



## MEMORANDUM

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**Phone:** 425-452-2824  
**Date:** December 2, 2008  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Alex O'Reilly, Human Services Planner  
**Subject:** 2007-2008 Human Services Needs Update

Every two years, the Human Services Division staff prepares a comprehensive needs assessment, *The Bellevue Human Services Needs Update*, that presents a snapshot of the key health and human services issues and trends in Bellevue, and also references relevant regional, county, state and national data. This report, sponsored by the Human Services Commission, is used by Commissioners as information when they review requests for funding from both the city's general fund as well as federal Community Development Block Grant, a process that was just completed last month. It also helps staff to focus their activities over the next two years on key areas of focus, such as involvement in sub-regional committees or partnerships. In addition, the report is used extensively by human services agencies in grant writing, and by community groups and other city departments for planning purposes.

The 2007-2008 report was presented to the City Council in January, and I am pleased to present a brief summary of the findings at your December 10th meeting. I will also include a few updates on the current status of needs in the community as a result of the recent economic downturn. Included in your packet is a copy of the report's Overview for your review. I will have copies of the full report for anyone who would like one at the meeting. The full report is also available on the city's website: [http://bellevuewa.gov/humanservices\\_needs\\_update.htm](http://bellevuewa.gov/humanservices_needs_update.htm)

If you have any questions before December 10th, please feel free to contact me at 425-452-2824 or via email at [aoreilly@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:aoreilly@bellevuewa.gov).

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