

## County by County Gap Analysis Trends October 2003

### Belknap County

- Activities for young people
  - Keep them away from drugs and alcohol
  - Community centers
  - Respecting others
- Secure jobs
  - Entry level with advancement
  - Benefits
  - Youth job seeking and keeping skills
  - Loss of manufacturing
- Building community connections
  - Communicate what's available
  - Interpersonal communication

### Carroll County

- Agricultural concerns
  - Pesticide education
  - Environmental hazards
  - Gardening education for youth
  - Understanding of ag roots
  - Farm taxation
  - Increase in ag education
- Human service/support systems
  - Affordable housing
  - Youth programming
  - Drug and alcohol treatment
  - Less state and federal money
  - Senior day care
  - Transportation
  - Access to affordable health care
- Land use/natural resources
  - Population growth
  - Preserve land
  - Protect water quality
  - Easements
  - Land regulation out of whack
  - More open space for recreation
- Economic opportunity
  - More jobs
  - Hidden fees and taxes
  - Farm taxation
  - Need more employees
  - Rely too much on tourism

### Cheshire County

- Affordable housing and health care
  - Link between housing and conservation
  - Health education
- Civic engagement
  - Community networks
  - Participation
  - voting
- Promote agriculture
  - Product promotion
  - Meat processing plants
  - Ag/environment interface
  - Land trusts
- Youth issues
  - Substance abuse
  - Childhood obesity
  - Parent education
  - Youth programs more diverse, more youth

### Coos County

- Finances
  - Financial management
  - Affordable health care
  - Affordable housing
  - Business start up
  - Jobs with benefits
- Youth
  - Retain
  - Transportation
  - Drop out rate
  - Employment
  - Educational aid
  - Activities
- Leadership
  - Training for volunteer boards
- Infrastructure
  - Communication

### Grafton County

- Healthy natural environment/resource base
  - Management
  - Education on sustainable living

- Land use planning
- Preservation of farms
- Healthy local economy
  - Workforce preparation/training
  - Individual education on money management
  - Promote careers in high need professions (Doctors/nurses)
- Healthy youth and families
  - Activities
  - Participation in decision making
  - Social connections
  - Intergenerational
  - Volunteers

#### Hillsborough County

- Sustainability
  - Food
  - Water
  - Growth
- Citizen participation
  - Leadership development
  - Volunteer development
  - Involvement
- Family and youth
  - Support education and life skills
  - Child care
  - Housing

#### Merrimack County

- Seniors
  - Taxes
  - Education
  - Health issues
- Quality of life
  - Environment
  - Recycling
  - Health
- Affordability and access
  - Health care

#### Rockingham County

- Growth
  - Affordable housing
  - Living wages
  - Pros and cons of growth

- Youth involvement in communities
- Tax structure
  - Education
  - Federal money goes out but not in
  - Supporting new groups of residents

#### Strafford County

- Sprawl/land conservation
  - Growth
- Affordability and access
  - Health care
  - Housing
  - Child care

#### Sullivan County

- Fiscal
  - Jobs and job loss
  - Taxes
  - Economic development
  - Affordable health care
  - Money management
- Youth
  - Jobs
  - Leaving area
  - Pregnancy
  - Drugs and alcohol
  - After school and weekend activities
  - Community involvement
  - Ag education
- Land use
  - Community planning
  - Preservation
  - Small farms in peril
  - Housing development