family will drive me		115	12.3%
Someone will help		100	10.7%
Do not know		153	16.4%

26. What are your concerns about dying?

		Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Pain		282	31.2%
Being alone		186	20.6%
Adequate care		234	25.9%
Medical bills		271	30.0%
None		379	42.0%