

**Quiz: Your Last Community Assessment**

**Assessing Your Last Assessment**

Answer these questions regarding your previous Community Needs Assessment. If your answers include three (3) or more NO's, then your next assessment could benefit from a more comprehensive approach.

	Yes	No
Did you define your community?		
Was the community you identified the same as your service area? If no, what community did you include and why? _____ _____		
Did you gather and present demographic data related to the community?		
Did you gather and present economic data related to the community?		
Did you include information about public infrastructure?		
Did you include results from key local institutions (i.e. preventive health, school graduation, etc.)?		
Did you define what it means to be "in poverty" or to be "economically insecure" for all respondents?		
Did you expand your sample beyond agency clients?		
Did you include information about community needs even is the agency had no programs addressing the needs at the time?		
Did you examine the capabilities and goals of your current partners in reducing poverty and improving the community?		
Did you include input from organizations that have impact on the local economy and culture but are not active partners?		
Did you include community assets? If yes, what kind of assets did you identify: _____ Other social service providers _____ Civic organizations _____ Social centers and programs _____ Cultural attractions _____ Other		
Was the last needs assessment designed in part with active participation of the Board of Directors (i.e. did the Board help identify the data needed)?		
Were Board members active in directing the analysis and interpretation of the data collected?		
Did all levels of staff help decide on the information needed?		
Did staff conduct its own analysis of the data collected?		
Did the last needs assessment use information from a previous assessment to study trends?		
Did your leadership team (management and Board) learn anything they did not know from the analysis of the assessment data?		