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## ABSTRACT

The survival and improvement of culture in desirable forms in American society will require increased knowledge and skills; renewed social and civic consciousness; and the physical, social, and economic well-being of all citizens. This general uplifting can be accomplished only through broadened educational efforts at the grassroots community level. Although there are many common elements in the various community education programs currently in operation, there is undoubtedly as much variety as commonality in the scope, purpose, organization, administration, and operation of the programs. However, all community education programs are based on a common belief that the school exists to improve the community of which it is a part and consequently to strengthen society as a whole. This book explains community education as a concept and gives examples of communities where this kind of education is taking place today. (Photographs may reproduce poorly.) (Author/MLF)