

## A Closer Look

# The Community Assessment Team

A team approach to conducting the community assessment is beneficial because it distributes the effort among many people and adds a variety of perspectives.

**Representatives from Policy Groups** involve various governing bodies and provide regular updates during the process.



**Head Start Directors** ensure that the community assessment is fully and accurately conducted.



**Parents** serve as key advisors and represent information and views from eligible families.



**Managers and Key Staff** represent all program areas and engage staff in providing feedback related to the key questions. It is beneficial to include staff who have experience working with quantitative data.



**Community Partners** bring information from social service agencies and other organizations with knowledge about Head Start-eligible families.

**Buy-in from the immediate and larger community is more likely when the process is driven by a representative planning team.**