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## *COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT*

*Craven County* – Craven County Health Department partnering with CarolinaEast Health System, Jones County Health Department and Pamlico County Health Department will be conducting a community health assessment for Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A community health assessment is a process completed every four years by which we gain an understanding of the health concerns, and health care systems of our community. We do this by collecting and analyzing data from both the NC State Center for Health Statistics and the citizens of Craven, Pamlico and Jones County. This information will then provide the basis for discussion and action of the identified health care issues.

The community health assessment teams will be using the GIS mapping system along with GPS hand held data collection devices to do a double randomization selection of households to survey. Two hundred ten (210) homes will be surveyed across Craven County providing results which are representative of the entire county. We will be asking a series of questions about health issues. Each survey is confidential and the information provided is not linked to any individual. There will be six teams of two, with one person asking the questions we have identified and the other person recording the answers.

If you see Craven County Health Department in your neighborhood, we are asking for your participation as we complete our community health assessment. A community health assessment report that includes information about the health of the community as it is today and about the community's capacity to improve the lives of residents will be completed. Look for the final report early next spring in your local media and at your local library.

For more information, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Junak at 636-4920 ext. 2128 or at [ejunak@cravencountync.gov](mailto:ejunak@cravencountync.gov)

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