

# Tarrant County Assessment

## Project Summary & Goals

As part of its strategic planning process, the United Way of Tarrant County (UWTC) contracted the Center for Community Health Development (CCHD) to conduct a countywide community assessment. Setting strategic priorities allows for more efficient and effective investment of local resources. The efforts of CCHD in the assessment entailed identifying and compiling secondary data—data collected by other organizations, conducting community listening sessions and key informant interviews, and finally analyzing all the information and developing an assessment report.

Project goals were:

- To assist UWTC and other local agencies in recognizing the most pressing issues facing Tarrant County communities; and
- To begin a coordinated effort in addressing those issues.

## Principal Investigator

James N. Burdine, Dr.P.H.

## Project Dates

2009

## Communities Involved

Tarrant County  
Arlington, TX  
Fort Worth, TX

## Funder

Tarrant County United Way

## Key Findings

- The priority issues that emerged from the assessment included:
  - Early care and education
  - School dropout
  - Economic self-sufficiency
  - Chronic and disabling conditions/wellness and healthy lifestyles for older adults
  - Violent and abusive behavior, particularly of children and the elderly