

# **Community Assessment**

## **Betty J. Taylor**

## **Early Learning Academy**

August 2021







The Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy completed the community assessment below through surveying and partnership with other Tulalip Tribal Government departments.

Through the enrollment process, all families have been asked if they have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, 95% of our applicants have stated they have been impacted.

There were 59 respondents to the BJTELA survey. From those responses the data below was formulated.

The following topics were covered through the community assessment survey:

- Residency location
- Demographics: race and ethnicity
- Primary language
- Education
- Public assistance
- Employment
- Income
- Military: active or veteran
- Parental status
- Nutrition
- Child Ages
- Expecting Mothers
- Homelessness
- Foster Care
- Disabilities
- Resources
- Child Care
- Enrollment
- COVID Impact

In addition, at the end of the community assessment there are statistics provided by departments within the Tulalip Tribes Government.

We are grateful for all of the participants that helped us obtain the data.







#### **Residency location**

As shown in the chart below, 81% were from within our service area and the additional 19% were community members that live outside our service area.



#### Demographics: race and ethnicity

Of the 59 respondants who answered the question, 14% (8) were hispanic/Latino and 86% (51) were not.



#### **Primary language**



English is the primary language within our community based on the responses from our survey.

As documented in our Early Head Start Program Informational Report, with a cumulative enrollment of 78, there were 74 English speaking students, 7 that were learning another language in addition to English, 3 students with Spanish as their primary language, and 1 student whose primary language is American Sign Language.

This calculated to 11 dual language learners within our Early Head Start Program.

#### Education





We are very pleased with the education levels of our respondents and have had several positive family outcomes as parents are meeting their educational goals throughout their time at our program.

#### **Public assistance**

At the end of the survey results you will find results from the Tulalip TANF Department as well.



Are you currently receiving public assistance? <sup>59 responses</sup>





#### Employment

In the community assessment, the following question was asked:

Are you currently working?

Working Full Time	37	63%
Working Part Time	3	5%
Disabled	3	5%
Unemployed	15	25%
Retired	1	2%

The typical work schedule was standard business hours, this was reported by 70% of respondents. In addition to this, 4% were working swing shift, and 25% were freelancers, had unpredictable schedules, or the question was inapplicable.

#### Income



### What is your main source(s) of income? <sup>56</sup> responses

#### Military: active or veteran

None of the respondents had active military in their household.

5 respondents had a military veteran in their household.





#### **Parental status**

The community assessment asked a question to determine which best described the households who responded. This was to determine household composition of parents.



#### Nutrition



Nutritional Needs: Please check all that apply. 23 responses



#### **Child Ages**

We asked our respondents how many infants, toddlers, and preschool age children they had, below are the results.

Infants (birth to one year):

15 households had infants

2 households had more than one infant

Toddlers (two to three years):

21 households had toddlers

<u>3</u> households had more than one toddler

Preschoolers (three to five years):

32 households had preschoolers

4 households had more than one preschooler

#### **Expecting Mothers**

Are you or anyone in your household an expecting mother? 59 responses





#### Homelessness

There were 10% of respondents that were experiencing homelessness or had family members staying in their hone that were experiencing homelessness.

- > Four households has one person experiencing homelessness
- > One household had two people experiencing homelessness
- > One household had four people experiencing homelessness.

This amounts for 10 individuals experiencing homelessness.

Please see the TERAP and Housing statistics on homelessness at the end of this assessment.

#### Foster Care

There were 15% of respondents that had children in their home who were foster or relative placements. This would equal 9 household with Foster children.

- > Three households had one foster/relative placement child
- > Four households had two foster/relative placement children
- Two households had three foster/relative placement children

Please see the Beda?chelh statistics at the end of this assessment.

#### Disabilities

Types of disabilities that children within our community have that were disclosed from eight (8) of the households are:

- Speech delays
- Language disorders
- Autism
- Deafness
- Sensory processing disorder
- CAS
- ADHD
- Developmental/Learning Delays

Of the respondents who have children with disabilities, majority believed that there were adequate resources available for their child(ren).

Some families received services through providers outside of the schools and some utilized the partners of early intervention services for their child while in attendance at TELA.







#### **Child Care**

Respondents of the community assessment survey were asked about their child care and majority had children enrolled at BJTELA or an outside childcare provider utilizing CCDF.



How many children do you currently have enrolled at TELA or through CCDF outside providers? <sup>54</sup> responses



In addition to the enrollment numbers above, there were 43% of respondents that were in need of childcare services. Of the 43%, there were 19 that needed childcare for one child and one respondent needed childcare for two children.

In the first question about access to adequate childcare, only seven (7) of the respondents did not have access.



#### **COVID** Impact

Have you been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? <sup>57 responses</sup>



We wanted to understand how our membership had been impacted throughout the pandemic.

Based on the community assessment, 87.5% of the 57 respondents had been impacted by covid-

19 and 12.5% have not been impacted. In addition, with information as to how they've been

impacted:

- 14.8% Someone in my household experienced the loss of their job
- 51.9% Someone in my household qualified for unemployment
- 33.3% Someone in my household had their work hours reduced
- 79.6% My household experienced higher expenses (food, internet, medical, etc.)
- 9.30% Risk of experiencing homelessness due to unpaid bills
- 42.6% None/Limited access to childcare or schools for children
- 14.8% Need for additional resources
- 7.40% Unable to meet nutritional needs
- 1.90% None

OTHER:

- 1.9% Loss of in-person services for my child with special needs
- 1.9% Health

1.9% - Fuel for the vehicle is hard to keep going and there's no way to get propane for heat and cooking after rent. Dog food and cat food is bought first for the month and I get whatever is left after for food fuel propane and nothing for basic supplies. I don't eat half the month very well.

1.9% - Mental health issues anxiety depression







#### **Tulalip Tribes Department Statistics**

#### **Beda?Chelh**

The following statistics represent data that was tracked within the 2020 calendar year.

YINC in In-Home Dependencies: 37

YINC went into Guardianship: 19

YINC in Placements: 183

In January of 2020 there were a total of 121 YINC.

58 of those were on and,

4 had GU relinquishments

#### <u>TANF</u>

Child Only Grant Clients – 111

100% Tulalip Tribal Members

Family Grant Clients – 66

70% Tulalip Tribal Members

24% Parent/Spouse of Tulalip Tribal Member

6% Other Native







#### TERAP – Tulalip Emergency Rental Assistance Program:

TERAP funding was designated specifically for adults who are experiencing and/or in prevention of homelessness.

- 250 applications accepted
  - Which is approx. 8% of the Tulalip Tribes' adult population
- 100% of applicants are experiencing some form of homelessness

#### **Tulalip Housing**

Survey taken to gather housing information for our Community

- 182 surveys completed
  - Which is approx.. 6 % of Tulalip Tribes' adult population
- 20% of the surveys completed have experienced some form of homelessness over the past 12-months.







#### **Tulalip Police Department**





