

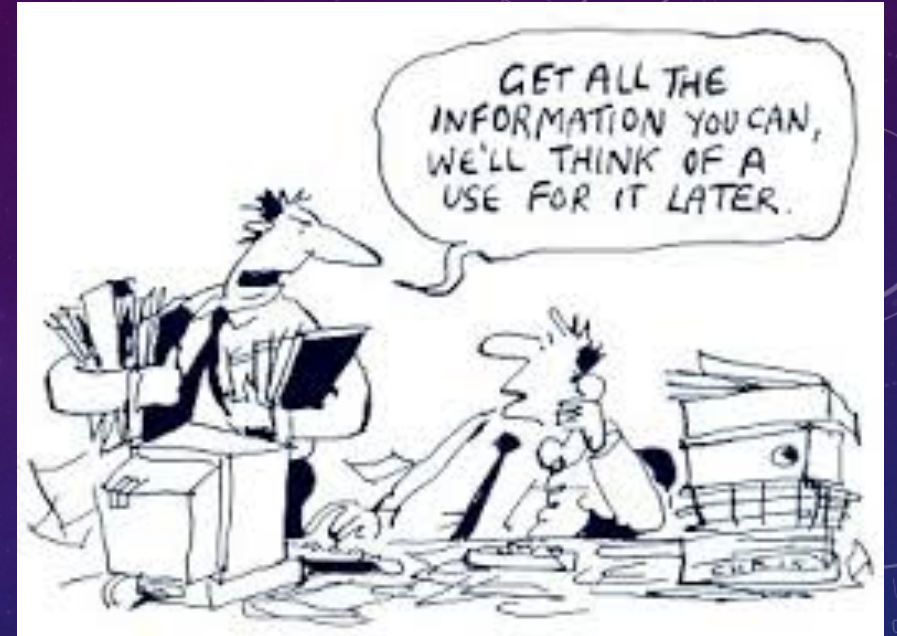


UNSOPHISTICATED DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS REGARDING NUTRITION AND HOMELESSNESS IN EAU CLAIRE

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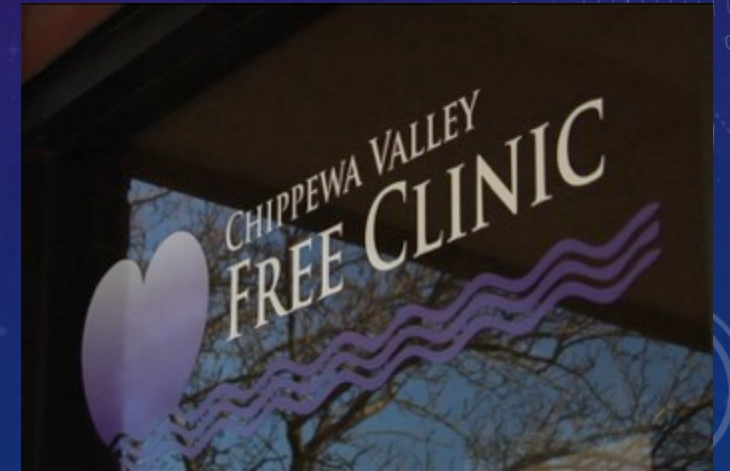
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OBJECTIVE:



- By the end of this session you should be able to come up with some simple ways to gather information to answer questions about the needs of marginalized people in your community.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T COLLECT DATA?



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Our homeless youth are not very interested in a shelter. They are concerned about safety, food, mentoring, jobs, laundry, hygiene, and life skills. We are investigating the possibility of developing a youth center which can address their needs as well as prevent youth homelessness.



NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

- What questions do you have about the needs of marginalized people in your community?
- How can you answer them?

