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## Introduction

In 1983, in cooperation with the Henrietta Youth Bureau, Michael P. Zuber conducted a Needs Assessment of the youth in the Town of Henrietta. The Youth Bureau is a department of the Town of Henrietta and is advised by a citizen group of volunteers. In 1989, the Youth Bureau contacted Dr. Robert Ribble to see if there was another student interested in working with them again, to reassess the needs of the youth in Henrietta. Dr. Ribble presented this opportunity to me, which I gladly accepted. This project was of particular interest to me as I could combine my social work background and my Masters in Education work to form my thesis.

The Youth Bureau provides the following services to Henrietta youth and their families:

- 1) Family / Individual Counseling
- 2) Court Services
- 3) Employment Services
- 4) Recreational / Development Programming.

The Henrietta Youth Bureau takes an active role in trying to define the needs of the people they serve. They expressed their concerns to me of wanting to conduct a reassessment of their original survey done in 1983, to determine the changes in

the students' and parents' needs, so they can reassess the services they provide to the youth and families.

Michael Yudelson, Director of the Henrietta Youth Bureau/Recreation Department and Irene Uhl, District Research Associate, guided, directed and supported me in the administering and assessment of this project.

In my original proposal, I not only intended to reassess the Henrietta Youth needs, but also try to relate the conclusions of the survey to attempt to project the needs of the elementary students prior to entering Junior High School.

### Survey Document

In order to reassess the needs of the Henrietta Youth, the researcher had to look at the survey instrument from 1983, the population that was surveyed and the objectives of the survey.

There were originally three main groups of people that were identified and contacted: The students, adults and people who have graduated from high school, but are still under the age of 21 years. Only the student and adult populations proved pertinent to the Youth Bureau in 1983 and therefore, only the student and adult populations were surveyed in 1989.

Adult surveys were mailed to a random sample population, who live in apartments and single family homes.

After meeting with the High School principal and the Junior High School principal to explain the survey intent and process, the survey was administered, with their approval. The School Board also consented to the administering of the survey.

The student survey was administered by Social Studies teachers in grades 9-12 and by a team of teachers in grades 7-8 to a random sample of students in those grades who were present that day.

With the assistance of Michael Yudelson and Irene Uhl, the 1983 survey documents for student and adults were revised.

### Student Survey (Appendix A)

The student survey documents from 1983 and 1989 were almost identical. A couple of questions were reworded so they were more clearly stated. A group of new questions, pertaining to how concerned the students were about various issues, were also added.

The School Board's permission to administer the survey was needed, as well as the cooperation of the principals and teachers, not to mention the students to complete the survey.

A cover letter with instructions on completing the survey was sent with the survey to a random sample of Social Studies classes in grades 9-12. The survey was also administered to a random sample of 7th and 8th grade students. Special groups such as Honors Classes, Alternate High School students, ESOL and Social Studies resource classes, needed to be taken into account to make sure a random sample from all groups were taken. The cover letter explained to the students that if they did not want to participate or felt their parents would object, they did not have to participate. The School Board required this disclaimer. The optical scanning sheets and #2 pencils were provided for all youth.

Students were asked not to give us their names or any identifying information so that confidentiality could be



maintained. The teachers received the sheets before returning them to us to insure confidentiality. The principal of one of the schools allowed us to administer the survey, but expressed his concern that his students were being "over surveyed." Apparently, since Rush-Henrietta School District has a broad cross cultural population, they are often asked to participate in county and state surveys. The survey was also given towards the end of the school year, which is a time when students already have many exams.

#### Adult Survey (Appendix B)

Again the researcher reviewed the adult survey from 1983. All of the questions from 1983 were again asked in 1989. A few new questions were added regarding counseling services and also how concerned the adults were about various issues. This would be helpful in determining the similarities and differences of what the adults were concerned about as compared to what the students were concerned about.

Surveys were sent to a random sample of homes in Henrietta. The sample included houses and apartments. Eight hundred surveys were mailed out and one hundred sixty-seven were returned - about twenty-one percent. The Youth Bureau paid for the postage for the surveys to be sent out and for the return postage.

A cover letter was sent along with the survey to explain the purpose of the survey and invited the adults to participate in the survey. Again confidentiality was taken into consideration and adults were told it was not necessary to identify themselves on the survey.

The multiple choice answers to the survey were transferred onto optical scanning sheets. A compilation of written comments the adults made on their surveys were gathered. (Appendix C)

## The Preliminary Report

### Data Frequencies

After the adult answers were transferred onto the optical scanning sheets, this researcher arranged for them to be run through the computer on the SPSS program. This researcher was not familiar with this program and sought the assistance of the Director of the Computing Center at Brockport. She showed this writer how this program works and what needed to be done to enter the information into the computer. This researcher completed that aspect and ran the statistics and crosstabs necessary.

Crosstabs for all of the same questions and comparisons from the assessment in 1983 were compiled. Irene Uhl found the adult survey to be flawed, in that the optical scanning sheets had not been filled out correctly or consistently. She was able to get the basic percentages for each question, although it was not possible to obtain any crosstabs for the adult survey.

Some responses and crosstabs did not prove to be statistically significant or statistically important in their results, therefore, they were omitted in this reassessment. Other questions or answers were worded differently, through the

suggestion of the Youth Bureau, therefore this researcher was unable to compare those questions in the 1989 reassessment. It must also be noted that the statistics are based on the assumption that all student and adult respondents were honest in giving their answers.

### Student Survey

1) (1989) 67.5% of the students live with both parents.

(1983) 70.4% of the students lived with both parents.

A decrease of 2.9% of the students live with both parents.

2) (1989) 71.6% of the students come from homes where both parents work.

(1983) 60.3% of the students come from homes where both parents work.

An increase of 11.3% of the students come from homes where both parents work.

3) A:

(1989) 42.9% of the students expect to complete four years of college.

(1983) 42% of the students expect to complete four years of college.

An increase of .9% of the students expect to complete four years of college.

B:

(1989) 33.8% of the students expected to complete more than four years of college.

(1983) 17.2% of the students expected to complete more than four years of college.

An increase of 16.6% of the students expected to complete more than four years of college.

4) (1989) 74.4% of the students have looked for a job.

(1983) 67.3% of the students have looked for a job.

An increase of 7.1% of the students have looked for a job.

5) (1989) 18.8% of the students felt the need to seek help in obtaining employment.

(1983) 27.6% of the students felt the need to seek help in obtaining employment.

A decrease of 8.8% of the students felt the need to seek help in obtaining employment.

6) (1989) 52.4% of the students felt the need to seek help with solving a personal problem.

(1983) 36.8% of the students felt the need to seek help with solving a personal problem.

An increase of 15.6% of the students felt the need to seek help with solving a personal problem.

7) (1989) 83.6% of the youth knew where to go to seek help with a personal problem.

(1983) 75% of the youth knew where to go to seek help with a personal problem.

An increase of 8.6% of the youth knew where to go to seek help with a personal problem.

8) (1989) 53.4% of the population feel the school usually or always considers their academic needs.

(1983) 57.1% of the population felt the school usually or always considered their academic needs.

A 3.7% decrease of the population felt the school usually or always considered their academic needs.

9) (1989) 29.7% of the population feel that the schools never consider their personal and social needs.

(1983) 20.9% of the population felt that the schools never considered their personal and social needs.

An increase of 8.8% of the population felt that the schools never considered their personal and social needs.

10) (1989) 29.3% of the students do not know or do not feel there are adults in their community who are genuinely concerned for them.

(1983) 27.8% of the students did not know or feel there are adults in their community who are genuinely concerned for them.

An increase of 1.5% of the students do not know or feel there are adults in their community who are genuinely concerned for them.

11) (1989) 44.3% of the youth did not feel there are enough organized activities outside of school.

(1983) 43.9% of the youth did not feel there are enough organized activities outside of school.

An increase of .4% of the youth did not feel there are enough organized activities outside of school.

12) Prioritized list of times students would like activities scheduled:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1983</u>
After School	71.9%	72.15%
Early Evening	62.7%	56.5%
Saturday Afternoon	54.6%	38.1%
Sunday Afternoon	48.4%	29.9%
Friday Evening	42%	49.5%
Saturday Evening	39.2%	37.8%

The students' first two times preferred for activities outside of school remained the same - after school and early evenings.

13) (1989) 38.2% of the students are sometimes or always excluded from activities due to a lack of money.

(1983) 44.9% of the students were sometimes or always excluded from activities due to a lack of money.

A decrease of 6.7% of the students were sometimes or always excluded from activities due to a lack of money.

14) (1989) 5.1% of the youth use alcohol daily or more than once per week outside of their homes.

(1983) 8.4% of the youth used alcohol daily or more than once per week outside of their homes.

A decrease of 3.3% of the youth use alcohol daily or more than once per week outside of their homes.

15) (1989) 25.3% of the students had used some type of drugs.

(1983) 30.8% of the students had used some type of drugs.

16) (1989) 42.6% of the students did not know how to get information regarding police or court services.

(1983) 39.3% of the students did not know how to get information regarding police or court services.

An increase of 3.3% of the students did not know how to get information regarding police or court services.

17) (1989) 53.9% of the students used the Town's Recreation Services.

(1983) 49% of the students used the Town's Recreation Services.



An increase of 4.9% of the students used the Town's Recreation Services.

18) (1983) Parents' employment situation did not affect students educational expectations for themselves.

(1989) Parents' employment situation did affect students educational expectations for themselves as follows:

If both parents were employed, it was statistically expected that 36 out of 644 surveyed students would expect to graduate from high school only, but only 29 students actually said that they expected to graduate only from high school.

In contrast, if both parents were employed, it was statistically expected that 160 out of 644 surveyed students would expect to complete more than four years of college, when actually 174 students expected to complete more than four years of college.

If both parents were unemployed, it was statistically estimated that only 1 out of 644 students would expect to complete only high school, when actually five students expected only to complete high school.

In contrast, if both parents were unemployed it was statistically estimated that five students would expect to complete more than four years of college, when actually only two students expected to complete more than four years of college.

Also worth noting is that if, only father or mother was employed, again more students than statistically estimated said they expected to complete only high school. And, if only father or only mother was employed fewer students than statistically estimated said that they expected to complete more than four years of college, - especially if only mother was employed.

19) (1983) There is a relationship between parents' employment situation and the availability of alcohol to kids in the home. Alcohol was less available to kids whose parents are unemployed and therefore home more.

(1989) Regardless of parents' employment situation, 71% (458 out of 641) of students said they never drank alcohol in their homes and less than 2% (11 out of 641) of students said they drank alcohol daily in their homes.

Of the 467 (out of 641) students whose parents were both employed, 338 students said they never used alcohol in their homes; 19 students said they used alcohol more than once per week in their homes and 6 students said they used alcohol daily in their homes.

Of the 15 (out of 641) students whose parents were both unemployed 9 said they never drank alcohol in their homes; none said they used alcohol more than once per week in their homes and 2 students said they used alcohol daily in their homes.

20) (1983) Of the students that have looked for employment, 40.9% are still looking.

(1989) About 85% of the students have looked for a job. Of those, 19% are still looking and 5% have stopped looking.

A decrease of about 21% of the students who have looked for a job are still looking for a job.

21) (1983) 38% of the students who feel there are enough organized activities outside of school are sometimes excluded because they do not have enough money.

(1989) About 42% of the students felt there were enough organized activities outside of school. Of those, 29% are sometimes excluded because they do not have enough money. (This cross tabulation proved to be both statistically significant and moderately important. Knowing if students felt there were/were not enough organized activities outside of school explained 15% of variation across the three response category.)

275 or 648 students felt there were enough organized activities outside of school 193 of those students never were excluded due to lack of money; 80 were sometimes excluded and one was always excluded due to a lack of money.

289 of 648 students did not feel there were enough organized activities outside of school. 150 of those students were never excluded due to a lack of money; 127 sometimes

were excluded and 12 were always excluded from activities outside of school due to a lack of money.

22) (1983) 96.1% of the students who have not used the Youth Bureau Court Services do not know where to go for these services if needed.

(1989) 91.2% of the students had not used the Youth Bureau Court Services. Of those students, 45% did not know where to get information regarding police or court services.

A decrease of 51% of the students did not know where to get information regarding police or court services.

23) (1983) 48% of the students who indicated that they need help finding a job are still looking and 18.2% have stopped looking.

(1989) 21% of the students indicated they needed help finding a job. Of those, 24% are still looking and 7% have stopped looking. 67% who felt the need to seek help in obtaining employment have actually found a job.

Of the students who indicated they need help in finding a job, a decrease of 24% are still looking and a decrease of 11% have stopped looking.

24) (1983) 53% of the students who indicated they need help with finding a job have used the Youth Bureau Employment Services.

(1989) About 20% of the students felt they needed help to obtain employment. Of those students, 15% had used the Youth Bureau Employment Services, therefore 85% had not used the Youth Bureau Employment Services.

A decrease of 38% of the students who felt they needed help to obtain employment had not used the Youth Bureau Employment Services.

### Adult Survey

1) (1989) 74.4% of the households have both parents.

(1983) 66.2% of the households have both parents.

An increase of 8.2% of the households have both parents.

2) (1989) 43.5% of the population leave their children under 15 years old unsupervised for at least one hour each week.

(1983) 16% of the population leave their children unsupervised for some period of time each week.

3) (1989) 48.2% of the population expect their children will complete a four year college degree.

(1983) 42.6% of the population expect their children will complete a four year college degree.

An increase of 5.6% of the population expect their children will complete a four year college degree.

4) (1989) 16.3% of the adults felt the School District did not meet the academic needs of their children.

(1983) 24% of the adults felt the School District did not meet the academic needs of their children.

A decrease of 7.7% of the adults indicated they felt the School District does not meet the academic needs of their children.

5) (1989) 7.5% of the adults indicated the town does not consider their needs when planning.

(1983) 9.7% of the adults indicated the town does not consider their needs when planning.

A decrease of 2.2% of the adults felt the town does not consider their needs when planning.

6) (1989) 50.6% of the adults felt there are enough recreation services for adults in Henrietta.

(1983) 42.6% of the adults felt there were enough recreation services for adults in Henrietta.

There was an increase of 8% of the adults who felt there are enough recreation services for adults in Henrietta.

7) Times for recreation activities for adults were preferred to be scheduled as follows:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1983</u>
Weekday Evenings	58.8%	50%
Weekend Days	26.3%	14%
Weekend Evenings	14.4%	9%
Weekdays	9.4%	25%

The adults first preference remained the same, weekday evenings, but all other preferences varied.

8) (1989) 38.1% of the adults felt that students were not given enough information to make appropriate career decisions.

(1983) 55% of the adults felt that students were not given enough information to make appropriate career decisions.

A decrease of 16.9% of the adults felt that students were not given enough information to make appropriate career decisions.

9) (1989) 11% of the adults did not know where to go for help for themselves for a personal problem.

(1983) 22.8% of the adults did not know where to go for help for themselves for a personal problem.

A decrease of 11.8% of the adults did not know where to go for help for themselves for a personal problem.

10) (1989) 68.3% of the adults felt the legal drinking age should be 21 years old.

(1983) 46% of the adults felt the legal drinking age should be 21 years old.

An increase of 22.3% of the adults felt the legal drinking age should be 21 years old.

(1989) 6.6% of the adults felt the legal drinking age should be 18 years old.

(1983) 12% of the adults felt the legal drinking age should be 18 years old.

A decrease of 5.4% of the adults felt the legal drinking age should be 18 years old.

11) Of the adults who responded, the following allowed their children to choose when they'll drink in the home:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1983</u>
Ages 13-14	6.5%	20.7%
15-16	12.3%	11.2%
17-18	29.9%	29.6%
19-21	35.1%	

There was a decrease of 14.2% of the adults who allowed their 13-14 year old to choose when they'll drink in the home.



12) Of the people who responded, the following know their children have used the services offered by the Henrietta Youth Bureau / Recreation Department:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1983</u>
General Counseling	3.8%	9.6%
Employment Counseling	3.8%	7.7%
Court Counseling	.6%	11.8%
Drug / Alcohol Counseling	2.5%	

There was a decrease in all areas of the parents who knew their children had used the services offered by the Youth Bureau.

13) Percentages of the population that read the following publications:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1983</u>
Democrat & Chronicle	89.4%	84.9%
Penny Saver	71.6%	71.6%
Times Union	54.4%	55.7%
Henrietta Post	44.4%	40.7%
Henrietta Shopper	43.4%	43.4%
Henrietta Journal	33.5%	33.5%

The percentage of the population that read the above publications remained about the same.

14) Of the adults who responded the following have children who have used the Youth Bureau's Services:

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1983</u>
Counseling	3.8%	14.6%
Employment	3.8%	7.7%
Court	.6%	11.8%
Drug/ Alcohol	2.5%	NA
Recreation	NA	42.3%

There was a decrease of adults who have children who have used the Youth Bureau's Services.

This researcher compared all of the questions that were addressed in the 1983 Assessment to the same questions from the 1989 Assessment. There were only a few question that were not asked in 1989, therefore those differences could not be assessed. A summary of both Student and Adult Surveys from 1983 and 1989 were condensed (Appendices D and E, respectively). Some questions were not repeated in 1989, as the Youth Bureau did not feel those question were relevant in their responses in 1983. Other question were reworded to state the idea of the question more clearly. A few new questions were added to the Adult Survey to address areas where the Youth Bureau was interested in what the

population's needs were; especially around daycare issues and recreation issues.

### Evaluation / Recommendations

The researcher revised the surveys to make the ideas behind the questions more clear. But, as the data frequencies and crosstab results came back, some of the questions still were not clear enough. This writer would recommend using as few responses to the survey questions as possible. The answers should be condensed into the most concise categories. If this is done, then maybe more of the results would have been statistically significant and statistically important. If results are statistically significant and important, then it is more feasible to draw correct conclusions and make assessments.

#### Student Survey

1 - Parents' employment situation did seem to impact on their childrens' expectations of education. Economic times indicate the growing need for college and advanced college degrees to progress in many career areas.

Children often look to their parents and families as to what they can look forward to in the future. This survey indicates that if parents are employed their children are expecting to receive more education.

This needs to be noted, so that children with neither parent working, one income and dual income households can be encouraged to continue their education as much as possible. This encouragement not only needs to come from the schools, but within families themselves, to give each student an equal start. Schools and families have to work in conjunction with each other, not merely as separate entities in the childrens' lives. Children can benefit from support and encouragement in all aspects of their lives.

This writer also recommends that the question to students about what level of education they expect to complete should be condensed. One of the responses was one year of college. There are not many one year colleges, so this response would seem irrelevant. Also to be noted is that some students choose training programs or the military as means to continue their education.

2 - Almost three-fourths of the student population stated they never drank alcohol in their homes regardless of their parents' employment situation.

Of the students who stated they did drink alcohol in their homes, it is unknown how much they drank and if parents were home or aware of them drinking at the time. I would suggest these responses be added to the questionnaire.

More students in 1989, than in 1983 said they never drank alcohol outside of their homes. This may be an indication that programs such as DARE and alcohol awareness programs within the classes are working. Schools begin these programs in the elementary levels now, so children are becoming aware of the hazards of alcohol at an earlier age.

3 - A large percentage of the surveyed student population had looked for a job. About one-fifth of them are still looking for a job.

When you look at the student population who stated they needed help to find a job, about one-third of them are still looking or stopped looking for a job.

Also, of the students who felt they needed help to obtain a job, only 15% had used the Youth Bureau's Employment Services. This was a decrease of 38% from the 1983 survey.

It appears that many students are interested in having a job. About one-fifth of students feel they need help in finding a job. But of those students, only a small amount have used the Youth Bureau's Employment Services. This suggests that there may be a part of the population that the Youth Bureau's Employment Services are not reaching. Since the amount of the students who indicated they need help, but had not used the Youth Bureau's Employment Services had decreased, then the

Youth Bureau may need to publicize this service more widely to all of the students.

4 - About half of the student population felt there were enough organized activities outside of school and about half felt there were not enough organized activities outside of school.

More of the students who felt there were not enough organized activities outside of school, felt they were excluded from activities due to a lack of money.

About one-third of the total population did feel that they were sometimes or always excluded from activities outside of school due to a lack of money.

This suggests that students do want to participate in activities outside of school, but that finances may limit their participation in those activities.

The Youth Bureau may want to look at alternate ways that students may participate in an activity of their interest, if lack of money prohibits their participation. If possible, those students could pay based on income or possibly do work for the Youth Bureau in exchange for participation in an activity.

5 - There was a large percentage of students (about 91%) who had never used the Youth Bureau's Court Services and

about half of them did not know where to get information regarding police or court services.

It should be noted that, in the 91% of the population who had not used the Youth Bureau's Court Services, what amount, if any, actually may have had a need for the service.

It does suggest though, that since about half of this population did not know where to go for information about court or police services, that the Youth Bureau may need to publicize this service more. It may be useful to students to at least be aware of where to get information about police and court services, if needed. Students who could use this service may appreciate knowing there is someplace accessible to help them within their own community.

The Youth Bureau may also want to look at working in conjunction with the local police / sheriff departments to publicize this service. The Youth Bureau could be a referral source for the youth that police apprehend or come in contact with through law enforcement.



Similarities / Differences of Concerns of Students and Adults

(1989 only)

	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not</u>
	Stu / Ad	Stu / Ad	Stu / Ad
Substance Abuse	43% / 95%	38% / 4%	12% / 0%
Housing for Youth	29% / 24%	50% / 49%	20% / 23%
Violence in School	44% / 81%	38% / 17%	11% / 1%
Violence out of School	35% / 73%	40% / 23%	24% / 1%
Youth Labor Laws	23% / 24%	44% / 50%	31% / 24%
Legal Matters	22% / 23%	44% / 58%	25% / 16%
Sexual Matters	40% / 72%	39% / 28%	19% / .6%
Transportation	31% / 26%	37% / 56%	31% / 16%

Although the exact percentages may differ between the students and the adults, these results point out that the youth and the adults have similar concerns about issues within their schools and communities. The issues of substance abuse, violence outside of school and sexual matters show a higher number of adults being very concerned about these issues. This may be due to the fact that these are issues that they observe directly rather than inadvertently. It may also show that these are grave concerns for both the adults and the youth and these may be areas where the schools and Youth Bureau

can try to bring the two groups together to work on the concerns.

This survey does not indicate exactly what the people's concerns are about these issues. This is where the youth and adults may differ, but they may also realize their concerns are alike.

### Relating Assessment to Elementary Children

As it was noted throughout this paper, both students and adults appear to value higher education. This can be applied to elementary students in giving them not only the knowledge to learn with but methods, support, and building their self-esteem to want to continue to build on what they already know.

Henrietta Elementary Schools have programs such as Primary Project, to assist students who are having academic and emotional problems in school. The student is assigned a trained adult who comes into the school, at least once a week, to support the child in the needed area.

The Youth Bureau also has a latch key program for students who are left alone after school. There is a great demand for this program from parents. This program gives the students a safe support system for those whose parents are not home after school.

This assessment also shows that not only are academics an important issue, but that students and adults have concerns about many social issues too. This is where this writer thinks the Youth Bureau is a nice compliment to the school system. It gives the youth a place to seek assistance, without the school needing to take on all of the extra burdens within a community. The Recreation Service and Latch Key Program give the elementary students an enjoyable introduction to the

Henrietta Youth Bureau. As they get older and may need other services that the Youth Bureau provides, at least they have someplace they are already familiar with.

### Conclusion

This reassessment showed that the recommendations from 1983 had been looked at and used to make changes and adjustments to improve the programs within the Youth Bureau in order to better suit the community needs. This was encouraging to this writer, to know that the results are reviewed, discussed and assessed to make the improvements.

As was observed in the last survey, the Youth Bureau does seem to be on target with the programs they offer and the youth's needs. This may partially be due to the Citizen Advisory Committee, which includes youth, that advises the Youth Bureau.

It seems imminent that needs may change and programs need updating. This writer thinks that is what proves most important about this assessment. The community needs to know what those changing needs are and work to insure that the needs are met.

It was reassuring to know that this endeavor was in cooperation with the schools and the town. Both of these systems greatly impact the children in the Henrietta community, and both are concerned about what the needs are in their community.

For this writer, this project was a personal challenge. It not only tested this researcher's skills, but improved the

awareness of all the various elements that makes up the school and community. It sparked this reasearcher's interest in the Henrietta community. It proved to this writer that once one puts one's mind to something, it can be accomplished, even if one needed to ask for help.

Appendix A

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Dear Student:

The Town of Henrietta Youth Bureau is conducting a survey of Rush-Henrietta students to see how you feel about many issues that affect you both in school and out of school.

The Youth Bureau and Recreation Department provides counseling services as well as recreation programs for young people. Your answers to the survey's questions will be used in future planning of our programs and services for your age group.

For each question, please fill in the blank on the answer sheet numbered the same as the answer you choose; please use the pencil we provide, which you may keep. We are interested in your answers to these questions, not your identity. **In fact, please do not write your name on the answer sheet.** If you do not want to participate, or if you think your parents might object to your participation, then turn in the answer sheet blank. If there are any questions that you prefer not to answer, just leave that number on the answer sheet blank.

Thank you very much for your help.

The Henrietta Youth Bureau &  
The Henrietta Youth Board

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# STUDENT SURVEY

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1. Are you-  
1 - Male  
2 - Female
2. What grade are you in?  
1 - 7th      4 - 10th  
2 - 8th      5 - 11th  
3 - 9th      6 - 12th
3. What school are you in?  
1 - R-H Senior High      2 - R-H Junior High
4. What town do you live in?  
1 - Henrietta      2 - Rush      3 - Brighton
5. What is your age?  
1 - 11      6 - 16  
2 - 12      7 - 17  
3 - 13      8 - 18  
4 - 14      9 - 19  
5 - 15
6. Do you live with  
1 - Both parents      5 - Mother and step father  
2 - Mother only      6 - Relative other than parents  
3 - Father only      7 - Foster parents  
4 - Father and step mother      8 - Other
7. How long have you lived in your present home situation?  
1 - Less than one year      3 - Four to six years  
2 - One to three years      4 - Greater than six years
8. Are you or any member of your family collecting unemployment insurance?  
1 - Yes      2 - No
9. Is your family receiving any other financial aid?  
1 - Yes      2 - No      3 - Do not know
10. Are your parents:  
1 - Both employed      3 - Mother only employed  
2 - Father only employed      4 - Both unemployed
11. What's the highest level of education you expect to complete?  
1 - High School  
2 - One year of college (Certificate Program)  
3 - Two years of college (Associate Program)  
4 - College Graduate  
5 - More than four years of college
12. Have you ever looked for a job?  
1 - Yes      2 - No
13. If you have looked for a job, have you:  
1 - Found a job  
2 - Still looking for a job  
3 - Stopped looking for a job



14. Have you ever felt the need to seek help in order to obtain employment?  
1 - Yes      2 - No
15. If so, were you able to find help?  
1 - Yes      2 - No
16. Have you ever felt the need to seek help in solving a personal problem?  
1 - Yes      2 - No      3 - Not applicable
17. Do you know where to go should you need help with a personal problem?  
1 - Yes      2 - No
18. Are you presently in need of any medical services?  
1 - Yes      2 - No      3 - Do not know
19. Do you feel that your school adequately considers your **academic** needs?  
1 - Never      2 - Sometimes      3 - Usually      4 - Always
20. Do you feel that your school adequately considers your **personal and social** needs?  
1 - Never      2 - Sometimes      3 - Usually      4 - Always
21. Do you feel that your Town government considers the needs of the youth of your community?  
1 - Yes      2 - No      3 - Do not know
22. Other than your parents, do you feel that there are adults in your community that are genuinely concerned for you?  
1 - Yes      2 - No      3 - Do not know
23. Do you feel that there are enough organized activities for you to participate in other than school activities?  
1 - Yes      2 - No      3 - Do not know

If more activities outside of school were provided, when should they be provided?

24. After-school      1 - Yes      2 - No
25. Early evening      1 - Yes      2 - No
26. Friday Evening      1 - Yes      2 - No
27. Saturday Afternoon      1 - Yes      2 - No
28. Saturday Evening      1 - Yes      2 - No
29. Sunday Afternoon      1 - Yes      2 - No
30. When you leave school, where do you usually go?  
1 - Go home      2 - Go to work      3 - Go to a friend's house  
4 - Other

31. Are you ever excluded from recreation activities because you do not have enough money?  
 1 - Never      2 - Sometimes      3 - Always

Please rate how concerned you are about the following issues young people encounter using this scale.

1 - Very Concerned      2 - Somewhat Concerned      3 - Not a Concern

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 32. Substance Abuse         | 37. Legal Matters  |
| 33. Housing for Youth       | 38. Sexual Matters |
| 34. Violence in School      | 39. Transportation |
| 35. Violence outside School | 40. Other: _____   |
| 36. Youth Labor Laws        | _____              |

41. Do you use alcoholic beverages in your home?  
 1 - Never      4 - More than once per week  
 2 - Once per month      5 - Daily  
 3 - Once per week
42. Do you use alcoholic beverages outside the home?  
 1 - Never      4 - More than once per week  
 2 - Once per month      5 - Daily  
 3 - Once per week
43. Have you ever felt pressured into using alcohol?  
 1 - Yes      2 - No
44. Have you ever used any drugs?  
 1 - Yes      2 - No
45. Have you ever felt the need for more information regarding your personal sexual decisions?  
 1 - Yes      2 - No
46. Do you know how to get information regarding police or court services?  
 1 - Yes      2 - No

Have you ever used any of the following services offered by the Henrietta Youth Bureau and Recreation Department?

- |                         |         |        |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|
| 47. Employment services | 1 - Yes | 2 - No |
| 48. Court Services      | 1 - Yes | 2 - No |
| 49. Recreation Programs | 1 - Yes | 2 - No |
| 50. Counseling          | 1 - Yes | 2 - No |
51. Have you ever used counseling services other than those offered by the Henrietta Youth Bureau and Recreation Department?  
 1 - Yes      2 - No

Appendix B

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## TOWN OF HENRIETTA

County of Monroe, State of New York  
475 Calkins Road P.O. Box 999, Henrietta, NY 14467-0999 716-334-7700

Dear Parent:

The Town of Henrietta Youth Bureau, with assistance from the Rush-Henrietta Central School District Department of Research and Development, is conducting a survey of Rush-Henrietta students and parents regarding Youth and Recreation needs in the community.

The Youth Bureau/Recreation Department provides counseling services for young people and recreation services for people of all ages. Your answers to the survey's questions will be used in future planning of our programs and services.

You have been randomly selected as one of over 800 people in the Town we are asking to fill out the enclosed questionnaire. Please note that it is not necessary to identify yourself.

We have also enclosed a postage-paid envelope for you to return the questionnaire to us. PLEASE REMOVE THIS COVER LETTER BEFORE MAILING THE QUESTIONNAIRE BACK TO US.

If you have any questions concerning this request please contact me at 359-2540. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Yudelson  
Director  
Youth Bureau & Recreation Dept.

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## ADULT SURVEY

1. The Town of Henrietta Youth Bureau/Recreation Department offers many recreation programs for ages 2 and up, including adult and Senior Citizen activities.

Have your children used any of the programs offered by the Henrietta Recreation Department?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please suggest additional recreation activities/services you would like to see provided for youth in Henrietta.

If more recreation services were to be provided for youth, when is the best time for them to be scheduled? Please choose one.

☐ Week days - morning ☐ afternoon ☐

☐ Week day evenings

☐ Weekend days

☐ Weekend evenings

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you used any of the programs offered by the Henrietta Recreation Department?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you feel that there are enough recreation services for adults in Henrietta?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please suggest additional recreation services you'd like to see provided for adults in Henrietta.

If more recreation services were to be provided for adults, when is the best time for them to be scheduled? Please choose one.

☐ Weekdays - mornings ☐ afternoon ☐

☐ Week day evenings

☐ Weekend days

☐ Weekend evenings

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Town of Henrietta Youth Bureau/Recreation Department offers counseling services for young people age 21 and under who need help with problems.

Have your children ever used any of the counseling services offered by the Henrietta Youth Bureau?

General counseling Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

Employment counseling Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

Drug/Alcohol counseling Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

Court counseling Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

Do you feel that there are enough counseling services available for youth in Henrietta?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please suggest additional counseling services you would like to see provided for youth in Henrietta.

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3. Where do your children generally go after school?

☐ Home - Alone ☐ With supervision  
☐ After-school recreation ☐ Neighbor/relative  
☐ Day Care ☐ Work  
☐ Baby sitter ☐ Other

If there are children at home below the age of 15, how much time per week do they spend unsupervised?

☐ Less than one hour  
☐ 1 - 2 hours  
☐ 2 - 6 hours  
☐ 6 - 12 hours  
☐ Over 12 hours

If children under 15 are unsupervised, when does this occur?

☐ Before school ☐ Weekends ☐ Other  
☐ After school ☐ Evenings

4. In what way could you use help in caring for your children, or solving problems that involve children?

☐ Day Care ☐ Counseling  
☐ Baby sitter ☐ Parenting Course  
☐ Health care  
☐ Other: Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

5. Where would you direct your children to seek help if they had a personal problem you could not deal with?

☐ Church ☐ Doctor  
☐ Town ☐ Agency  
☐ School  
☐ Other: Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know when to go for help for yourself, if a personal problem comes up?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Where would you seek help?

☐ Church ☐ Doctor  
☐ Town ☐ Agency  
☐ Other: Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

6. What age do you feel should be the legal drinking age? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel that teens should be able to have a drink occasionally? (i.e. one beer, wine during dinner)

Age 13-14 - Yes ☐ No ☐  
 Age 15-16 - Yes ☐ No ☐  
 Age 17-18 - Yes ☐ No ☐  
 Age 19-21 - Yes ☐ No ☐

Are your children allowed to choose when they will have a drink in your home?

Age 13-14 - Yes ☐ No ☐  
 Age 15-16 - Yes ☐ No ☐  
 Age 17-18 - Yes ☐ No ☐  
 Age 19-21 - Yes ☐ No ☐

7. Do you feel that your School District considers the academic needs of your children?

       Yes        No

Please Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel that your School District considers the social needs of your children?

       Yes        No

Please Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you feel that young people still in High School are given enough information to make appropriate career decisions?

       Yes        No

Please Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you feel that your Town Government considers your needs when making decisions?

       Never        Sometimes        Always

Please Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

10. How concerned are you about the following issues young people encounter?

	<u>Very</u> <u>Concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Concerned</u>	<u>Not a</u> <u>Concern</u>
Substance Abuse	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Housing for the Youth	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Violence in Schools	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Violence outside of Schools	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Youth Labor Laws	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Legal Matters	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Sexual Matters	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Transportation	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Other: _____	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

11. What local publications do you read? (Check all that apply)

       Times Union        Henrietta Shopper/Journal  
       Democrat & Chronicle        Penny Saver  
       Henrietta Post        Church Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you have any other comments concerning the Youth and Recreation services in your Town?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

13. What is the make up of your household?

       Both Parents        Mother & Step Fater  
       Mother Only        Relative Other than parent  
       Father Only        Foster Parents  
       Father and Step Mother        Other

Are you presently employed?

       Yes -        Full Time

       Yes -        Part Time

       No

What is specific employment circumstance of other adults in your home?

A. Spouse - Full Time        B. Other - Full Time         
 Part Time        Part Time         
 Not employed        Not employed

What is the total income for the support of your family?

☐ Less than \$15,000  
☐ 15,000 - 20,000  
☐ 20,000 - 25,000  
☐ 25,000 - 30,000  
☐ 30,000 - 35,000  
☐ Over 35,00

Please check all sources of income.

☐ Employment ☐ Welfare  
☐ Child Support ☐ Unemployment Insurance  
☐ Alimony ☐ Other  
☐ Food Stamps

How many school age children are there in your home?

☐ Elementary  
☐ Jr. High School  
☐ Sr. High School

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

☐ Jr. High ☐ 3 Years in college  
☐ Sr. High ☐ 4 Years in college  
☐ 1 year in college ☐ Over 4 Years in college  
☐ 2 years in college ☐ Other

What is the highest level of education you expect your children will complete?

☐ Sr. High School ☐ 4 Years in college  
☐ 1 year in college ☐ Over 4 Years in college  
☐ 2 years in college ☐ Trade or Arts School  
☐ 3 years in college  
☐ Other - Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

What is your age?

☐ 18 - 25  
☐ 26 - 35  
☐ 36 - 50  
☐ 51 - 65  
☐ Over 65

### Appendix C

#### NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY - COMMENTS

Please suggest additional recreation activities/services you would like to see in Henrietta.

- Arts & Crafts
- Baseball for different age groups - I didn't notice any this year
- Supervised Summer fun, recreation at Town Park for Summer, crafts, games, sports, etc.
- Ask the youth, what do they ask for? Is it reasonable?
- More school break trips
- Bowling, movie weekend nights, special membership prices at local outdoor pool
- Help soccer in the Henrietta area grow and give support and not make it so hard to use fields and gyms
- Skateboarding
- More Summer programs or if they already exist, better communication
- More programs for the teen element of Henrietta
- Computer Camp
- Boys & girls volleyball
- Hockey, man-made lake in Riverton
- For ages to 13: day trips (Shine program) movies & sports discounts on racquetball and volleyball
- Basketball in the evening
- Swimming
- Field trips
- Better baseball fields, home run fence, scoreboard, dug outs, more teams for football (heavy weights)
- More for Jr. High age
- More Summer evening programs/sports
- Golf for teens
- Teen centers or special events for teens to go to. Give teens some place to go other than the mall
- Summer boys volleyball
- Rollerskating, indoor ice skating, horseback riding, ski trips
- Horseback riding. Better care of ice skating facilities with concession stands. Get good bands for teens in park
- A before school care program
- Weekends & early evenings for 12 & up, no later than 9 p.m.
- Stuff for kids 15-18 years old
- Can't see any further need
- The questions no longer pertain since my youngest has graduated
- Think they have a very comprehensive variety of programs
- More activities daytime programs in the Summer for youth ages 12-16. Perhaps a Recreation Center
- Afterschool and weekend educational services
- More socials for young mothers who don't want the bar scene
- Basketball for youth 16-18 years old
- More 5 & under programs
- Recreational activities for visually impaired
- Volleyball
- Opportunities for Volunteerism, ie. visiting a nursing home
- Volleyball
- Game rooms available where teens could meet without worrying about drug transactions going on in front of them
- I have been involved in the R-H Soccer club both as a coach and as a board member, and I would like to see a lighted soccer field in our area, maybe it could serve for more than a Soccer field. We have over 700 children involved in the Soccer program. At present there is only one lighted soccer field in our area, and that is Ed Merchants field in Chili. They get alot of milage from that field, area teams like to play at



least a couple of games a night especially when the weather is warm and play-off games are held under the lights for our County area. We have a great area lighted for softball and football but hardly nothing for a most popular sport. I think that Henrietta can take the spotlight from Chili and we can have the property from all the County Soccer leagues. The kids love some night games. We can do it.

- I do not know all of the programs offered. You do not send any mailings to Rush, I'm suprised I got this.
- Track & field, kickball league
- It is quite comprehensive. How about something in the music field during Summer months
- Rollerskating
- Teen Center with juke box, ping pong, pool table, after school programs like Latch Key for mothers who would like to work a full day.
- A community Center where they can play basketball or shoot pool
- More winter (indoor) programs (ski etc.)
- Music lessons
- Need a swimming pool in the park - Park needs to be patrolled more during the day
- Youth theatre
- Drowning prevention through knowledge and swim lessons
- Mail out information on what is already available
- More afterschool recreation activities and providing transportation to and from school and place of activities
- Hockey, why was hockey closed at the Dome? Part of the Dome was made for this purpose for the Youth of this area
- Ice Hockey
- Youth group for teens with activities eg. bowling, parties, rollerskating, picnics, ice skating, sledding, hay rides, Halloween parties, golf, swimming, ect.
- Dances or parties (get together) for 14-16 age group
- An ice skating facility. Minnet Hall and the Dome was originally contracted for this purpose, but was stolen by the Monroe County Fair Association. The Town should negotiate for the use of buildings or construct its own new facility
- More teen programs
- More afternoon type programs designed for Kindergarteners. When my son was in kindergarten there was nothing scheduled for afternoons
- Some schools such as Fyle offer it, but Leary school dosn't offer much at all. They could do much more afterschool.
- Please expand the Afterschool Program. Hire additional staff to allow each child's accomodation at their school rather than being transported to sites with openings
- Need more places for young adults 19-21 to meet
- Would like to see some kind of hang out place for the kids instead of McDonalds. Some place like the old drug store and soda bar.
- Overnight camping, reading clubs, craft classes.

**If recreation services were to be provided for youth, when is the BEST time for them to be scheduled?**

- School Holidays
- Afterschool
- Afterschool
- Summer Days
- Summer Days
- Depending on activity
- Summer
- All of the above, Henrietta is the best Town in Rochester
- Summer
- Summer/Week Days
- More Summer weekday afternoons

- School Breaks
- Program coordinators should know the best times.
- I despise the times available now which is the only reason my 3 children are not involved. The times are broken up and I have no time to leave work, also the age groupings are ridiculous.
- Afterschool
- Depends on what the service is as for the times.
- Summer days or evenings.

**Please suggest additional recreation services you would like to see provided for adults in Henrietta**

- Yoga, jazzercise
- Open gym, exercise, swim
- Increased "open" gyms for basketball in 30 years or older leagues
- A few more open gyms for adult basketball in winter
- Tennis
- I do not know the extent of adult services, I would like to know more
- Public Pool
- Mail out information on what is already available
- Baseball courses
- Concerts (classical) theatre (live stage)
- Over 40 and over 50 softball and volleyball leagues
- Volleyball teams for beginners, dances for couples 30 and up
- An ice skating facility
- Walk path using the old railroad bed paths beside creek from Lehigh Station to Barge Canal
- Public outdoor pool would be nice
- Bus trips for "middle agers" weekend and Summer
- It wouldn't matter what we suggest because you are going to do as you want anyway
- Bicycle club
- Crafts, educational possibilities
- Open basketball
- Women's volleyball
- More sports for over 50 group
- Co-ed volleyball
- Job service for 14 year olds ie. camp help with day trips for little people
- Swimming
- Do we have adult volleyball - Seems like it might be a big favorite
- Aerobics, exercise class for seniors, more seniors in job areas
- Volleyball team for Henrietta
- Daytime classes for moms who need a change of scene
- Day exercise program/more crafts
- Trips to Atlantic City
- Aerobic classes, walking club
- Adult swim lessons during the Summer-time
- Square dancing, or other dancing parties

**If recreation services were to be provided for adults, when is the BEST time for them to be scheduled.**

- Flexible
- Anytime
- Who has time?

**2. Please suggest any counseling services you would like to see provided for youth in Henrietta.**

- There needs to be more information distributed on services.
- Parents of teens.
- Can't answer, don't know about them until this survey came. Better exposure of programs are needed.
- I would like to see more availability.
- More counseling services available in schools.
- The services are more than adequate.
- A need for better school counseling for students to make better choices.
- Greater exposure to birth control, VD, drugs, etc. An educational program at all school levels.
- Family counseling.
- For troubled families.
- Weekend/Holidays - We have housed runaways and have not been able to find help on these days.
- Substance abuse, pregnancy, suicide and racial problems.
- Sexual counseling
- The people at the Youth Bureau do a super job!
- To be totally honest, I didn't know there was counseling available.
- We are new in the area, and maybe this Youth Bureau should distribute literature to new residents ie. welcome wagon etc.
- Didn't know they were even available.
- Not aware of any counseling services.
- I didn't know these services were available.
- Expansion of current counseling to younger children.
- There enough services, but are there enough counselors?

**3. Other locations for children afterschool**

- Afterschool paper route
- With friends on occasion
- Work

**Times when children under 15 are unsupervised**

- Occasional
- School Breaks
- Summer AM
- Summer time
- Afterschool

**4. In what way could you use help in caring for your children or solving problems that involve children?**

- Car pooling
- Counseling courses
- Transportation to and from afterschool activities
- More parent and child chemical awareness programs, before problems arise.
- How about family recreation? Family field trips - Cummings Nature Center or other such places. You need more family activity today. Stop separating the family, by only offering youth or adult programs.
- Make kindergarten part of the after-school programming so that parents could work full days.
- Counseling services are NOT well published.

- Before school programs
- There are none needed.
- Tutoring
- Motivating kids, dealing with stress.
- Afterschool care in West Brighton area.
- Could have used afterschool activity
- Dealing with teenagers
- Supervised recreation
- More family unity
- They are old enough to care for each other and themselves.
- More teen centers or interesting programs. Give our kids somewhere to go.
- No other ways
- Before school care
- Greater accessibility to after-school programs, primarily at Leary where attendance is limited.

**5. Where would you seek help for a personal problem?**

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| - Psychologist or Family member      | - Depends on situation                   |
| - Relatives                          | - Family and friends                     |
| - Counseling and support groups      | - anyone qualified                       |
| - depends on the problem             | - depends on the problem                 |
| - counseling services                | - Court, School                          |
| - Catholic Family Center             | - Family                                 |
| - Psychologist/Social worker         | - Family                                 |
| - Depends on problem                 | - Not the Town's business                |
| - Family services                    | - Relative                               |
| - Friends                            | - Friends/Relative                       |
| - Private Counseling                 | - We just don't know where and how!      |
| - Doctor, but depends on the problem | - We talked with school, with no results |
| - Place of employment                | - Support groups                         |

**Where would you direct your children to seek help with a personal problem?**

- Psychologist
- Other friends, psychologist
- Sibling
- Trusted friends not at our church
- Close neighbor
- Anyone qualified to deal with the problem
- Depends on the problem
- Any of the above, depending on the problem
- Rochester Mental Health
- Counseling at RIT where I am a student.
- Family Member
- Relatives
- Family Services
- It's not the Town's business
- Depends on the problem
- Other family members
- Psychologist/Social worker
- Family
- Catholic Family Center
- Private Counseling
- I'm very lucky, my children have always come to me and we take care of things. I'm a nurse and know what agencies are available if needed.

- Other family members
- Depends on the problem. Social, emotional, medical, educational.
- Trusted adult friends.

**. Do You Feel That Your School District Considers the Academic Needs of Your Children?**

- I feel R-H has a well rounded program especially honor courses and art major programs in High School.
- Scheduling is rather inflexible (Elementary) where are the gifted programs?
- Regents demands - No time for experimental classes to see if these are an interest.
- Yes, elementary needs.
- Yes, excellent school district
- Yes, they have allowed my son to move ahead in certain courses so that he can finish High School sooner.
- They helped out a great deal this past year.
- Children with learning disabilities don't get a fair dealing with
- There does not seem to be any supervision of some very poor teachers. They are allowed to continue year after year because of union protection.
- Parents need to stay involved for child and school guidance.
- R-H is fine at this point for HS level. Not sure about about JH.
- Yes, I look at the school tests, and they are good.
- The average & slightly above seem to get lost in cracks because of others with problems
- Emotionally disturbed children are not given adequate programs. Physically handicapped are.
- Make 9th grade at the Junior High.
- Need more concentration on basics - many unable to make change without being told amount by register
- Teachers at the High School are excellent.
- Good acceptance rates at good universities
- Not enough emphasis on the basics
- Academic needs are met up to the 9th grade. High School does poor job in counseling and motivating students.
- Thorough concerned teachers
- Our school district is interested in sports first & academics second.
- I am very pleased with the "course work" offered at the schools.
- Their knowledge of the "basics" is very poor.
- Not enough concern and counseling.
- I do not completely approve.
- Oldest child had many problems - received minimal support from administration. End result was dropout.
- They can't even keep track of what is and is not state mandated anymore.
- Partially, I feel there are too many kids to consider each child separately.
- Incompetent administration.
- I was not informed until my child had a 43% average in math and 58% in Social Studies.
- No, when they keep teachers who are not teaching properly.
- At the Jr. High level there is encouragement for academic success. At Senior High level not much attention.
- Usually depends on the particular teacher - help is available in the district but teachers need to make the suggestion.
- I think they try but just too many students per guidance counselor.
- Not prepared for change to college.
- Need more scholarship incentive and awards for good (but not the very best) student.
- Need more counselors/too many students.
- We have to struggle to have our children's academic needs met. One now goes to private school.
- Somewhat, okay in Elementary, not so sure about the Junior High.

- No, they only consider the State requirements.
- Not pleased with High School Administrators, they are not student centered.
- When needing a conference, they were hard to arrange. Felt some teachers were being bothered when asked to talk with them.
- Have found them to be a tremendous help.
- They have helped my son when he needed it.
- Administration too highly paid, superintendent especially.
- Little enrichment programs for the gifted.
- Glad for all the varied activities the school provides.
- Many children do not fully take advantage of school services.

**Do you feel the School District considers the social needs of your children?**

- Understaffed
- Offer manual for youth recreation.
- Not enough school sponsored social events.
- Requirements for students who move into town are unfair.
- No, it's a big Jail!!
- Elementary yes, High School no.
- Not enough after-school social activities.
- Need more library programs and sports programs.
- There are no social events offered at the High School.
- Dances, fun nights, etc. We seem to be wrapped up in sports. There should be more social gatherings.
- Not sure about the Junior High.
- There is a lot of social activity at the High School level.
- No, I feel more counseling is needed.
- Need more school sponsored dances and social rather than athletic programs.
- Students are allowed to participate in athletics even when their grades are low.
- A lot of well run programs in High School, especially Safe Celebrations.
- Yes, sports, mass lunches, homerooms.
- I would like to see teens participate in more healthy social events.
- Yes, too much.
- Again, Social needs are met up to the 9th grade. High School has very little social activities or time for socializing after school.
- Other than sports and after-school clubs know of no other social activity of a purely social nature.
- They do not get involved with a student. The only time they are concerned is when a student has a problem.
- They plan many activities that the children do not avail themselves to.
- I think there should be more afterschool activities such as chorus, plays for young grades 1-3.
- Lack of teacher involvement in extra-curricular activities.
- School informs parents about recreational programs and other related activities.
- Not enough school spirit for social functions.
- Would like to see increase in attitude that kids are people too with great ideas and aptitudes.
- Not as well as they could. We need to help kids work together to be responsible, to help in the community.
- More to life than sports
- More teen activities
- No consideration for problem youth (behavioral).
- Senior High is too big to be manageable.
- For a specific group.
- Little attention given to real needs of REAL WORLD with Mickey Mouse schedules at the High School level.

- Socializing seems to be taken care of by the children themselves.
  - I understand they offer courses on independent living.
  - Sometimes/need more.
  - It would be nice to have all school gyms open on evenings and weekend days.
  - They don't have room for all the kids at a dance.
  - High School administrators are not in touch with students needs.
  - Not many school sponsored social activities available.
  - Primary project is an excellent example.
  - Little concern for social needs of the gifted.
  - All the social activities were well organized.
  - Notices are often received explaining programs/functions offered.
- . Do you feel that young people in High School are given enough information to make appropriate career decisions?**
- Can't comment, my children are too young.
  - Don't know, may be understaffed.
  - Too many students for adequate counseling on individual basis.
  - Students aren't familiar enough with the careers.
  - You offer alot more different courses than before.
  - Students are not prepared for the real world, they are unaware of career choices and no training is provided for non-college bound students.
  - Guidance needs to have more career days or nights. You can never give too much information.
  - Counseling is adequate.
  - Need more time devoted to career counseling and college counseling.
  - Start too early, asking 7th graders to decide is too early.
  - Alot of programs and information is available at the High School.
  - Need the opportunity to view and meet active career people.
  - More time should be spent informing kids even as young as elementary and Junior High.
  - Guidance counselors still don't give enough direction ideas for after graduation.
  - At 17 & 18 and no or little work experience, I don't believe anyone can decide what career to decide upon for the next 40 years.
  - Experience on the job helps as a class.
  - Counseling is inadequate
  - My daughter found it OK but needs more opportunity to consider choices. Always seems a barrier with school work.
  - Still a problem. Responsibilities, pressures, finances are always a problem when looking ahead.
  - I think it would be very helpful if more career people would visit their child's school. Most kids are so confused at this age, there is so much going on they don't have time to take advantage of these visits.
  - The perception is that instructors are 8-4:00ers, little consideration for the institution or education. They seem to deliver information but not teach.
  - Both of my children were lost after they got out of school.
  - Very difficult job to do at the ages involved.
  - Career counselors are not presently qualified. They do not help children or young adults to make realistic career moves.
  - If child is in the mainstream, assistance is available.
  - My daughter never even met her counselor.
  - They have to want to seek it out.
  - It's who you know, and who the counselor wants to help
  - The majority of career decisions are not made in High School.
  - Guidance only has time to handle crisis situations.
  - From what I see and hear counselors are too overworked to know what the child needs.
  - Information given, not experience.

- Given information but not counseling
- It's their decision, and they are still too young.
- Both my children graduated High School but don't know what they want.
- Counselors seem to have limited time.
- Not enough information on vocational choices.
- Need more 1 on 1 between counselor and student, to discuss student's attitude and abilities, be more realistic.
- Too large of student/counselor ratio.
- Not enough time for them to be with counselors.
- I don't think the resources available are greatly explained.
- I would like to see them given more information on salaries, hours worked, job descriptions etc. of many different occupations.
- Some/most young people cannot make career decisions in High School. No pressure is put on them to make decisions.
- I am unaware of the R-H career counseling program.
- I do not feel that firm decisions should be made by most students. Awareness is appropriate.
- Fortunately, my children have always done well in school.
- Not enough information or learning a trade instead of college.
- Students do not get adequate information about the range of professions and trades.
- Too often services are not used.

9. Do you feel that your government considers your needs when making decisions?

- Should consult residents more on commercial developments. TOO much haphazard commercial developments in Henrietta. Would like to see more community orientated projects.
- Never. Petitioned for lights and side walks on tract streets, no response.
- In the Summer months there is no provision for decisions needed between monthly meetings. eg. when we sold our home commercially, interest rates went from 9 1/4 to 10 3/4% while we waited for our buyer site to review plan to be approved. So basically, it will lose us thousands of dollars because we have to wait for committee to meet to approve LANDSCAPING. Our bank would not let us apply for a mortgage until the buyer removed contingency, and until BOARD met. Also, they withheld information which could easily been communicated which could have speeded the process.
- Allowing tax abatement regardless of the objections of the tax payers. They do what they want.
- Sometimes, but I'm talking about Rush, NY.
- Too much commercial building is being done. I don't feel East River Road and River Meadow area roads are kept up well enough.
- We DO receive letters concerning our area.
- Never, they consider their own needs.
- Sometimes, half the time they don't know what's going on.
- Sometimes.
- Open vote on key issues like Marketplace would be a better way.
- Good notification at alot of meetings.
- Always notified of Town meetings.
- Spot zoning is a definite sore subject.
- Never, Town development
- Political money talks louder than tax payers.
- It's up to citizens to be informed.
- More concerned with fiscal/political than personal issues.
- They only cater to business they don't even want to get junk cars out of sub-divisons.
- Come and visit some neighborhoods and get involved (not only when you need a vote).
- I'd like to see them consider the traffic congestion in areas like W. Henrietta and Lehigh Station Roads, so we can continue to get to work.



- Unaware of issues, meetings, minimal communication.
- The grass law is ridiculous.
- Seem to be more concerned about getting business in and pushing home owners out.
- I have never asked or questioned.
- Sometimes, but you have to FIGHT.
- Sometimes, the traffic in Henrietta is growing and I'm not pleased with the volume.
- The diversity of needs makes this impossible all of the time. My childrens After-school needs at Leary are not being met.
- Perhaps surveys/questionnaires before decision are made.

## 2. Any other comments concerning Youth and Recreation services in your Town.

- Services are quite good and varied, esp. Summer activities for children
- They do a good job for the amount of funding provided them
- So for I am very pleased with what they have to offer
- In general, over the years there has been great growth and reponse to the needs of the community. A great job, well done!
- Very good choice of programs
- Strong on sports
- I don't like the age groups allowed at Pandemonium club. 14 years olds do not belong with 18 years olds. Should have special times for younger that older are not allowed
- There is a large drug problem in the High School which is not being addressed
- Impressed with Youth to Youth organization and Summer recreation program for teens. Also leadership training skills for teens
- I would like to see more help and programs
- I have always been satisfied with the services. I read the Henrietta Post throughly and also the Recreation Department brochure and am aware of most of the programs, Including trips eg. rafting (2 of my children have been)
- Town Hall is comprehensive and well organized
- Town meeting program for Henrietta adults to air problems
- for kids 15-18 more days per week
- Soccer & basketball programs seem to be improving. Library is great
- The programs offered are excellent
- We would like to see the mailings of what's available come into Rush
- Publike them more not make people look for services. Services advertised are better used.
- Our town is most fortunate to have the wide variety of programs available for all ages
- I don't know much about them
- The Town's natural ice rink is a joke. It's too small and poorly maintained.
- They should have more for the teenagers to do with no drinking
- I have not used many services, but it seems great especially Shine
- More Summer programs
- Needs more programs all year for all ages that are easily accessible (ie. area schools & school playgrounds)
- Have been pleased with counseling services and classes my children have taken
- We have a daughter in project Shine, and she loves it.
- Summer months, more day camps with activities
- I think Henrietta does a fantastic job. We have used services. It has grown tremendously to meet growing population needs.
- Swimming, basketball or other sports in an organized afterschool fun leagues
- Having been a Youth Board member, I miss the Youth expo, youth center, Hall of Fame inductions at 4th of July, where it was visible. Both Youth Board and Youth Bureau doesn't seem very visible anymore.
- Its been hard to deal with her at the Recreation Office-no matter what our concerns are, she won't & doesn't want to help-it depends on who you are
- I think Roger & the rest of the staff are doing a great service to all of us

- We are very pleased with the sports programs offered and Summer playground is a great program
- My youngest participated in White Water Rafting. Excellent trip, well done!
- To be better able to time slot children, instead of 9:00-12:00... and break for staff have another volunteer during breaks for parents not to worry over where to place children when they cannot leave their jobs
- I think the teen dance they have at the Fairgrounds are just great. My son used it last year and I wish my daughter had one when she was in school
- Don't like laws regarding possible suits against parents if there is drinking at a party at their home and alcohol happens to be there (on purpose or not)
- Difficult for kids to get to Town Hall if parents work. Needs to be located in schools.
- I fail to understand the need to know the \$ support of our family; the academic and social needs of our school, alcohol intake, have nothing to do with Recreation. You should look at RHAA and the Snoddy way they run business, I have never seen an organization so unorganized in all my life. And so contradictory of what they have in mind.
- Beyond 6th grade my children refused to consider Town programs viewing them to attract or cater to troubled or at risk students, they chose not to view as potential friends or company
- Please hire additional staff so all children who wish to attend the Leary After-School Program may be accommodated on site, at their own School
- When the kids were younger, they participated in SCORE and it was a wonderful program
- I feel appropriate services are being offered
- My children have been involved in a wide variety of activities and they have benefited greatly from these
- Where are youth services located? Are they by referral only?
- Have been pleased with Henrietta Recreation Day Camps
- Better baseball diamonds, a common concern with soccer fields near by and flying balls into the field
- I would like to see more social recreational programs for teens in Summer months
- Kudos to you for having Project Shine
- The Summer Playground Program is fantastic - Very well organized and supervised! This is the first Summer my family has participated

**13. What is the highest level of education you expect your children to complete?**

- After High School it's their decision. Would like them to go to college but it's up to them.
- Air Force Technological School

Appendix D  
HENRIETTA YOUTH BOARD NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
STUDENT SURVEY SUMMARY  
1983 vs. 1989

1. Are You -	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Male	51.5%	50.4%
Female	48.2%	49.2%
2. What grade are you in?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
7th	19.9%	17.1%
8th	11.1%	18.2%
9th	19.6%	13.2%
10th	18.0%	15.5%
11th	16.8%	15.3%
12th	14.3%	20.3%
3. What School?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Webster Junior High	12.8%	Junior High 35.2%
Burger Junior High	18.7%	
Roth Senior High	27.9%	Senior High 63.9%
Sperry Senior High	40.5%	
4. What Town do you live in?	<u>1989</u>	<u>1989</u>
Henrietta	84.6%	85.7%
Rush	8.2%	7.7%
Brighton	3.5%	3.2%
Other	2.7%	1.0%
5. What is your age?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
11	0.8%	0.8%
12	7.2%	3.9%
13	15.9%	16.4%
14	15.4%	17.3%
15	18.8%	16.2%
16	18.0%	14.6%
17	15.5%	16.2%
18	7.5%	11.7%
19	0.8%	2.0%
6. Do you live with?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Both parents	70.4%	67.5%
Mother only	14.1%	12.9%
Father only	2.5%	4.6%
Father & stepmother	2.1%	2.1%
Mother & stepfather	7.9%	9.0%
Relative	1.6%	1.5%
Foster parents	0.3%	0.6%
Other	0.9%	1.2%
7. How long have you lived in your present home situation?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Less than 1 year	5.4%	8.2%
1 to 3 years	11.3%	14.7%
4 to 6 years	12.8%	12.4%
More than 6 years	69.8%	63.4%
8. Are you or any member of your family collecting unemployment insurance?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	8.2%	4.4%
No	89.0%	91.2%

9. Is your family receiving any other financial aid?		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	7.8%	10.5%
No	70.8%	64.6%
Do not know	19.6%	22.9%
10. Are your parents -		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Both employed	60.3%	71.6%
Father only employed	26.2%	18.4%
Mother only employed	8.6%	5.6%
Both unemployed	3.4%	2.4%
11. Highest level of education you expect to complete?		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Junior High School	1.4%	NA
High School	15.9%	7.9%
One year of college	3.3%	3.3%
Two years of college	16.8%	10.9%
Three years of college	2.7%	NA
Four years of college	42.0%	42.9%
More than four years	17.2%	33.8%
12. Have you ever looked for a job?		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	67.3%	74.4%
No	31.3%	23.7%
13. If you have looked for a job, have you -		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Found a job	53.4%	68.1%
Still looking	40.3%	21.3%
Stopped looking	6.3%	5.9%
4.5% filled in answer blank #0		
14. Have you ever felt the need to seek help in order to obtain employment?		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	27.6%	18.8%
No	70.5%	76.0%
15. If so, were you able to find help?		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	missing	31.1%
No	missing	51.9%
16. Have you ever felt the need to seek help in solving a personal problem?		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	36.8%	52.4%
No	54.9%	37.2%
Not applicable	6.7%	9.0%
17. Do you know where to go should you need help with a personal problem?		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	75.0%	83.6%
No	23.5%	14.6%
18. Are you presently in need of any medical services?		
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	7.2%	8.5%
No	87.2%	83.8%
Do not know	5.0%	6.7%

19. Do you feel that your school adequately considers your academic needs?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Never	7.5%	6.1%
Sometimes	33.7%	39.8%
Usually	46.2%	44.6%
Always	10.9%	8.8%

20. Do you feel that your school adequately considers your personal and social needs?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Never	20.9%	29.7%
Sometimes	44.5%	46.1%
Usually	28.5%	21.9%
Always	4.0%	2.0%

21. Do you feel that your Town government considers the needs of the youth of your community?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	34.4%	32.6%
No	18.4%	33.2%
Do not know	45.2%	32.9%

22. Other than your parents, do you feel that there are adults in your community that are genuinely concerned for you?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	71.0%	69.5%
No	16.1%	15.5%
Do not know	11.7%	13.8%

23. Do you feel that there are enough organized activities for you to participate in other than school activities?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	41.5%	42.0%
No	43.9%	44.3%
Do not know	13.2%	12.7%

- If more activities outside of school were provided, when should they be provided?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
24. Afterschool	Yes 72.1%-No 26.3%	Yes 71.9%-No 25.8%
25. Early Evening	Yes 56.5%-No 41.8%	Yes 62.7%-No 35.1%
26. Friday Evening	Yes 38.1%-No 60.2%	Yes 42.0%-No 55.7%
27. Saturday Afternoon	Yes 49.5%-No 48.6%	Yes 54.9%-No 42.5%
28. Saturday Evening	Yes 29.9%-No 68.3%	Yes 39.2%-No 58.1%
29. Sunday Afternoon	Yes 37.8%-No 59.6%	Yes 48.4%-No 48.7%

30. When you leave school, where do you usually go?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Home	62.3%	58.0%
Work	11.2%	17.8%
Friend's House	6.1%	6.1%
Other	18.3%	17.1%

31. Are you ever excluded from recreation activities because you do not have enough money?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Never	52.7%	60.4%
Sometimes	42.1%	36.1%
Always	2.8%	2.1%

How concerned are you about the following issues young people encounter (asked in 1989 only)

	<u>Very Concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat Concerned</u>	<u>Not a Concern</u>
32. Substance Abuse	49.2%	37.9%	11.5%
33. Housing for Youth	28.8%	50.1%	20.2%
34. Violence in School	43.7%	38.2%	16.5%
35. Violence Outside School	35.4%	39.8%	23.5%
36. Youth Labor Laws	23.1%	44.2%	30.8%
37. Legal Matters	21.7%	44.0%	32.5%
38. Sexual Matters	40.4%	38.5%	19.3%
39. Transportation	31.3%	36.9%	30.2%

41. Do <u>you</u> use alcoholic beverages in your home?	<u>1989</u>
Never	<u>70.3%</u>
Once per month	19.6%
Once per week	4.1%
More than once per week	2.0%
Daily	1.5%
1983 question: Are alcoholic beverages <u>available</u> to you in your home?	

	<u>1983</u>
Never	<u>35.4%</u>
Sometimes	46.0%
Often	15.1%

42. Do you use alcoholic beverages outside the home?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Never	<u>49.8%</u>	<u>56.5%</u>
Once per month	25.8%	26.7%
Once per week	11.2%	9.0%
More than once per week	6.2%	3.6%
Daily	2.2%	1.5%

43. Have you ever felt pressured into using alcohol?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	<u>11.9%</u>	<u>21.4%</u>
No	84.3%	76.6%

44. Have you ever used any drugs?	<u>1989</u>
Yes	<u>25.3%</u>
No	72.5%
1983 question: Have you ever used marijuana?	

	<u>1983</u>
Yes	<u>30.8%</u>
No	64.6%
1983 question: Have you ever used any other drugs?	
	<u>1983</u>
Yes	<u>20.4%</u>
No	75.1%

45. Have you ever felt the need for more information regarding your personal sexual decisions?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	<u>13.6%</u>	<u>19.7%</u>
No	80.7%	77.7%

46. Do you know how to get information regarding police or court services?	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	<u>56.4%</u>	<u>56.3%</u>
No	39.3%	42.6%

Have you ever used any of the following services offered by the Henrietta Youth Bureau and Recreation Department?

	<u>1983</u>		<u>1989</u>	
47. Employment Service	Yes	8.6%-No 87.5%	Yes	10.0%-No 88.8%
48. Court Services	Yes	5.4%-No 90.7%	Yes	8.3%-No 90.3%
49. Recreation Programs	Yes	49.0%-No 43.8%	Yes	53.9%-No 45.5%
50. Counseling	Yes	7.0%-No 89.2%	Yes	10.3%-No 88.3%

51. Have you ever used counseling services other than those offered by the Henrietta Youth Bureau and Recreation Department?

	<u>1983</u>		<u>1989</u>	
Yes		Not asked		22.5%
No		Not asked		69.7%

Appendix E

**HENRIETTA YOUTH BOARD NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
ADULT SURVEY SUMMARY  
1983 vs 1989**

1. The Town of Henrietta Youth Bureau/Recreation Department offers many recreation programs for ages 2 & up, including adult and Senior Citizen activities.

Have your children used any of the programs offered by the Henrietta Recreation Department?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	48.1%	86.9%
No	30.8%	13.1%
Blank	21.1%	

Have you (adult) used any of the programs offered by the Henrietta Recreation Department?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	39.7%	48.1%
No	54.0%	50.0%
Blank	6.3%	1.9%

Do you feel that there are enough recreation services for adults in Henrietta?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	42.6%	50.6%
No	38.4%	25.6%
Blank	19.0%	13.8%
Other		10.0%

If more recreation services were to be provided for youth, when is the best time for them to be scheduled?

	<u>1989</u>
Weekdays	28.8%
Weekday mornings	16.3%
Weekday afternoons	27.5%
Weekday evenings	38.8%
Weekend days	36.3%
Weekend evenings	13.8%
Other	12.5%

If more recreation services were to be provided for adults, when is the best time for them to be scheduled?

	<u>1989</u>
Weekdays	9.4%
Weekday mornings	6.3%
Weekday afternoons	5.6%
Weekday evenings	58.8%
Weekend days	26.3%
Weekend evenings	14.4%
Other	3.1%

(1983) If more recreation services were to be provided, when should they be scheduled?

	<u>1983</u>
Weekdays	13.9%
Weekday evenings	27.8%
Weekend days	8.0%
Weekend nights	5.5%
Blank	44.7%



2. The Town of Henrietta Youth Bureau/Recreation Department offers counseling services for young people age 21 and under who need help with problems.

Have your children ever used any of the counseling services offered by the Henrietta Youth Bureau?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
General Counseling		
Yes	11.4%	3.8%
No	66.7%	92.5%
Don't Know		1.3%
Blank	21.9%	2.5%
Employment Counseling		
Yes	9.3%	3.8%
No	66.7%	91.9%
Don't Know		0.6%
Blank	24.1%	3.8%
Court Counseling		
Yes	8.4%	0.6%
No	66.7%	93.1%
Don't Know		1.3%
Blank	24.9%	5.0%
Drug/Alcohol Counseling		
Yes		2.5%
No		93.1%
Don't Know		0.6%
Blank		3.8%

Do you feel that there are enough counseling services available for youth in Henrietta?

	<u>1989</u>
Yes	68.1%
No	5.0%
Blank	13.1%
Other	13.8%

3. Where do your children generally go after school?

	<u>1989</u>
Home	11.7%
Home - alone	24.7%
Home - with supervision	33.1%
Afterschool Recreation	1.9%
Neighbor/Relative	1.3%
Work	2.6%
Day Care	0.0%
Baby Sitter	0.0%
Other & Multiple answers	24.0%
Blank	0.6%

If there are children at home below the age of 15, how much time per week do they spend unsupervised?

	<u>1989</u>
Less than one hour	18.2%
1 - 2 hours	13.6%
2 - 6 hours	18.2%
6 - 12 hours	6.5%
Over 12 hours	5.2%
Blank	37.0%

4. In what way could you use help in caring for your children or solving problems that involve children?

	<u>1989</u>
Day Care	2.6%
Baby Sitter	1.3%
Counseling	5.2%
Parenting Course	6.5%
Health Care	1.3%
Other	13.0%
Multiple	9.1%
Blank	61.0%

5. Where would you direct your children to seek help if they had a personal problem you could not deal with?

	<u>1989</u>
Church	9.1%
Town	1.3%
School	7.8%
Doctor	13.6%
Agency	5.2%
Multiple	46.8%
Blank	7.1%

(1983) Do you know where to direct your children if they have a personal problem you could not deal with?

	<u>1983</u>
Yes	58.6%
No	22.8%
Blank	18.6%

Do you know where to go for help for yourself if a personal problem comes up?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	66.2%	84.4%
No	20.3%	11.0%
Blank	13.5%	3.9%

Where would you seek help?

	<u>1989</u>
Church	11.7%
Doctor	22.7%
Town	0.6%
Agency	5.8%
Multiple	39.0%
Other	11.7%
Blank	8.4%

6. What age do you feel should be the legal drinking age?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
16	5.9%	X
17	8.0%	X
18	12.2%	6.6%
19	6.3%	4.8%
20	4.6%	2.4%
21	46.0%	68.3%
22	0.4%	Other 6.0%
Over 23	1.3%	X

Do you feel that teens should be able to have a drink occasionally? (ie. one beer, wine during dinner)

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Ages 13-14	Yes 16.5%-No 61.6%	Yes 6.5%-No 78.6%
Ages 15-16	Yes 28.7%-No 60.8%	Yes 12.3%-No 75.3%
Ages 17-18	Yes 52.3%-No 38.8%	Yes 29.9%-No 60.4%
Ages 19-21	Not Asked	Yes 35.1%-No 37.0%

Are your children allowed to choose when they will have a drink in your home?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Ages 13-14	Yes 14.8%-No 56.5%	Yes 1.9%-No 89.0%
Ages 15-16	Yes 7.6%-No 60.3%	Yes 3.9%-No 85.7%
Ages 17-18	Yes 19.8%-No 47.3%	Yes 11.7%-No 76.0%
Ages 19-21	Not Asked	Yes 35.1%-No 50.6%

7. Do you feel that your School District considers the academic needs of your children?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	59.1%	75.6%
No	19.4%	16.3%
Blank/Other	21.5%	8.2%

Do you feel that your School District considers the social needs of your children?

	<u>1989</u>
Yes	66.3%
No	25.6%
Blank/Other	8.2%

8. Do you feel that young people still in High School are given enough information to make appropriate career decisions?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	36.7%	40.6%
No	45.1%	38.1%
Blank/Missing	18.1%	21.3%

9. Do you feel that your Town Government considers your needs when making decisions?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Never	9.7%	7.5%
Sometimes	75.5%	76.9%
Always	4.2%	6.9%
Blank	10.5%	8.8%

10. How concerned are you about the following issues young people encounter? (asked in 1989 only)

	<u>Very Concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat Concerned</u>	<u>Not a Concern</u>
Substance Abuse	95.0%	4.4%	0.0%
Housing for Youth	23.8%	48.8%	22.5%
Violence in School	81.3%	16.9%	1.3%
Violence outside School	73.1%	23.1%	1.3%
Youth Labor Laws	23.8%	50.0%	23.8%
Legal Matters	22.5%	58.1%	15.6%
Sexual Matters	71.9%	27.5%	0.6%
Transportation	26.3%	56.3%	16.3%

## 11. What local publications do you read?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Times Union	51.9%	54.4%
Democrat & Chronicle	80.6%	89.4%
Henrietta Post	38.0%	44.4%
Hen. Shopper/Journal		71.9%
Henrietta Journal	31.2%	
Henrietta Shopper	40.5%	
Penny Saver	63.7%	84.4%

## 13. What is the makeup of your household?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Both Parents	66.2%	74.4%
Mother Only	9.3%	8.8%
Father Only	2.5%	2.5%
Father & Stepmother	0.8%	1.9%
Mother & Stepfather	3.4%	5.0%
Other Relative	NA	1.3%
Foster Parents	0.4%	0.0%
Other	12.2%	1.3%

## Are you presently employed?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Yes	84.4%	FT 70.0%
No	13.9%	PT 15.6%
		8.1%

## What is the employment circumstance of other adults in your home?

Spouse	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Full-time	36.3%	70.6%
Part-time	17.7%	8.8%
Not employed	25.3%	6.3%
Blank	20.7%	13.1%
Other		
Full-time	13.1%	7.5%
Part-time	11.0%	11.3%
Not employed	13.1%	4.4%
Blank	62.9%	74.2%

## What is the total income for the support of your family?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Less than \$15,000	8.4%	2.5%
\$15,000 - \$20,000	8.8%	2.5%
\$20,000 - \$25,000	10.7%	8.8%
\$25,000 - \$30,000	13.4%	9.4%
\$30,000 - \$35,000	9.6%	10.6%
Over \$35,000	23.3%	61.9%
Blank	24.9%	4.3%

## Please check all sources of income

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Employment	80.2%	95.0%
Child Support	5.1%	10.0%
Alimony	1.7%	0.6%
Food Stamps	2.5%	0.6%
Welfare	1.7%	0.0%
Unemployment Insurance	5.9%	0.0%
Other	NA	8.1%

How many school age children are there in your home? (asked only in 1989)

Elementary:	1 - 25.0%	2 - 5.0%	3 - 0.6%	Blank - 68.8%
Jr. High:	1 - 33.8%	2 - 2.5%		Blank - 63.8%
Sr. High:	1 - 60.6%	2 - 8.8%	3 - 1.3%	Blank - 29.4%

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Junior High	4.6%	0.6%
Senior High	32.5%	24.4%
1 year college	3.0%	11.3%
2 years college	8.4%	21.3%
3 years college	2.1%	5.0%
4 years college	24.1%	11.3%
Over 4 years college	17.7%	19.4%
Other	0.8%	3.8%
Blank	6.8%	1.9%

What is the highest level of education you expect your children will complete?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
Junior High	3.4%	NA
Senior High	13.1%	7.5%
1 year college	0.4%	1.9%
2 years college	4.2%	10.6%
3 years college	1.3%	0.6%
4 years college	42.6%	48.2%
Over 4 years college	13.5%	33.8%
Trade or Arts School	NA	12.1%
Other	1.3%	1.3%
Blank	20.3%	

What is your age?

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1989</u>
18-25	Not asked	0.0%
26-35		10.0%
36-50		79.4%
51-65		8.8%
Over 65		0.6%