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Survey Extension Announced - Will you take a survey on health needs?

WINDHAM COUNTY (April 14, 2021) — The Community Health Needs Assessment brief survey for residents of Windham County has been extended until May 15, 2021. Residents are encouraged to take the anonymous survey to share what they consider their most pressing healthcare needs and concerns. It is available online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WindhamCountyCHNA.

The survey is an important part of a Community Health Needs Assessment being conducted jointly by Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, the Brattleboro Retreat, and Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital. Results will be shared with leaders at these medical facilities and will help in developing strategies to address prioritized healthcare needs.

The three healthcare organizations are working collaboratively to gather information by surveying residents and also by speaking with representatives of groups that serve medically underserved populations within Windham County. The Vermont Department of Health's Brattleboro Office is participating in the process as well as the Agency of Human Services and United Way of Windham County.

The anonymous community survey takes a few minutes to complete. In addition to being online at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WindhamCountyCHNA</u>, paper copies can be requested by calling 802-251-8604. Completed paper copies should be returned to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Community Health Team, 17 Belmont Avenue, Brattleboro, VT 05301 before May 15, 2021.

Survey results and a comprehensive CHNA Report will be made available by the end of the year on the partners' websites. This community assessment process takes place once every three years.

The Brattleboro Retreat, founded in 1834, is a not-for-profit, regional specialty psychiatric hospital and addictions treatment center, providing a full range of diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitation services for individuals of all ages and their families. Recognized as a national leader in the treatment mental illness and addiction, the Brattleboro Retreat offers a high quality, individualized, comprehensive continuum of care including inpatient, partial hospitalization, residential and outpatient treatment.