



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs
January – March 2006

A. **Data Collection and Resource Assessment Committee.** [April Corie and Sandie Pierce, Co-Facilitators] This Committee is chaired by Laura Schultz from the American Red Cross. The quarterly meetings of this Committee were held January 13, 2006, and April 21, 2006. Review of statistics gathered:

- Economic Deprivation

Unemployment Rates: According to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth in 2004 there was a 6.2% (4,600) unemployment rate. The rate for 2005 was 6.1%, with 4,156 people unemployed at the end of December.

Free and Reduced Lunches: According to the MCISD business office in 2003 and 2004, 22% of Monroe county children (5,519) received free and reduced lunches. In 2005, 23.9% (6,168) received free and reduced lunch.

Homelessness: According to the Homeless Network on January 25, 2005, there were 162 homeless individuals in Monroe County.

FIP Recipients: According to the DHS website 2004, Monroe County had 608 FIP recipients. In 2005, Monroe County had 633 FIP recipients, and as of March 2006, there were 645 recipients.

Food Stamp Recipients: According to the DHS website in 2004, Monroe County had 4,198 families receiving food stamps. In 2005, Monroe County had 4,303 families receiving food stamps, and as of March 2006, the number was 4,850.

Female Head of Household: According to the 2000 Census 10.1% (5426) of households in Monroe County were headed by females. In 2001, Census reports reflect that 12.7% (5,119) of the households were headed by females.

- Family Conflict

Domestic Violence Seeking Shelter: According to Family Counseling and Shelter Services, there were 67 families in 2004 and 74 families in 2005 who were provided shelter from domestic related issues.

Domestic Violence Victims: According to the MSP Uniform Crime Report in 2003 there were 694 domestic violence victims in Monroe County. In 2004, there were 789 domestic violence victims.

Divorces: According to the Michigan DCH website in 2001, 0.93% (676) of Monroe County residents had marriages end in divorce. In 2002, there were 581 and in 2003, there were 641. The divorce rate for 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 were 9.1%, 7.8%, 8.5% and 8.0% respectively.

- Early Onset of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Alcohol and Drug Related Emergency Room Visits: In 2004 Mercy Memorial Hospital saw approximately 1,500 individuals for alcohol and drug related reasons. In 2005, there were approximately 1,200 individuals treated for alcohol and drug related reasons.

Juvenile Justice contacts (tickets/complaints): In 2005, 833 authorized and received charges were reported, of which, 556 actual petitions (charges) were pursued.