

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

Health and Safety

The three driving forces are:

1. Money- by this succinct, yet precise statement, the team is concerned about the availability of funds to meet the healthcare and safety needs of the community
2. Contributing factors- lack of healthcare coverage, placing a financial burden on Lakewood Hospital and other health care institutions.
3. Migration- The exodus of some of the longstanding members of the community to the outer-ring suburbs. Hence, a possible decrease in the tax base but also the loss of people who have strong ties to the community.
4. Health of Lakewood Hospital- the importance of matching services offered by the hospital to the community needs

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Lakewood Teen Health Center 2.) Lakewood youth services 3.) Department of Human Services 4.) North Coast Health Ministry 5.) The diversity of the community 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Lack of representation by African-American and Middle Eastern members of the community 2.) Lack of funding to care for uninsured 3.) Lack of inpatient adolescent psychiatric facility
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Library expansion 2.) New YMCA 3.) Sharing of services offered in Lakewood 4.) Serving immigrant community 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Drug use 2.) Lack of mental health treatment facility 3.) Lack of employment opportunities 4.) Sustainability of current resources

Other notes made by group:

Items that surprise the members of the health and safety team:

- 1.) The mental health statistics presented
- 2.) The number of drug-related charges
- 3.) Lack of representation by members of the African-American and Middle Eastern communities.