

2024 SPFC Community Needs Assessment: Open Ended Question Responses

Possible challenges for YOUR family and/or families you work with in Stokes County: Other Challenges

- *My son was signed up for head start for 3 and 4 year olds and they filled up with 4 year olds and he couldn't attend*
- *When my kids are sick and they need a doctors appointment sometimes it's hard to get them scheduled because the doctors office says they don't have any open slots which I understand but can be frustrating when my kid is sick*
- *Would like more resources for young children in other areas of the county. We do not have parks or anything like that in the walnut cove area. The library is a helpful resource but, would love to have other things to do.*
- *Finding a job that fits school hours 8-2*
- *Reliable high speed cable internet*
- *Having the time to find resources I know are out there but take knowing somebody to find*
- *Lack of job listings the county building or somewhere should have a on going updated lists*
- *Transportation is a huge problem for this county due to being a rural area.*
- *Urgent care open past 5pm*
- *My soon to be ex husband is abusing his VA benefits and is working the system to avoid child support payments.*
- *Being able to pay all my bills*
- *Need more to offer children in the area of community engagement*
- *55% of people do not have work ethic anymore.*

Comments on any of the above challenges:

- *Applied for 3yr for head start was told i would get in because of his behavior and him being one of 7 children. We did not get in!*
- *As a community member, I think there will always be some challenges. Perhaps getting more community members/businesses involved in discussing areas that will support our young children would result in reducing or eliminating some of these challenges/barriers.*
- *Assistance for children with behavioral and mental health needs is severely lacking. We have been looking for respite care for more than 3 years. We have been looking for intensive in-home support for more than 2 years as a step down service for more than 2 years. It is incredibly disheartening and we are considering leaving the county.*
- *Daycare options are extremely limited in Danbury area that I drive an hour to take my children to daycare.*
- *Domestic violence is often times undetected in homes.*
- *Drug problems are huge in this county.*
- *I am a community member with all associated family members now teens or older however, I do think Stokes Co needs more for the young children, i.e. Little Folks. I think the Stokes Partnership does an awesome job but they could use more help from others.*
- *Immediate and convenient access to youth mental health counseling is a huge issue*
- *It is hard to break the cycle of unemployment and being uneducated.*
- *It would be nice if Pre K was like school. You don't go by income based to get into Pre K. To me this is saying if you parents are not low income you can't get the jump on learning because you don't qualify but yet your parents can't afford to pay for Pre K*
- *Love the opportunity to receive new books for my little one*
- *Most of these do not apply to our family but since it says and/or families you work with, I was going by what I know to be true and hear from teachers and other parents.*
- *My husband recently left me and our now 8yr old and Stokes county do not offer help with finding a job or anything unless your behind on your bills ect. I NEED A JOB*
- *None apply to me and my family but are issues I know exist in the community. I am a teacher in Stokes County.*
- *Not enough programs for children in the stokes area*
- *Ongoing*
- *Our family currently is struggling with obtaining information regarding our almost 4 year old attending pre-k due to medical complexities that have delayed potty training.*
- *"Stokes County is growing and access to quality childcare is a challenge for families. I know many families who are barely treading water in this economy yet are denied childcare vouchers and have lost their childcare placement. We have long waiting lists and people who have had to travel farther to gain access to another facility for their child which*

does cause for earlier mornings and evenings for families and decreases the amount of quality time parents have with their children before bedtime.

- *Wages should be increased for childcare workers to incentivize qualified educators to remain in this field and help close the revolving door of staff. We know that steady caregivers increase positive outcomes for children and will close the ratio gaps to keep more children in the building. These are likely not county-level issues aside from perhaps opening more centers in the area to accommodate the growing population. Wages and benefits should be changed on the federal level. "*
- *The lack of child care in the northern part of the county for everyone*
- *The lack of childcare options is a huge issue our family faces. We are a single income household due to not having childcare/after school care for our children. Our kids are in the after school program at school but there are days that the program is closed as well as every Friday they are closed. Not to mention teacher workdays & such. We don't have much family in the area to help so I'd love for them to have a daycare they could attend.*
- *The need for a county wide ALL included/inclusive pre-k and preschool that doesn't cost an arm and a leg should be available to all Stokes County Children. A lot of states offer as soon as the child turns 3 to start funded preschool or pre kindergarten school. It's such a disservice to our kids to not have that available for all children in our County and state. Parents shouldn't have to pay to send a child to preschool to learn and adjust. I was denied due to their dad making too much, while I'm a non-income earning stay at home mom to two toddlers.*
- *The needs of special needs children are very under serviced in this county.*
- *The resources in Stokes County are limited. The resources that are available have long waiting lists or no availability.*
- *There is a lack of resources for children with exceptional needs and children with behavioral needs and their families and educators.*
- *There is nowhere to seek help when you know someone is off their meds and they are about to get into trouble but they haven't broken any laws yet to try and prevent a problem from happening*
- *There needs to be more high quality mental health services fir children in Stokes County. The families also need help navigating their way to get the help. The process is complicated to people that don't work in the mental health field.*
- *There needs to be more quality mental health services for children. There also needs to be a person that can guide parents through the process.*
- *Unaware of services provided by Stokes Partnership*
- *We do not have and issues or concerns with the resources available! There is a shortage on availability with child care centers but overall everything is great!*
- *We need child care for our 3 year old. That is affordable we can't afford \$150-200 a week*

What is your GREATEST concern about raising a young child(-ren) and preparing for Kindergarten?

- *Access to a school that is not almost an hour away from where I live*
- *Access to affordable daycare and or preschool.*
- *Access to high quality childcare/pre-k. Few childcare options in the county; working families whose children qualify for NC Pre-K are unable to enroll their children due to no wraparound care available*
- *Affordability of quality care*
- *Affordable and available child care before 6am*
- *Affording clothes, educational supplies and entertainment for the child*
- *Age appropriate development*
- *Behavior*
- *Being able to afford after school care or care when school is out.*
- *Bulling!*
- *Child safety and school readiness*
- *Childcare*
- *Childcare centers are not preparing children and most of the directors/ owners don't have the love and compassion for children that they should*
- *Childcare options in the northern/eastern part of Stokes County are not there. Folks in these areas of the county need affordable/quality childcare.*
- *Concerns for my child are lack of social/emotional development or readiness related to lack of early childhood facilities in northern stokes county.*
- *Cost of fees, all cost in general and safety.*
- *Delays and being behind*

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- *Educating parents of small children so that they know to read to their children and offer their children vegetables with meals.*
- *Expense and availability of childcare/Pre-K programs that fit a working parent's schedule. For example, we do not qualify for the public school-based Pre-K due to what we make financially. Both of us work and still have working parents, so we need all day childcare. There are only a few places that provide all day childcare plus a Pre-K curriculum. So we have to select one of those AND we really could only afford to have one kid in at a time.*
- *Exposure to topics and language that we do not use in our home*
- *Find quality child care in Stokes County, especially outside of King and Walnut Cove. Also, finding and retaining a qualified early childhood workforce.*
- *Getting child care*
- *Getting my children in an affordable, high-quality program to prepare them for kindergarten. Our family makes too much money to qualify for assistance but with the current state of the economy, we live paycheck to paycheck. Also, most all resources for young children are in King -- there are hardly any options in the northern part of the county (Danbury, Lawsonville, etc)*
- *Getting them to follow simple instructions*
- *Greatest concern is making sure he is ready for kindergarten*
- *Having a school close by*
- *Having access to programs for special needs children.*
- *Having the available resources for pre kindergarten learning at home. As well as which schools are best etc.*
- *Having the tools and resources necessary to prepare children for kindergarten.*
- *Having them ready to have a good start of what they need to know heading into Kindergarten.*
- *Healthy, organic foods are outrageous. The other foods have dyes and bioengineered ingredients*
- *How violent the children in schools can be.*
- *I do not have a child that is preparing for kindergarten.*
- *I don't want my kid to be bullied. Especially because the schools don't hold kids accountable for their actions and for bullying*
- *I don't have a young child however, I feel one of the greatest concerns for parents/guardians of young children is to find the necessary high quality childcare facility and be able to get their child to the programs available. I think the greatest concern is financial to support the many areas of raising a child.*
- *I want to make sure I'm fully prepared to homeschool. I want to find sports in the county that my children can be involved in since we are going to be homeschooling.*
- *I worry about the safety of schools.*
- *I'm worried my child will be ahead of other children her age and I don't feel like our school system supports youth who are ahead of their grade level.*
- *If I had a young child, my biggest concern would be if there is enough room/space in the quality education programs for my child. I don't know that there are enough offerings for all those in our community. Perhaps we as a community could work toward providing more funding, educational classrooms and before/after care to meet growing need.*
- *Just making sure that they are as prepared as they can be. Kindergarten is so advanced now. I don't want them to fall behind.*
- *Just making sure they know everything they need to know for Kindergarten.*
- *Lack of God in society*
- *Lack of interest*
- *Lack of parental involvement*
- *Lack of quality child care and child mental health services.*
- *Lack of resources and knowledge for parent to prepare their children*
- *Lack of support and speech delay*
- *Learning materials*
- *Learning to get along with other children and trying to get a good education*
- *Making sure my son is ready for kindergarten both academically and socially*
- *Making sure they're prepared and ready.*
- *Meeting the needs and requirements*

**(What is your GREATEST concern about raising a young child(-ren) and preparing for Kindergarten?
Continued)**

- *Mother greatest concern would be local enrichment programs. I have to travel 30min to 1hr for my kids to even go to the library here in Lawsonville.*
- *My child isn't used to being around other children, majority of the time. I am really concerned about that Being an issue when she starts school and my Second Childish three years old so she hasn't started kindergarten yet and Isn't as eager to learn as my first child. So I'm worried about her being way behind when she starts kindergarten.*
- *My child meeting educational goals due to classroom sizes and student/teacher ratios. Combining of schools is increasing classroom sizes.*
- *My child will not be interested in learning as in being bored by the subjects.*
- *My child's well being and being shown direction*
- *My grand children don't qualify for income based Pre K but my daughter can't afford to pay for Pre K so to me they can't prepare like low income children can*
- *My greatest concern is sending my children off to school in the world we live in.*
- *My greatest concern is that the children are playing more than learning.*
- *My greatest concern was finding before/after school childcare*
- *My greatest concern would be the transition. I feel this is that hardest part for any parent, but we have many resources available that can help our families!*
- *No child care options, everyone has a waiting list and there is nowhere around offering child care*
- *Not being able to afford clothes and school supplies*
- *Not being prepared because they didn't have access to pre-k or early intervention services*
- *Not enough help and convenient*
- *Not enough social/emotional learning*
- *Not having resources available*
- *Over crowding schools in rural areas, lack of time for teachers to help children individually due to over crowding, teachers who care about students well being*
- *parental understanding of child development, parental involvement, lack of child care teachers*
- *Parents who do not socialize their children until they are of age to start Kindergarten (no childcare outside the home, pre-school, etc.).*
- *pre-k*
- *preparing students academically for the ridiculous requirements put forth by the state when they go through kindergarten*
- *Preparing them to be apart from their parents/family for such a long period during the day when all they are used to is time at home with parents.*
- *Private childcare in Stokes County is not up to standard.*
- *Proper PreK to prepare children for Kindergarten.*
- *Readiness*
- *Readiness*
- *Reading readiness and peer relations*
- *Safe schools/preschools*
- *Safety*
- *Safety in schools*
- *Safety in the schools and affordable child care.*
- *School locations*
- *School Readiness*
- *Security at schools and bullies at school. It was not like it is today when my husband or I were in school now these are things we have to consider raising 2 kids. We are even talking about home school being the better and safer option for our kids. Schools now days have taken GOD out of it and teaching all the wrong things the schools have become worldly instead of keeping God first.*
- *Social and fine motor skills*
- *Social skills*
- *Some children have undiscovered exceptional needs. Some children are not exposed to environments that help them to learn social skills and/or acceptable behaviors in groups.*

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- *Stokes county lacks play centers like drop in places like buzi kidz for them to socialize.. kids don't know how to socialize anymore*
- *Teaching them enough*
- *That he will not be ready for kindergarten when he starts*
- *That my child is autistic and won't fit into the mold of general Kindergarten.*
- *That our local elementary school will close because of lack of people*
- *That the children are getting the guidance they need and are properly prepared to start school.*
- *That they be ready*
- *That they receive all the support they Wes to be successful at their individual level*
- *The amount of children who struggle with extreme behavior difficulties.*
- *The availability of low income friendly options for early learning*
- *The biggest concern we have is identifying what level our child should be at when it comes to Kindergarten - should he be unable to attend pre-k. Also feeling like he may be ahead in certain areas and him being bored in the classroom, thus causing "behavior problems" because of restlessness and boredom.*
- *The child not having the proper resources*
- *The economy*
- *The excitement of wanting to learn.*
- *The expense of preschool and the age requirement of kindergarten as our child's birthday is 10/26 which means she can't go "on time" and if you are not extremely low income, need IEP etc you have to pay almost \$600 a month for preschool in the county schools*
- *The greatest concern with raising a young child preparing for kindergarten would be the transition phase for them. It is hard for some children to transition from "no schooling or daycare" to all day school. If children are already in a preschool or daycare program, it may not be as difficult for them though.*
- *The lack of school stability.*
- *The level of understanding for special needs and accommodations kindergarten teachers are willing to put in place for young children.*
- *The school system and how they have a lack of staff, small town politics, lack of advancement in classroom and education or the services or needs of special education or behavioral issues having services*
- *Their safety while at school. With it becoming so common for kids to shoot kids, what will stokes county do to make sure if there was an attempt that they will not succeed.*
- *Them having to sit still for long periods and getting extra help when needed*
- *There are ZERO resources in the community to help get your child ready for school. You can't even get them into preschool without paying! It should be free. Even pre-k!*
- *They will not be exposed to enough cultural experiences or to people who are educated and employed.*
- *To get the best education in life.*
- *Transportation and affordable quality after school care*
- *Unaware of all the academics a child must already know before entering kindergarten*
- *Understanding of developmental age appropriate strategies effective in preparing students for kindergarten.*
- *What my child needs to know. How my child is suppose to handle a bullying situation.*
- *When our children were pre-k age and experiencing behavioral issues we were told we were NOT eligible for services due to our income! Later we found out that was not true and our son was absolutely eligible and should have received services and would likely be better off now had he received early intervention.*
- *Which homeschooling program for my daughter to go with and how/where to start at.*
- *Will they be able to keep up with the curriculum.*
- *Will they be safe.*

What programs or services for families and young children are MOST needed in our community? (That aren't currently available, as far as you know.) – Other:

- Behavioral challenges
- Closest area for special needs support is walnut cove, again limited for entire northern stokes families. They have to drive their children across county for support/therapy. Healthy food access, again have to drive 30mins to any grocery store. Need transportation for northern citizens or gas vouchers for those in need.
- If these are available, they are not widely promoted.
- I've had difficulty finding speech therapy. My daughter is proven to need it but does not qualify
- Some families don't qualify as poverty level & can't get any assistance, they barely get by and can't afford health insurance & healthy food for their children as well as pay the bills
- Sports
- Summer camps
- Trainings for early childhood educators
- We have some resources available however, more would be great for our youth

Think about 'high quality child care'. How important is each of the following aspects to you?

- Allowing child(ren) to be their own person...building self-image
- High star rating doesn't always indicate high quality
- I do think college is important but so are personable skills that work well with young children
- I think the higher the degree there's a bigger disconnect with the they are kids they are meant to play and get dirty not set at a table and learn all day
- I'm a huge advocae of education but I think those not fully degreed can also provide quality care to children
- My main things I like to see in a childcare teacher is a loving person who interacts positively with the children, singing, playing, reading books, teaching then basic skills for K-5, keeping them safe in a clean environment. Stars and college are nice but not if the person is there for a paycheck and not a love of children. The people are what matters.
- need more home based care

Please tell us YOUR opinion - rate each of the following statements about CHILD CARE or PreK for Stokes County. Comments:

- Child care for a sick child when a parent has to work.
- Child care subsidies are important for accessibility to childcare but it doesn't ensure the childcare is high quality
- Childcare workers are extremely underpaid. The quality of childcare depends largely on the teachers and higher salaries attract the best teachers.
- Educated teachers in early childhood get no where near enough recognition or pay.
- I'm not certain how early childhood professionals are paid but they should be paid well. This profession is critical to the future of our children and our community, including the future workforce. We need these children to get a great start in the educational arena and the only way to provide that is with quality childcare, quality professionals and enough of same to accommodate the need. We have high quality care in Stokes Co but not sure if enough to meet the needs of our children-observation thought.
- "In responding to these, unsure as not truly known...However, it's my opinion that our childhood professionals should be paid very well for their service and offered benefits from their employer.
- This is one of the most important ""professions"" one can have as the impact is huge...working with young children now allows the professional to help grow a well-rounded and successful young adult in school as well as in the future workplace-again, long lasting results of what takes place now."
- More important than a degree (that a teacher may have barely made the grade), Experience is paramount. Not just in years teaching.
- Teachers shouldn't come to work hating their jobs or being sick. Employers should also hold teachers accountable if they expect something from students the teachers should be held accountable.
- There are currently no child care options at all in some parts of the county and where there are the wait lists are extensive
- They do not get paid enough and most childcare employees do not receive any health benefits. It is a difficult job to continue doing for the long term.
- We have nothing in Northern Stokes County for our children. My granddaughter goes with me to work because there is no where!!

Do you have any other comments or concerns about your young child, young children you work with or our community?

- *All kids need more access to healthier foods.*
- *Behavior issues and how to deal with them.*
- *Child care workers are sometimes underpaid and under qualified. For the best interest of the children child care works need to be paid a living wage and trained and educated for their roles accordingly. Also they should not have too many children to teach/care for at once it negatively affects the out come of the child's care.*
- *Clean learning environments are necessary*
- *I don't not feel the stokes county education system is dependable.*
- *I see more and more young children being raised by grandparents or great-grandparents due to incarcerated parents or parents with addiction.*
- *I think our local Stokes Partnership for Children does an awesome job at supporting our early education programs and getting the information out to the community. We need more support for this agency to support the community's children even better.*
- *I want to ensure that the childcare available or è becoming available cares about the children as much as they do the money and other things that come with the job. As well as ensuring each child gets one on one interaction and learning. Each child learns and progresses differently.*
- *I would like to see our community continue to support our agencies who serve young children, such as the Stokes Partnership for Children and the Stokes County DSS to name a few. Again, getting the community involved more, could offer more for our young children.*
- *It's disheartening that our community isn't more well equipped to get toddlers and children into school setting earlier. A nurtured brain and body is what forms our children into successful school aged children and adults. There HAS to be more funding and access FOR ALL residents. We can spend millions on building empty storefronts in king nc (stones county) yet folks in Danbury, Westfield or most rural areas aren't offered preschool or prek services without meeting financial guidelines. It doesn't matter if a child's family is rich or poor, they all deserve the same opportunities and educational experiences. It's a shame.*
- *Kids community childcare has helped my children tremendously.*
- *Need better ways to manage negative behavior.*
- *Stokes County leaves children with disabilities way way behind. So incredibly painful and frustrating. Not just for this family but for just about every family I have ever encountered. Having to travel for therapies or to find a doctor that even begins to understand (for us I am speaking of autism). Teachers in the schools here barely pass the grade in special education. More like the kids are a burden. Untrained, in-experienced college that maybe gave them a class or two in special ed.*
- *The waitlists are so long and we don't have many centers around. We need more after care places for children to go.*
- *There needs to be affordable options for the middle class families not just the extremely low income*
- *There needs to be more mental health services for children. If they are out there people don't know about them.*
- *There needs to be parent training.*
- *We need affordable medical and dental insurance also we are struggling to keep food on the table and can't afford insurance*
- *"We need more people to work in this field and want to remain. The concerns I have for the children I work with could be solved with consistent quality care. If a parent has access and can afford to*
- *have the child present in a classroom and that classroom has a qualified teacher that can survive off of the wages then the outcomes for children are much better in every developmental domain. We need quality care options and teachers who want to work and remain in early childhood classrooms. "*

If you haven't used [the SPFC's "KidSource Lending Library"], please share why. If you have, what resource did you like most? What materials or access would encourage you to use it more often?

- *Didn't know about it/ never heard of it. (6)*
- *I have not heard of this as an educator or as a parent of children in school in Stokes County*
- *I just learned about it about a week ago*
- *I would like more information about it.*
- *I'm not really sure where it is located.*
- *I've never heard of it but I would be willing to look into it and use it. It sounds like it could be helpful.*
- *Hours of operation conflict with my work schedule*
- *I don't have small children in my home but I do let my client's know about this resource.*

- *I haven't been able to get there*
- *I honestly just forget it's there.*
- *It's been some time since I was involved with using the Partnership's resources. I was introduced to the Partnership back in early 2000s & think they have added a great deal more to their resources-all awesome selections for our community*
- *It's out of the way from where I live*
- *My child gets car sick so I don't want to travel that far. It would be great if some of the materials were sent to Walnut Cove Public Library.*
- *My youngest child is more than 5 years old now.*
- *Not sure of the process, and I would not want to keep materials out of the hands of parents, teachers or childcare workers.*
- *We are just now getting into the "school" phase for my children. Haven't needed it yet.*
- *We have tons of books and my children are enrolled in school and I am satisfied with their progress.*
- *Access to learning materials and other age appropriate tools for my child. More information and places to access it would be great!*
- *Free Access to books, theme bags and theme boxes*
- *I like most everything about it but wished it had more for special needs kids, like kids with autism.*
- *Letters, numbers and since I plan to homeschool the resources would be important.*
- *More books and craft activities for the children available.*
- *With lesson planning. Add theme boxes.*
- *I love the library and the theme boxes!*
- *There's a nice selection of children's books with puppets; theme boxes and developmentally appropriate puzzles, etc.*
- *I've been privileged to have been acquainted with the Partnership for many years. Just this year, I supported an event they hosted in April just to add more value. Love the partnership, the staff and all they offer. By the way, the resources in our local park, Central Park, are awesome and I think this is the Partnership's work!!!*

Providers only:

How challenging are each of the following for you working as an early childhood professional?

- *The summers can be challenging.*
- *Other teachers low commitment was an issue until our site got the right team in place. It is no longer an issue for us but definitely is for other Preschool programs.*
- *The behavioral difficulties that we face in the classroom are extremely challenging. Even with lots of resources, positive relationships, visual supports, calming routines, etc. Some of the behaviors are more extreme than we can handle in a classroom setting.*

Please tell us YOUR opinion - rate each of the following statements for Stokes County.

- *Need more trainings available for pre-k teachers in early childhood to prepare children for kindergarten. I have several children struggling with the transition this year*
- *We have tools and support for most challenging behaviors and social-emotional needs. It's the cases of extreme behavior, when none of those tools or resources work, that we lack support for.*
- *They have the tools, but do not always utilize the resources available to them.*
- *The above is an opinion only not absolute known responses. All areas, including but not limited to facilities, professionals and classroom resources could be enhanced to make Stokes County's early education programs even better and more widely accessible.*

Which of the following would help keep you in the early childhood field?

- *I'm a family home childcare so only way I get better pay is if I go up on prices, I want eye and dental insurance because my husband's plan doesn't cover it I have to get that myself, same for retirement. There's no help.*
- *Always better pay*

Which of the following would you need in order to return to work in the early childhood field?

- *I teach high school EC now*
- *Child care options locally for my own children*
- *Still in the early childhood field, never left just not in the classroom*
- *Unsure*
- *All of the above*
- *Retired*
- *Maybe when I retire from my current job. I've often thought about returning to some role in early childhood education*

Comments: Please share anything else related to working in the early childhood field or your reason for leaving.

- *Granddaughter went to regulated childcare program.*
- *I was certified 7 thru 12 but I worked with 2nd 3rd and 4th graders for a short time and wish that I had gotten certified K thru 12*
- *I did not feel respected by other staff in the program. Parents of students in Head Start program were extremely disrespectful to me & difficult to help.*
- *"I moved and do not have a sitter or child care that fits the hours for me to go back to work.*
- *Most teachers and parents didn't care, teachers were just there for the pay. "*
- *Retired.*

What type of support or activities could the Partnership provide to help your child care center, home, or Pre-K increase or maintain your star rating OR provide to the community in general

- *Behavioral management classes, child care observation in person at care center*
- *Better pay*
- *Do great*
- *Early intervention.*
- *More free classes for teachers and teacher assistants instead of having to pay for them. Parents also need more resources on what is developmentally appropriate play and activities for their children starting at birth.*
- *Need more of a variety of trainings for educators who have been in the field for a while.*
- *Provide training for new employees*
- *Resources for families about how to support their child's social/emotional and behavioral needs at home.*
- *Room arrangement*
- *The partnership already provides necessary assistance.*
- *There needs to more quality mental health services.*

What keeps you from enrolling in college courses or makes it hard to enroll? - Other:

- *Difficulty with college not offering classes i haven't already taken. Trying to work towards bachelor's but have struggled tremendously with no luck and gave up.*
- *I have medical issues. It's hard to work. When I get off I need to rest. I can't go to school and have tests and homework to do online at home during the week. I have 4 kids and grandbaby #9 on the way. A husband. I can't spend all my time on this job. Working 6 to 6 is alot on a sick person. I just can't anymore.*