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Active Balanced Community Initiative Seeks Community Input

Monroe County's Active Balanced Community Initiative (ABC) is seeking community input to determine how much community awareness has been created during the first year of the grant. The Community Awareness surveys will be distributed to community stakeholders to develop a baseline regarding the number of people who have heard of Active Balanced Community.

"We have given great effort to creating community awareness during the past year and now it is time to measure the results," said Chief Probate Court Judge Pamela Moskwa, co-chair of the Steering Committee.

Information gathered from the survey will strengthen opportunities for future grants to continue the program. Distribution will start with the ABC Steering Committee, on October 13, Human Services Collaborative Network, service groups, Michigan Works!, judges, law enforcement, Youth Panels, schools, Chamber of Commerce, Monroe County Commissioners, and others. ABC Committee members have been requested to help with distribution through organizations that they attend. The target is 500 completed surveys. The results will be used as part of the year-end evaluation report that is due to the State of Michigan at the end of January 2006.

Anyone who receives a survey is requested to complete and returned by November 15, 2005. Completed surveys can be mailed or hand delivered to the Active Balanced Community c/o the United Way of Monroe County, 216 N. Monroe St., Monroe, MI 48162. Questions regarding the survey should be directed to Active Balanced Community Co-Coordinator Sandie Pierce or April Corie at 734-242-1331. Information and surveys are available on the Initiatives, website at www.activebalancedcommunity.org.

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