

**Lakewood Youth Master Plan**  
**1.24.07 Community Action Team Meeting**  
**Families**

The three driving forces are:

1. Economic challenges/safety (emotional stressors)
2. Families and children, for any reason, falling through the cracks at any socioeconomic level
3. Enabling families to be connected to the community

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STRENGTHS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strong school system</li> <li>2. Community support</li> <li>3. Many opportunities: diversity, YMCA/YWCA, Library, Pools, Rec. Dept., Early childhood, PTA, Lake Eire, Parks, Churches, safety forces, tremendous youth population, multi generational community, walking community</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEAKNESSES</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Available resources not widely known by members of the community.</li> <li>2. Limited support for immigrant population</li> <li>3. Difficulty offering support services for population that economically and emotionally, fall through the cracks</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPPORTUNITIES</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New members of the community offer opportunity</li> <li>2. Information is accessible</li> <li>3. New school, Y, library, churches</li> <li>4. Community involvement</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THREATS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Slow response time by safety forces</li> <li>2. Lack of time to connect with others</li> <li>3. Negative perceptions not addressed are dangerous</li> <li>4. Authority figures, ambassadors can hurt the community by bad mouthing, creating fear and misunderstanding</li> <li>5. Lack of male empowered programs</li> </ol>

**Other notes made by group:**

**Environmental Scan questions:**

1. A) Ranked #1 in drug related charges- need more data/comparison/drug/mental relationship  
 B) Depressed students for two weeks or more-reflects the stress that students are under  
 C) Poverty (185%) reduced lunch figures (need more breakout comparison)
2. Data is lacking comparison basis, which would help us to know where we are- can it be compared across Ohio/Nationally/Immigrant rich communities. Need more data on free and reduced lunch. Housing issues create transient population/unaffordable options.
3. Ages 11-14/15-19- Facing drinking/drugs/etc., making choices for first time, need more information/data on elementary school students