## Issues, Needs and Services in Henry County

County Extension Educators were asked to provide a local perspective on the needs of and services for the poor in their counties. This is a summary of their responses.

### Special Issues or Challenges Being Faced by Poor Families

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### City or Town one goes to in Henry County to Obtain the Following Services:

- **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families** — Henry County, DFC, 1416 Broad Street, New Castle
- **Medicaid** — Henry County, DFC, 1416 Broad Street, New Castle
- **Child Care Vouchers** — Henry County Step Ahead/ICAP, P.O. Box 449, New Castle
- **Subsidized Housing** — New Castle Housing Authority, 274 South 14th St., New Castle
- **Unemployment** — Henry County Employment & Training, 1416 Broad St., New Castle
- **HUD Housing Services** — New Castle Housing Authority, 274 South 14th St., New Castle

The county seat is **New Castle**.

### Unique Aspects of Life for Poor Families in Henry County Which Policymakers Should Be Made Aware: