

In the opinion of experienced human services professionals and experts of the community, how adequate are the community's:

Housing – not enough low income, not enough for those with a mental illness, those with a history of legal charges, those that don't qualify for TN care because they have Medicare aren't receiving appropriate supervision in the group homes. It is hard for the mentally ill to be placed due to limited sources.

Schools – Under funded, given low priority by city, state, and government. Out of frustration people enroll their children into private schools, which cut funding for public schools.

Police and fire protection – Good in some areas. Fire protection- some areas are not covered except by volunteer department. Police – problem with racism, bias against those that are mentally ill.

Recreational programs – They are under staffed and under funded, they do not cover all those wanting to get in.

Public transportation – Doesn't go to all the neighborhoods that need it. Doesn't help those with physical disabilities.

Health care and hospitals – Many people needing insurance can't get coverage. No parity for mental health treatment at all. A lot of discrimination occurs due to insurance.

Mental health services – Community mental health centers are under funded, under staffed and burnt out. They don't provide enough services for the people they serve. State hospital are under funded and under staffed.

Day care centers for children – Very few companies, day care workers are under paid and under trained. A lot of parents are working with one of the parent's income paying child care.

Family support programs – Never enough, need funding.

Programs for the treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse – Very few programs to give treatment, discrimination occurs with insurance. A lot of judgment towards those requiring treatment.

Programs for troubled youth – Under funded, under staffed, and burnt out staff, more focus on punishment instead of treatment or empowerment.

Programs for persons with disabilities – For those that need a group home the major mental health centers in the area will not take someone with vision and or hearing problems. Nursing homes will not take someone with Huntington disease. Public and state buildings do not adhere to the codes of the ADA. Businesses discriminate with hiring.

Programs for the elderly – Very under funded, depends on your income. The poor elderly are a silent majority that is oppressed. Not enough housing. Those that need assisted living are not assisted.