

# A Healthy Community

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- Embraces the belief that health is more than the absence of disease.
- Offers access to healthcare services focusing on treatment and prevention for all members of the community.
- Is safe from criminal activity.
- Has roads, schools, playgrounds, sidewalks and other services to meet the needs of community.
- Is safe from environmental contamination.

# Educational Attainment

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- An adequate education is critical for reducing disparities. It contributes to financial security, health literacy, good health and global competitiveness.
- In Bexar County, among Hispanic students, the high School dropout rate (attrition rate) is 43%.\*
- Demand has decreased for low skilled workers and increased for jobs that require Bachelor's degrees
- The challenge is in how we use the resources we already have and in how we value children.



\* Intercultural Development Research Association 06 /07 school year

# Maternal Health

## *Westside Development Corporation Area*

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- 2079 births occurred in the Westside Development Corporation Area in 2006.
- 72% of births were funded by Medicaid. Those most at risk for being uninsured are single, young women working part-time or unemployed.
- 63% of births were to single mothers, who, along with their children, are among the poorest in our community.
- 53% of births were to mothers with < HS education.
- 39% of mothers delayed seeking prenatal care. Factors contributing to this delay include financial problems, substance abuse, depression, domestic violence &/or legal status (undocumented).
- We need to prevent unplanned births. In pilot tests conducted in San Antonio in 2007, among 40 survey participants, 72% of mothers claimed they did not plan to become pregnant.

# Births Occurring in Westside Development Corporation Study Area

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	WSDC	HP Goal
Births funded by Medicaid*	1,566 72%	
Births to Single Mothers	1,364 63%	
Births to Mothers with < HS education	1,148 53%	
Births to Mothers Age <22	853 39%	
Births to Mothers Receiving Late or no Prenatal Care	839 39%	<10%
Births occurring within 24 months of previous birth	519 24%	
Low Birthweight Infants (<2500 grams)	246 11%	<5%
Births to Mothers Age <18	209 10%	5%
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Total Births	2,165	

2006 Bexar County Births

\* Does not include emergency Medicaid

# Health is More than Healthcare

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- The Westside Development Corporation Area has healthcare resources; however, early deaths to chronic disease reflects a healthcare system not meeting the needs of the community.
  - Approximately 32% of all deaths occurred among persons aged <65 years. Nationally, this about 17%
- The health system is organized to respond quickly to acute patient problems, but it does not adequately serve the needs of persons with chronic illnesses.
- Metro Health recommends Health & Wellness Centers for The Westside Development Corporation Area.
- Access to quality healthcare, while critical to the elimination of disparities in health, is not sufficient. In fact, access to quality healthcare accounts for only 15-20% of the variation in morbidity and mortality.\*

# Causes of Early Death in Westside Development Corporation Study Area (Age < 65)

Cause of Death	All	Age <65	
Heart Disease	205	47	23%
Malignant Neoplasms	170	49	29%
Cerebrovascular Diseases	51	13	25%
Diabetes Mellitus	42	7	17%
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	41	9	22%
Chronic Liver Disease/Cirrhosis	34	26	76%
Renal Disease (Kidney)	26	4	15%
Accidents/Adverse Events	25	16	64%
Alzheimer's Disease	24	0	0%
Septicemia	22	10	45%
Perinatal Disorders	14	14	
Homicide	13	13	
Parkinson's Disease	12	0	0%
Influenza/Pneumonia	11	2	18%
Hypertension/Hypertensive Renal Disease	10	1	10%
HIV Disease	9	8	89%
Suicide	8	8	

## Westside Development Corporation Area

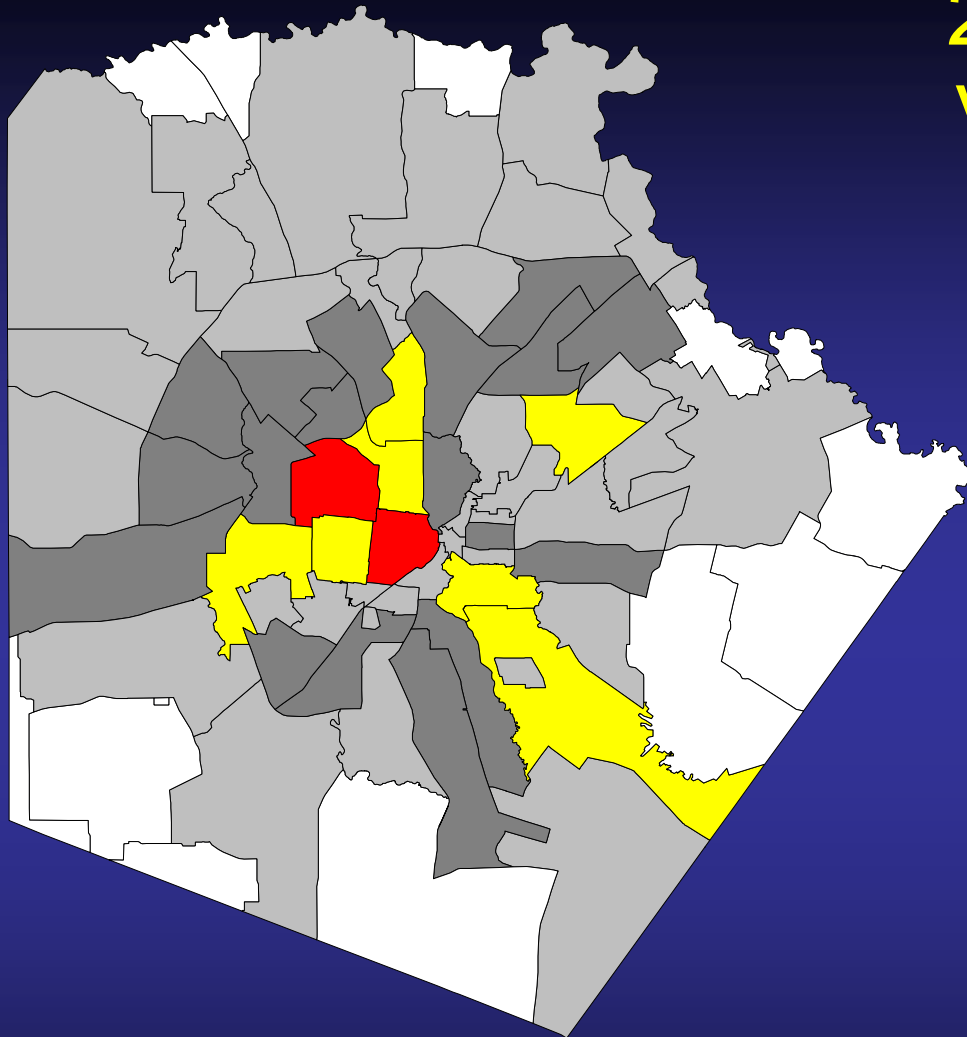
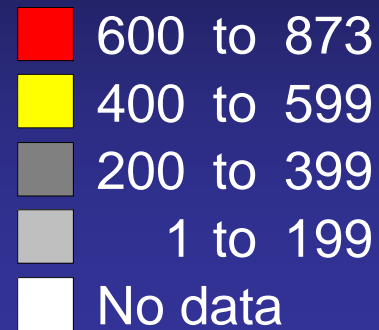
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- We need an approach that will allow women to improve their status, their health, and that of their families. We must also recognize the need for quality education for children, adequate housing, a safe environment, higher wages, and social justice.
- Young single mothers with other children are at higher risk for child neglect. Family friendly guidelines must be developed for the workplace.
- Reducing early death involves preventing, detecting, treating, and controlling risk factors for young and middle-aged adults

# 2006 SAPD Domestic Violence by Zip Code

Number of cases



Council	Population	Number of cases	*Rate
1	121,760	1,436	1179.4
<b>2</b>	<b>119,350</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>1397.6</b>
3	120,330	1,423	1182.6
4	122,490	1,383	1129.1
<b>5</b>	<b>115,010</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>1238.2</b>
6	138,890	1,252	901.4
7	134,310	1,162	865.2
8	149,540	850	568.4
9	155,630	792	508.9
10	129,590	990	763.9
missing information		38	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,306,900</b>	<b>12,418</b>	<b>950.2</b>

\*Rate per 100,000 population

# *Urgent Issues*

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- High School Dropouts and the disparity in academic achievement across school districts.
- Unplanned births, late prenatal care, and low-weight births.
- Multi-Service Health & Resource Centers.
- The Lack of affordable basic dental care and mental health services.
- Food insecurity, lack of affordable housing, a living wage, freedom from discrimination, parental involvement in child's learning, affordable childcare, neighborhood safety, and family violence.

