

Community Assessment Updates

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Tableland Services, Inc. ~ CAPFSC

ABSTRACT

The following pages show the updates to our Community Assessment.

Updates from the original assessment, which took place in the Spring of 2015, are noted for **Fall of 2016 in PINK** and **Fall of 2017 in GREEN**.

Poverty Rates - time period of 2010-2014

School District	2010-2014		2015	
	All people	Children Only	All People	Children Only
Berlin	11.3	23.9	13	27.5
Conemaugh	8.5	8.4	8.9	7.8
Meyersdale	13.9	21.3	14.2	22.5
North Star	12.7	18.3	12.1	19.1
Rockwood	11.7	18.3	10.2	16.8
Salisbury	13.5	17.9	15.5	22.4
Shade	11.5	16.9	9.8	13.9
Shanksville	13.3	19.8	12.7	22.0
Somerset	15.5	25.2	14.4	20.9
Turkeyfoot	17.8	28.4	15.6	19.4
Windber	10.7	13.6	13.3	22.8
State of PA	13.5	19.2	13.5	19.2

Data Source: Center for Rural Pennsylvania

Demographic Breakdown of Ethnicity and Race – time period 2010-2014

School District	2010-2014						2015				
	Ethnicity by %		Race by %				Ethnicity by %		Race by %		
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	White	Black	Asian	Other/multi	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	White	Black	Other/multi
Berlin	0.8	99.2	98.7	0.1	0	1.1	1	99	98.4	.3	1.3
Conemaugh	0.5	99.5	98.2	0.6	0	1.2	.5	99.5	98.1	.5	1.4
Meyersdale	0.6	99.4	99.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	.6	99.4	99.3	.2	.5
North Star	0.3	99.7	98.7	0.3	0	1.0	.4	99.6	98.9	.2	.9
Rockwood	0.3	99.7	98.4	0.5	0.3	0.9	.4	99.6	98.3	.4	1.3
Salisbury	1.5	98.5	99.4	0.1	0	0.5	1.6	98.4	99.5	0	.5
Shade	0.9	99.1	98.4	0.2	0	1.4	1	99	98	.1	2.4
Shanksville	0.1	99.9	99.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0	100	99	.1	1.0
Somerset	2.9	97.1	88.8	8.3	0.4	2.5	2.9	97.1	88.6	8.9	2.5
Turkeyfoot	0.8	99.2	99.4	0.2	0	0.4	.6	99.4	99.1	.1	.8
Windber	0.9	99.1	96.9	0.1	1.3	1.7	.9	99.1	97	.1	2.9
State of PA	6.1	93.9	81.9	10.9	3.0	4.2	6.4	93.6	81.6	11	7.4

Data Source: Center for Rural Pennsylvania

Demographic Breakdown of Ethnicity and Race – HS and EHS students

	Ethnicity				Race					
	Hispanic		Non-Hispanic		White		Black		Other or Multi	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Early Head Start	-	-	80	100	75	98	2	1	3	1
Head Start	-	-	116	100	110	96	4	3	2	1

Data Source: 2016-2017 Tableland Services, Inc. PIR report

Somerset County School District Data

School District Enrollments ~ Kindergarten/Grade 12

School District	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15 -16	16-17
Berlin	48/73	48/73	50/82	70/75	58/68	40/63
Conemaugh	72/84	81/69	85/87	69/86	79/80	73/77
Meyersdale	72/71	69/67	54/77	64/53	58/76	50/74
North Star	76/93	110/88	88/125	87/80	97/99	91/79
Rockwood	64/55	57/63	44/46	46/50	45/57	38/66
Salisbury	22/30	18/21	25/25	24/31	23/25	21/28
Shade	38/53	27/46	23/41	30/40	23/42	28/47
Shanksville	23/30	23/32	22/26	24/29	16/31	20/27
Somerset	143/180	155/164	155/190	155/163	157/194	130/193
Turkeyfoot	24/30	36/32	28/34	31/26	29/31	15/23
Windber	81/90	92/114	79/90	78/72	77/86	80/89

Data Source: Appalachian Intermediate Unit #08

As can be seen in this chart derived from information obtained from each district at the beginning of each school year, student population is decreasing. In 2011-12, 9 out of 11 school districts had more seniors than kindergartners. The trend continued as 8 out of 11 in 12-13, 10 out of 11 in 13-14 and 8 out of 11 in 14-15 had more seniors than kindergartners. Now, most recently, all 12 school districts have more seniors than entering kindergartners. Combining all school districts, the overall decrease in enrolled students in kindergarten from 11-12 to 15-16 is only 1 student. Remarkably, there is no difference from 11-12 seniors to 15-16 seniors, both having a total of 789. The results for 16-17 show 1 district currently having a change in operation at North Star with

more Kindergarten students than seniors. Overall trends continue to show more seniors than Kindergarteners, which is typically abnormal.

The **CAP assessment** has 3604 children 0-4 in the county in 2012. The Reach and Risk data has 3702 children under the age of 4 living in Somerset County in 2012. With a poverty rate of 22.7%, there could be a possible 818 children eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start.

Using the **OCDEL** data, 1507 3 and 4-year-old students lived in Somerset County. With a poverty rate of 22.7% that would mean there should be 342, 3 and 4-year-old students eligible for Head Start.

Healthy Beginnings is a program for pregnant women in the county. They deliver an average of 400 babies a year, 25% of whom are to low income mothers. That would suggest that 100 babies a year would be from Early Head Start eligible families.

Recently, we experienced a closure of the delivery unit at our local Somerset Hospital. Now, pregnant moms will have to utilize the services through programs like this, or travel to neighboring counties for delivery services. Somerset Hospital will assist with women that arrive to their Emergency Room by delivering or transporting for delivery to these neighboring counties.

Tableland's on-going community survey asked respondents who had preschool children who were not enrolled in a preschool program why the children were not enrolled. 17 or 35% of them said they were not aware of any program.

The **average income** for workers is \$9000 less than the state average. Coal mines have closed which add to the % of unemployed persons in the county. Somerset County's unemployment percentage is 8.7% compared to Bedford at 7.6% and Cambria at 6.3%. More current results show Somerset County's unemployment rate for April of 2017 at 5.8%, Cambria County with 5.6% and Bedford County with 4.8%. You can see that one district has transitioned to the USDA's Free Lunch Program for all students, serving 100% Free Breakfast and Lunch known as The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). This is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Instead, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Although enrollment is staying consistent from 11-12, the percentage of children in school districts eligible for free and reduced meals is increasing overall.

(%) Percentages of children eligible for free and (reduced) meals:

School district	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
Berlin	37.8	36.9	35.9	37.9	43.8	43.4
Conemaugh	37.5	40.1	41.6	42.2	40	43
Meyersdale	42	44.8	45.3	47.8	45.5	46.92
North Star	51.7	53.2	50.6	50.3	51	51.5
Rockwood	36.9	35.9	39.1	36.5	41	41
Salisbury	44.3	41.7	50.8	48.7	49	56
Shade	48.7	50.9	54.8	59.7	53	56
Shanksville	35.7	29.8	34.6	35.2	38.1	38
Somerset	40.1	43	45	47.4	40.1	40.11
Turkeyfoot	49.4	56.1	61.1	54.9	63.7	100
Windber	40.5	42.9	44	46.0	46.6	47

Data Source: Single County Authority

Students with Disabilities

(#) Number of Children with Disabilities

Appalachian Intermediate Unit #08 Statistics

District	11-12 Disability/ Speech	12-13 Disability/ Speech	13-14 Disability/ Speech	14-15 Disability/ Speech	15-16 Disability/ Speech	16/17 Disability/ Speech
Berlin	3/3	5/4	8/6	4/1	5/3	15/9
Conemaugh Township	6/7	7/4	6/7	1/7	1/5	16/9
Meyersdale	6/7	7/7	8/5	3/2	5/2	7/4
North Star	11/12	13/12	11/12	4/4	6/3	19/8
Rockwood	3/2	7/7	1/4	0/2	2/4	7/8
Salisbury	2/1	2/0	0/0	1/1	1/1	3/5
Shade	2/5	2/3	3/6	3/4	5/0	7/8
Shanksville	1/2	1/2	2/5	0/5	0/3	3/3
Somerset	20/13	16/22	23/17	9/17	11/17	22/26
Turkeyfoot	0/1	0/3	0/4	0/4	0/1	4/5
Windber	10/4	8/5	7/6	1/6	3/7	14/20
Sub total	64/53	63/65	69/72	26/53	39/46	117/105
Total	117	128	141	79	85	222

Data Source: AIU#08

School District Data K-12 ~ All disabilities (# / %)

District	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
Berlin	120/13.8	108/13.8	108/13.7	100/13%	114/14.9	136/19.3
Conemaugh	170/17.3	161/16.1	148/14.9	152/15%	158/15.8	176/18.1
Meyersdale	119/13.1	129/14	128/14.5	125/15%	125/14.5	130/15.5
North Star	188/16.8	196/17.3	202/17.5	200/18%	191/16.7	241/21.4
Rockwood	110/14.3	92/12.1	88/12	87/12%	84/11.4	85/11.9
Salisbury	30/10.8	33/12.1	NA/NA	25/9%	32/11.7	43/15.5
Shade	108/19.3	108/21.1	107/22.6	102/22%	95/20.6	118/26.7
Shanksville	54/14.3	44/12.5	NA/NA	54/16%	56/16.5	69/20.8
Somerset	445/19.5	451/20	451/19.9	421/19%	374/17.1	403/19.0
Turkeyfoot	62/16.1	61/15.1	61/15.5	62/16%	59/15.2	66/19.0
Windber	148/11.8	136/10.9	134/11.2	140/12%	136/11.5	172/14.8

Data Source: AIU#08

Head Start /EHS statistics by (%) Percentages

Year	% of HS children w/ disabilities	% of EHS children w/ disabilities
2011-12	20	17
2012-13	19	24
2013-14	28	17
2014-15	24	10 *
2015-16	25	11
2016-17	25	21

*24 EHS children started in October 2014

Data Source: Tableland Services, Inc. PIR reports

Head Start Types of Disabilities

	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
Health impairment	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Emotional/behavioral disorder	1	3	3	3	1	1	3
Speech or language impairments	14	15	11	17	11	11	14
Mental retardation	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Hearing impairment, including deafness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orthopedic impairment	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visual impairment, including blindness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Learning disabilities	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Autism	2	3	1	3	13	0	0
Traumatic brain injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-categorical/developmental delay	12	5	9	8	0	18	15
Multiple disabilities, including deaf-blind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Data Source: Tableland Services, Inc. PIR reports

Early Intervention (children with disabilities 0-3) statistics

2013	2014	2015	2016
184	135	191	253

Data Source: Early Intervention

- There are 15 **licensed child care centers** in Somerset County. None are Star 3 or 4.
- There are 7 **licensed Group Day Care homes**. None are Star 3 or 4.
- There are 10 **Family Day Care homes**. One is Star 1.

These are the **numbers of subsidized child care slots:**

CCA has only had CCIS since July of 2013, so the following numbers from ORS program– the system pulls data based on the age of the individual at the time of the report – not the time of service, so these numbers might be a little off. There were 13 children on a waiting list in April 2015.

Somerset County	7/1 – 12/31 2013	1/1 – 12/31 2014	1/1- 12/31 2015	1/1-12/31 2015
Ages 0-5	152	292	268	230
Ages 6-11	142	194	232	5
Ages 12-17	21	29	32	31

Data Source: ORS Report

Conemaugh Township had a Head Start/Pre-K Counts classroom in 2014-15 school year. The district has informed us that there will be no space for us in the 2015-16 school year because of the need for another kindergarten classroom. According to an OCDEL report, Conemaugh Township has sent a letter of intent to apply for 40 Pre-K Counts slots. **During the 15-16 school year, we partnered with a local church, Kaufman Mennonite, to have class in their facility. Today, that classroom is still operating, with strong support from the community. This classroom continues and has received a grant this year from the State of Pennsylvania with the Farm to Early Learning program where they partner with the local community to build and maintain a garden. This garden project is allowing the students to learn about, plant, grow and harvest vegetables to give to the center’s cook to prepare for them to eat, enjoy and share with their families during Celebrations of Learning.**

North Star has a half day pre-school program for 4-year-old students. It does not seem to affect Head Start enrollment.

The Learning Lamp is applying for Pre-K slots in Rockwood. They have a for-fee preschool there now. We ended up partnering with The Learning Lamp in the Rockwood Classroom for the 16-17 school year. They allotted 10 PreK slots, and we allotted 10 PreK slots. This partnership/collaboration has worked for each provider, as well as the relationship with Rockwood School District. We are piloting a longer day at this site, so the children can ride the local school district transportation. We also are working closely with this district that currently does not have a PreK program, as they learn how to grow young learners successfully. This classroom does continue during this 17-18 school year, with continued success.

Somerset, being the largest town and school district, has the largest number of eligible families. The school district in 2014 began their own K-4 program. For the 2015-16 school year, they added another k-4 classroom so that they will serve 60 4-year-olds. Somerset did apply for a Pennsylvania PreK Counts grant, yet did not receive it. We continue to partner with them in a new way with a move from the Upper Elementary school to the Primary school, Maple Ridge. We also have added transportation with our students riding the district school bus and following the school day times to assist with our school readiness goals for prep into Kindergarten.

Shanksville has a pre-k classroom. We do not usually have any children from that district in Head Start. Turkeyfoot School District (Confluence) had a Pre-K Counts classroom serving 15 children. Two years ago, the district took it over and now they should serve all 4- year-olds who wish to attend. Due to the lack of population / interest in the Confluence area, we had to sadly close our program for the 16-17 school year. We worked in collaboration with the superintendent of Turkeyfoot to try to

recruit and fill both classrooms. Being unable to do that, we dropped our program, and offered services for those interested still through our Family Center out of Salisbury. Our hopes are to watch the demand and population trends in order to get back into that site in the near future.

Windber has run a K-4 program serving up to 80 four-year-old students for several years. The children we have from Windber have been transported other places for several years after we left the Windber Community Center because of decaying building conditions. We opened class back in Windber again. Yet this time we had the benefit of being in the elementary school. Windber School District applied for and received a Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts Grant to serve 20 students beginning in the 17-18 school year. We will need to work even closer as partners as we streamline registration and build both programs to be able to benefit eligible families. Our focus for this year has been on the three-year-old children in the district, since they have so many slots now for four-year-old students. This pattern will continue in the coming years in order to fill and sustain enrollment in the classroom.

The Health Manager and the EHS supervisor have met with the staff of Healthy Beginnings. After a long interrogation period, the Healthy Beginnings staff has begun to refer their clients to us. The Healthy Beginnings staff have expressed concern over their patients who are young and have no competent family members to assist in their prenatal care. They also see the rise of drug use with pregnant mothers. In 2014, 21 pregnant women served by Healthy Beginnings were drug addicted. So far, this year there are 23 drug addicted pregnant women. In the past two weeks, Healthy Beginnings have made 20 referrals to EHS. Healthy Beginnings is still

operating but is dealing also with the issue that Somerset Hospital has stopped delivering babies. Therefore, they are continuing to support pregnant moms until delivery and assisting with getting them referred to a different county's hospital for this delivery.

**Number of Women Seeking Evaluation/Treatment for
Drug/Alcohol Abuse/Addiction**

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017 *
Women with Children	46	50	35	55	41	27	45	71
Pregnant Women	3	2	7	5	2	1	4	3

* Data to this point.

Data Source: Single County Authority

The rise in drug use by pregnant mothers and other parents has affected Head Start classrooms. The disengagement of parents in the lives of their children has also contributed to the increase in challenging behaviors in the classroom. Parent Disengagement is a problem that has led the United Way to support programs targeting Somerset County. The District attorney of Somerset County states that 85% of all crime in the county is related to drugs and alcohol use. Challenging behaviors have led Head Start to employ a third person in most classrooms for at least part of the day. Initially, it was thought that Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) would be an answer to the problem. However, their rules prevent them from being helpful in a preschool classroom. In addition, TSS services are now provided through the managed care system. That has increased the time between referrals and actual service provision.

There are no mental health facilities in Somerset County. There are 10 psychologists which averages out to .13 per 1000 persons.

This is the most recent PSSA scores release: **From 2016 -2017 School Year**

PSA ~ MATH ~ 2016-2017

School district	# scored in math	Advanced Math %	Proficient Math %	Basic Math %	Below Basic %
Berlin	308	19.2	34.4	31.5	14.9
Conemaugh	414	27.3	33.6	24.2	15
Meyersdale	387	12.4	29.2	31.3	27.2
North Star	480	18.8	28.5	30.7	22.1
Rockwood	334	27.2	31.1	26.4	14.4
Salisbury	107	24.3	28	28	19.6
Shade	191	8.9	26.7	35.1	29.3
Shanksville	137	10.2	27.7	39.4	22.6
Somerset	838	20.4	29.7	28.7	21.2
Turkeyfoot	152	10.5	21.7	29	38.8
Windber	501	28.7	30.7	27.4	13.1
State of PA	665,784	18.9	26.2	26.9	28

Data Source: Center for Rural Pennsylvania

PSSA ~ READING ~ 2016-2017

School district	# scored in reading	Advanced Reading	Proficient Reading	Basic Reading	Below Basic
Berlin	321	17.7	45.5	29.1	7.7
Conemaugh	421	18.6	51.2	22.7	7.6
Meyersdale	398	11.8	43.6	36.6	8.1
North Star	443	21.6	46.2	26.4	5.8
Rockwood	334	15.3	52.4	29.2	3.2
Salisbury	89	9.2	62.0	28.9	0
Shade	206	5.8	45.3	34.7	14.3
Shanksville	140	15.1	54.6	26	4.4
Somerset	910	18.6	42.1	29.6	9.8
Turkeyfoot	160	5.3	28.8	52.6	13.5
Windber	521	20.5	47.1	28.0	4.5
State of PA	743,408	19.1	41.4	28.8	10.8

Data Source: Center for Rural Pennsylvania

- 15% of Somerset County residents over the age of 18 have no high school diploma and are low-literate. This number has decreased for 2016 at a rate of 13.5%
- 49.4 % (49.3%) have a high school diploma, 13.7% (13.8%) have some college. 7.4% (8.1%) have an associate’s degree. 9.2% (15.3%) have a bachelor degree and 4.9 have graduate degrees.

Housing:

School District	2010-2014			2015		
	Of all Housing % Mobile homes	Average housing value \$	Average rent \$	Of all Housing % Mobile homes	Average housing value \$	Average rent \$
Berlin	15.2	136,490	577	14.7	138,180	555
Conemaugh Township	8.4	125,199	803	11.6	125,171	825
Meyersdale	13.7	108,279	575	13.4	111,708	568
North Star	10.6	108,493	563	9.6	108,966	591
Rockwood	10.3	155,460	583	10.8	141,409	583
Salisbury	9.8	122,033	514	9.6	121,688	530
Shade	6.9	90,739	544	8.6	96,829	560
Shanksville	3.8	210,814	767	3.5	202,242	810
Somerset	14.5	146,716	588	13.6	134,188	597
Turkeyfoot	25.8	122,334	594	24.6	132,347	591
Windber	2.9	98,213	637	2.8	99,177	649
State of PA	4.1	202,534	905	4.1		

Data Source: Center for Rural Pennsylvania

**(#) Number Seeking Assistance from Tableland Services, Inc.
Homeless Program or Next Step Center**

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
# seeking assistance from Tableland's homeless program or Next Step center	68	57	56	191 132 adults 59 children	84 61 adults 23 children	278 233 adults 45 children

Data Source: ORS Report

Health

	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
Underweight	3	8	6	5	7	3
Healthy Weight	105	100	95	71	71	75
Overweight	23	26	17	18	16	11
Obese	16	27	21	11	22	27

Data Source: Tableland Services, Inc. PIR Report

There are small communities in the county with no grocery stores within walking distance. People shop at the Family Dollar, Dollar General, Sheetz stores and other gas stations that sell packaged foods. These communities have often been called food deserts.

These are the statistics received from **local food pantries**:

Year	children	adults	seniors	total
2012-13	11388	20155	5944	37487
2013-2014	11197	19860	6902	37959
2014-2015	11387	18856	7399	37642
2015-2016	9983	17641	7406	35030
2016-2017	8700	14700	7247	30647

Data Source: Somerset County Food Pantry

Tableland gets donations every Friday from restaurants on the PA Turnpike at the Somerset Turnpike Station. It is distributed to anyone participating in any Tableland programs. Because our EHS socializations take place on Fridays, our EHS parents get to participate. **Due to our EHS Socializations adjusting to Monday's for this current 17-18 school year, food is saved from Friday to offer to our families on the returning Monday.**

The leading **causes of death** in the Somerset County are heart disease and cancer. Those have remained consistent for years.

There is a **county transportation** service that provides shared ride services to senior citizens for a small fee and MATP (Medical Assistance) clients.

81.3% of workers drive alone to jobs with an average commute of 22 minutes based on the CAP Community Assessment.

Anyone participating in Tableland’s Welfare-to-Work programs can receive driving instruction to get a driver’s license. The rural nature of the county and the lack of public transportation, make having a vehicle and being able to legally drive it a necessity, especially for work as indicated by the above survey results. This program is no longer available due to the grant funding, although we are still seeing this as an area that many families need assistance with, so are looking for alternative ways through the local Somerset County Technology Center’s programs.

Population in the Workforce - Workforce Data for time period of 2010-2014

	16 years old or older	% Employed	% Unemployed	% Not in the labor force
Berlin	4757	56	3	41
Conemaugh	7062	57	3.2	39.8
Meyersdale	5687	57.5	3.9	38.6
North Star	7283	54.5	4.8	40.8
Rockwood	4652	56.1	4.5	39.4
Salisbury	2381	58.5	3.6	37.9
Shade	3203	53.3	6.2	40.6
Shanksville	2389	52.3	7.6	40.1
Somerset	18,072	43.8	3.6	52.6
Turkeyfoot	2497	40.3	6.6	53
Windber	7055	53.8	4.3	41.9
State of PA	10,345,842	57.5	5.4	37.1

Data Source: Center for Rural Pennsylvania