

THEZONE

IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF NORTHEAST SPOKANE

PROJECT

Voice of Residents

*NE Family Interview Tour January – March 2019
(Over 60 families interviewed)*

Top Concerns:

Fresh food availability

Timely mental health provider appointments to support Northeast youth and families

Top Interview Responses by sector:

Health

- Long wait lists to see mental health providers (6-8 weeks)
- Food Banks are heavy on starch. (A health concern if you are diabetic.)
- There should be exercise equipment in all the parks like in Mission Park by Gonzaga

Housing

- Houses and buildings need updating
- There needs to be more housing

Economic Stability

- Transportation
 - Bus passes and gas money (for Running Start, to get to work, the Doctor office, etc.)
- Clothes and blankets should be in the same location as food banks
- There should be a family career and college fair with trade representatives present
- There needs to be job training for parents (excel, powerpoint, etc.)
- There needs to be help re-integrating into the workforce (resumes, placements, interview skills and attire)
- Financial Literacy: credit scores, co-signing, savings

Education

- Students should have internships and volunteer opportunities in the community
- Students should have more career exploration
- More free (for all) summer offerings including camp
- Need more free after school activities (sports, etc. are too expensive)
 - Consistent. Not just a few weeks. So that they can develop relationships and have a safe place to be
- Need anti-bullying training
- Need healthy relationship training
- Need scholarship money for college
- Need more affordable options for 0-5 year old care
- There should be free bussing for Head Start

- There should be free pre-school for all kids
- There should be more mentors at school
- There should be English classes for adults at elementary schools
- There should be enough school staff to over personalized interventions for students

Food

- More food banks open longer hours
- Add more mobile food banks
- Need more fresh food
- Need more protein and fruits and vegetables
- Need more food in the summer
- It's difficult to bring back the food boxes if you don't have a car
- Need a bigger food stamp allowance

Safety

- Car prowlers
- Littering
- Busy streets (Many families won't let children cross main streets to get to parks, etc.)
- Speeding through school zones. Not safe to walk to school without adult crossing guards (which many intersections lack)
- Unpaved streets
- Unsafe sidewalks that you can't use a stroller on, which means you can't take the bus
- Domestic and Family Violence happening close home. We call the police and they don't come.
- Hold a Personal Safety Family Night?
- Hold Healthy Relationship classes?
- Provide Anti-Bullying training in schools?

Community

- More communication between neighbors
- In the media talk about good things happening in Hillyard, not just the bad
- Have Neighborhood Night Out parties with food from our different cultures
- Sponsor more free after school activities for kids of all abilities
- Improve bus stops/times
- Offer family activities you can do with your kids
- Have youth and teen activities at NECC
- Have a playground available during the day at NECC
- Have a budget for translation and supplies for neighborhood events
- Offer money so residents can volunteer teach community classes around skills they know