



Bond County Recovery Council
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
10am-11:30am (probably only until 11am)
Via Zoom/In Person at the SMART
building 3rd Floor

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

In Person:

Sara Rench-Next Network
Dusty Hanner-DOPP/OEND
Dan Hutchison-Chestnut ROSC Supervisor
Brooke Skyler-AMARE intern
Lyndsey McCoy-AMARE Family advocate
Heather Kapp-Intern NAMI
Monique Brunious-BCRC
Toni Randall-BCRC

Via Zoom:

Julie Herr-Chestnut Health Systems
Angela Holloway-MERC
Kara Warden-Chestnut Health Systems
Nelly Baity-TAC
Deb Beckman-Statewide ROSC Team
Jenn Nagel-Porchlight Collective
Beverly Holland-ROSC Region 5 TA

2. Review Old Business

*Completed Resource List-Continue to be a fluid document and will be emailed out every month for updates. Thanks for your help keeping these current.

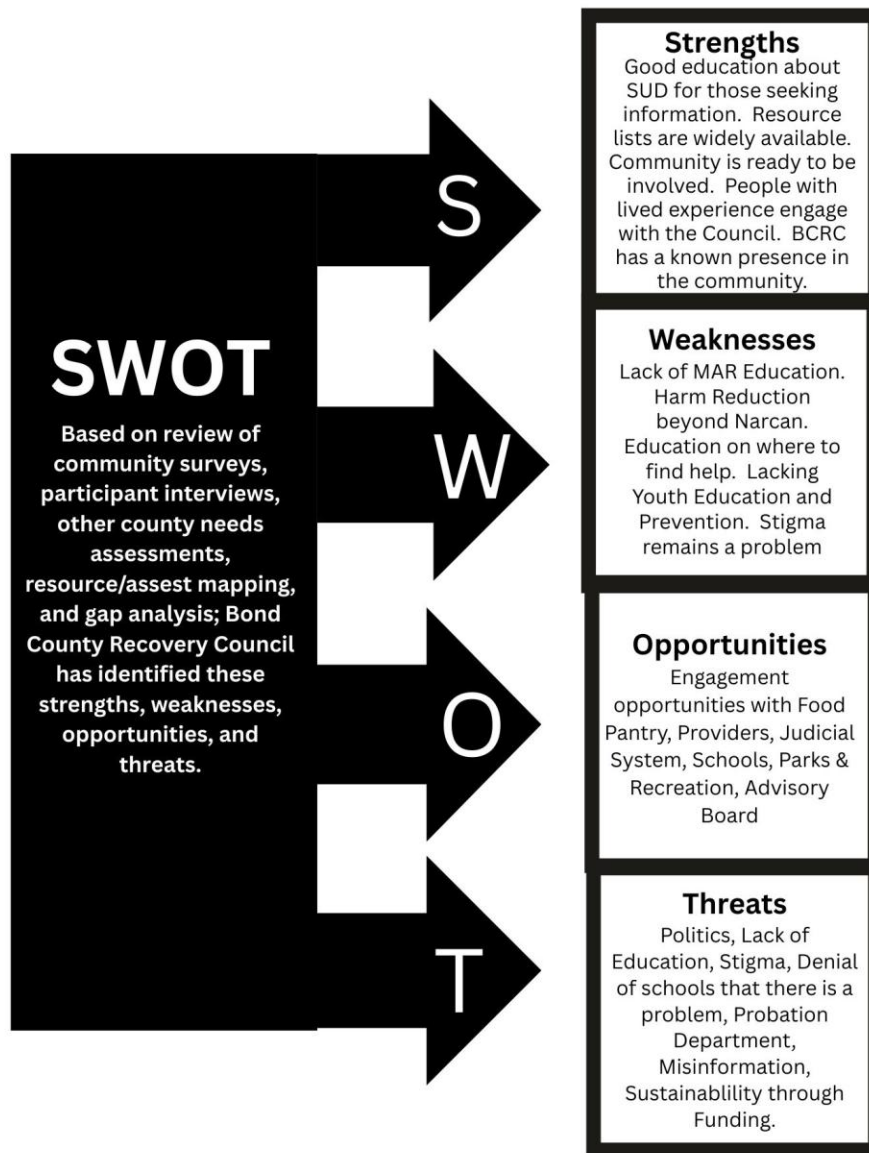
-We continue to have Laundry Day. The next one will be the first Saturday of the month 11am to 1pm. We are currently working to create a partnership with the Free Methodist Church who is hosting a laundry day on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

-Unhoused bags we have 50 of these made up. Do we have anyone who has a need?

3. Presentation-“Community Survey is Complete”-where next?

We went over all of the slides from the Needs Assessment. We had discussions about each question and what the information told us. They are at the end of the minutes. **If you were not able to attend the meeting, please make sure to take a look at the data. There is a lot of very interesting information on it.**

We then used the information data to create a SWOT Analysis



We will then use all of this data to create a NEW Strategic Plan for the Bond County Recovery Council. Our 3 areas of focus will be...

1. STIGMA Reduction
2. RCO DEVELOPMENT (partnering with Next Network from Montgomery County)
3. EQUITY in Rural Communities

We VERY quickly covered the following items as we ran out of time.

4. Strategic Plan Work Group Updates

~~-RCO Development~~-meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2-3pm via ZOOM. We are looking for a few more people to join this group. We are currently working with the “Next Network” from Litchfield about sharing services in Bond County. Kelly Jefferson, Patrick Miller, Shane Pinnell, Jon Magnuson, Amanda Zinkgraf, Sarah Rench, Samantha Hill, Rev Bilyeu, Dusty Hanner, Monique Brunious & Toni Randall. Next meeting will be April 12th. Would anyone like to be added to the group? Please email Toni

~~-Transportation~~-2:30-3:30pm, meet via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Melissa Marti, Michelle Miller, Jennifer Noel, Patrice White, Sarah Rench, Samantha Hill, Amanda Zinkgraf, Monique Brunious & Toni Randall. We are looking for ways to improve transportation in Bond County. The next meeting will be on March 18th. Would anyone like to be added to the group? Please email Toni

~~-Stigma~~-2-3pm, meet at Lost & Found in Greenville on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We are starting a NEW Stigma Reduction campaign. This would be a great time to join us. Alice Fitzsimmons, Kelly Jefferson, Patrick Miller, Dusty Hanner, Amanda Zinkgraff, Sarah Rench, Samantha Hill, Monique Brunious & Toni Randall. Next meeting March 25th. Would anyone like to be added to the group? Please email Toni

5. New Business

***-New Celebrate Recovery**-Started on September 15th at the Assembly of God Church in Sorrento. Sunday's from 5:30-7:30. They will have dinner and childcare. We would love for anyone to share more about this meeting.

-SMART Recovery-Prairie Counseling Center, ONLY Tuesdays 6pm (no more Wednesday group)

-Lost & Found new times-

Sunday-Men's Bible Study 4pm, Service at 6:15pm
Monday-Men's Recovery Group 7pm
Tuesday-Women's Recovery Group 6:30pm
Thursday-Women's Bible Study 10am
Friday-Sober Bar 7-11pm

-The Bond County Recovery Council will be Hosting the lunch on Good Friday, April 18th after the Lent Service at St Paul Free Methodist Church-looking for volunteers to help. This will be a meat free meal. Monique & Toni will be making soups. We will also have tuna sandwiches. We are asking if members of the council would be willing to donate some desserts? We could also use some bottled water and chips.

-Game Night-Saturday, March 15th from 6-9pm. This month we are going to have a movie night at the Community Vine at the First Baptist Church. We will be watching

“Jesus Revolution”. We will have fresh popped FREE popcorn and drinks. Everyone is welcome.

6. Update from any Groups & Organizations-none

7. General Reminders

-Advisory Board for People with Lived Experience. In 2025 we will be meeting every month on the first Wednesday of the month from 7pm-8:30pm. We meet at Senior Center in Greenville. Free drinks & \$20 GC for attending & contributing. **Next meeting is April 2nd at 7pm-8:30pm.**

-The Advisory Board will also be hosting **Family Game night** on the 3rd Saturday night of the month from 6-9pm at the Senior Center. **Next Family Game Night is March 15th.** (This one will be at the First Baptist Church for movie night)

-Bond County Transit Program- Transit bus will take people to Vandalia on Tuesday (Walmart & Aldi) and Highland on Thursday (Walmart & Ruler) to more stores than what is in Greenville. (Shopping time is 11am-noon). It is a flat rate of \$10 to be picked up at your house and taken back after the trip. 15 bags of groceries allowed. Call Bond County Transit the day before to set up ride. Recovery council now has vouchers for those in the Recovery Community who do service work.

-AMARE Family Support, Jamie Armstrong Certified Recovery Coach. She can connect people to several groups & support networks. She works in St Clair, Madison, Christian & Jersey. She can work with families from Bond County virtually. For more information reach out to her at Jaime Armstrong jarmstrong@amarefp.org

-REFLECTIONS-Prairie Counseling Center, 1st Wednesday of the month at 10am.

-HEALERS group meets on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at the Senior Center at 11am. New materials have arrived. Good stuff happening here.

8. FREE Virtual Narcan Training each month by Chestnut. For more information email SR-NARCAN@chestnut.org. The Recovery Council also has FREE Narcan for anyone who needs it.

Future Meeting Dates for 2025:

April 9, 2025	September 10, 2025
May 14, 2025	October 8, 2025
June 10, 2025	November 12, 2025
July 9, 2025	December 9, 2025
August 13, 2025	

BCRC Vision: Working together to build and maintain safer and healthier communities of recovery and hope.

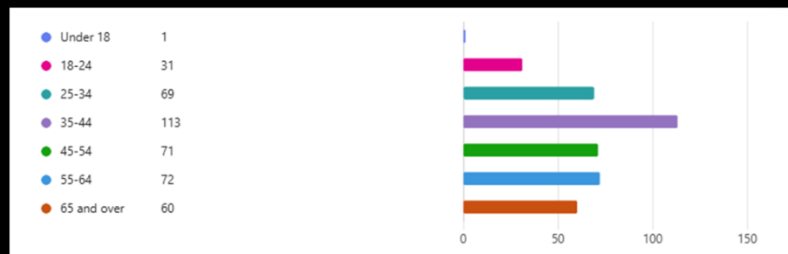
BCRC Mission: To empower the Bond County communities to support prevention and recovery through awareness, policy, education, stigma reduction and access to quality services

2025 Community Survey

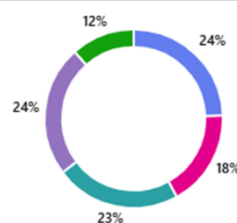


Demographics-Who Took Our Survey?

Age



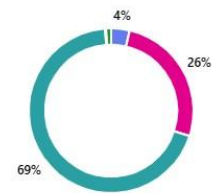
Prefer Not to Say	102
Under \$24,999	73
\$25,000-\$49,999	95
\$50,000-\$99,999	99
\$100,000 and over	48



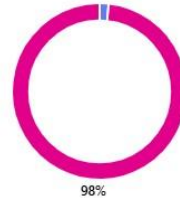
Income Level

Gender

● Prefer not to self-identify	15
● Male	110
● Female	287
● Gender Fluid	1
● Non-binary	4



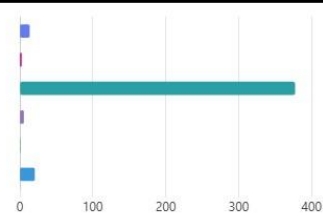
● Hispanic or Latino	7
● Non-Hispanic	410



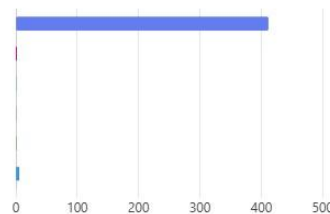
Ethnicity

Race

● African American/Black	13
● Asian	2
● Caucasian/White	377
● Native American	5
● Pacific Islander	0
● Two or more races	20



● English	411
● Spanish	1
● Mandarin	0
● French	0
● Arabic	0
● Other	5

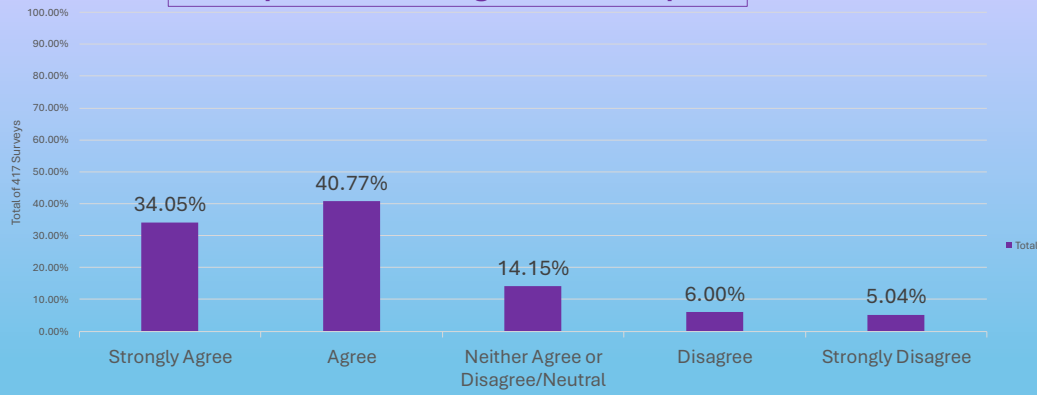


Primary Language



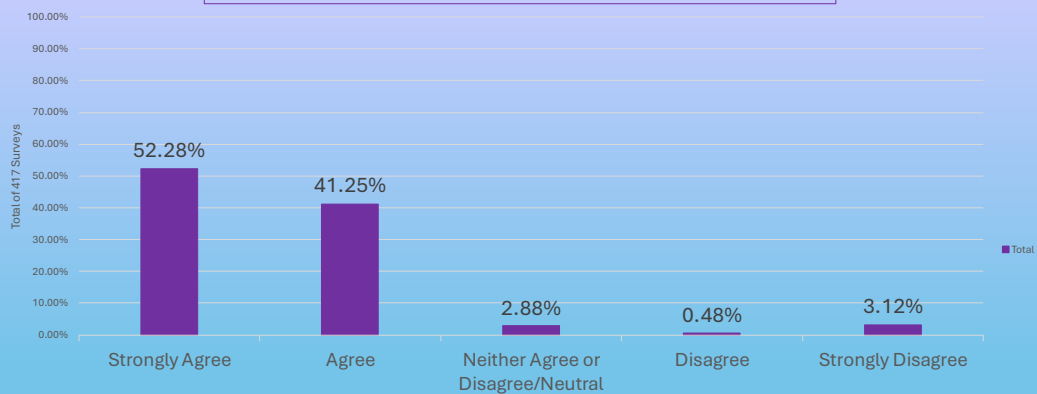
21 Questions
Anonymously
Answered by
417
Participants

#1-People who use drugs deserve respect?



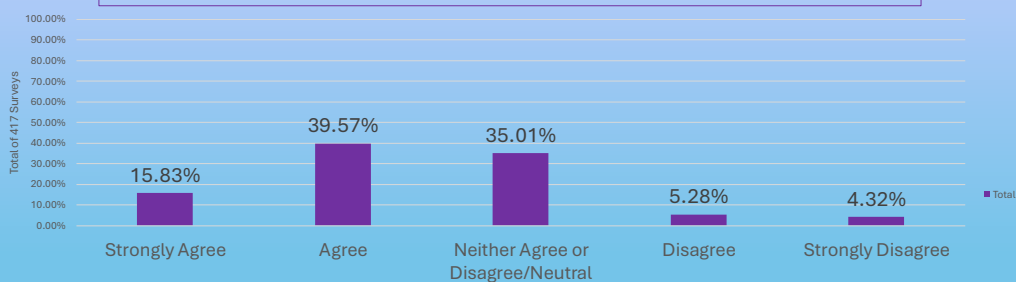
Almost 75% of people Strongly Agree or Agree
More than 14% of people neither Agree or Disagree
Only 11% of people Disagree or Strongly Disagree

#2-People with Mental Illness deserve respect.



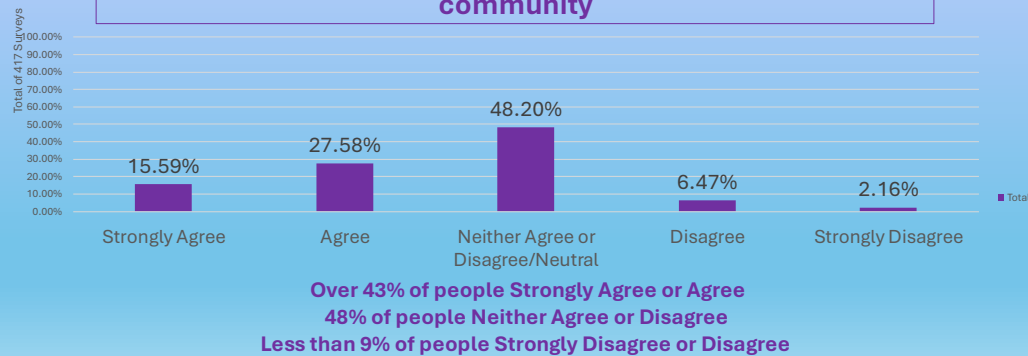
Over 93.5% of people Agree or Strongly Agree
Only less than 3% neither Agree or Disagree
Only 3.5% of people Disagree or Strongly Disagree

#3-Medication Assisted Recovery-MAR (which is the use of medications to treat substance use disorders e.g., methadone or buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder) is an effective treatment for substance use disorder.

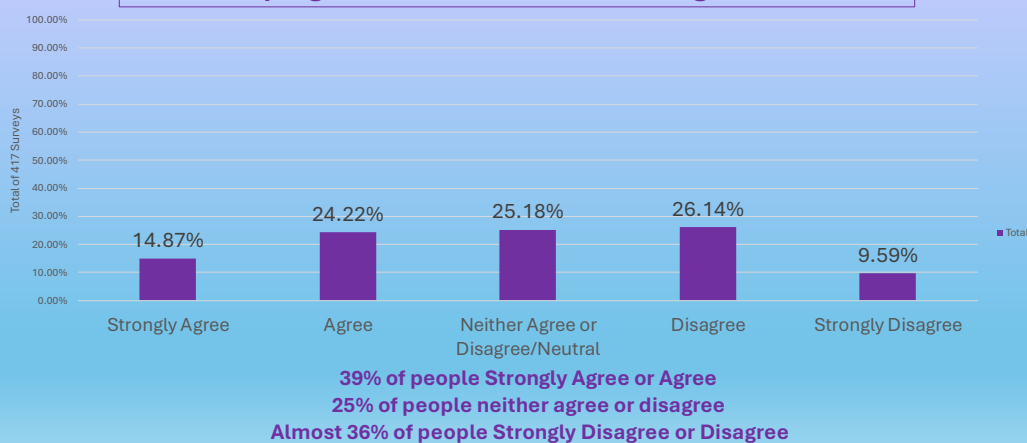


Over 55% of people Agree or Strongly Agree
35% Neither Agree or Disagree
Less than 10% Disagree or Strongly Disagree

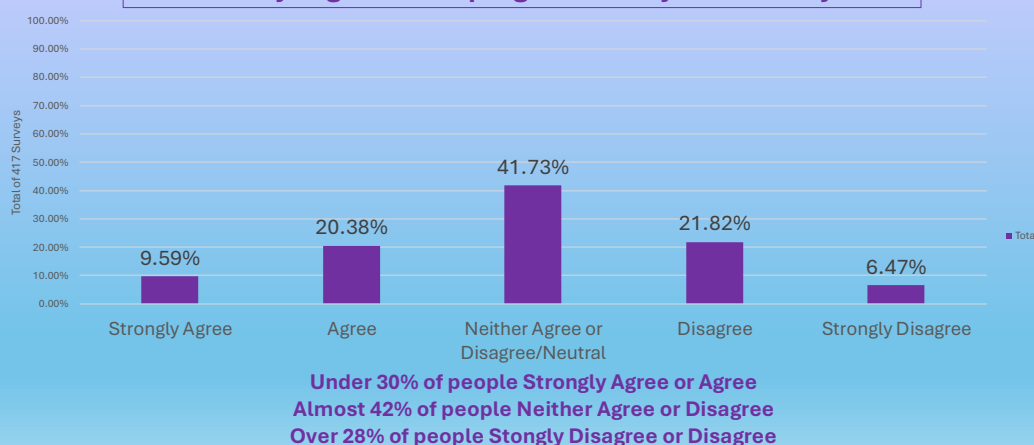
#4-It is difficult to find healthcare providers who offer Medication Assisted Recovery-MAR (which is the use of medications to treat substance use disorders e.g., methadone or buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder) in my community



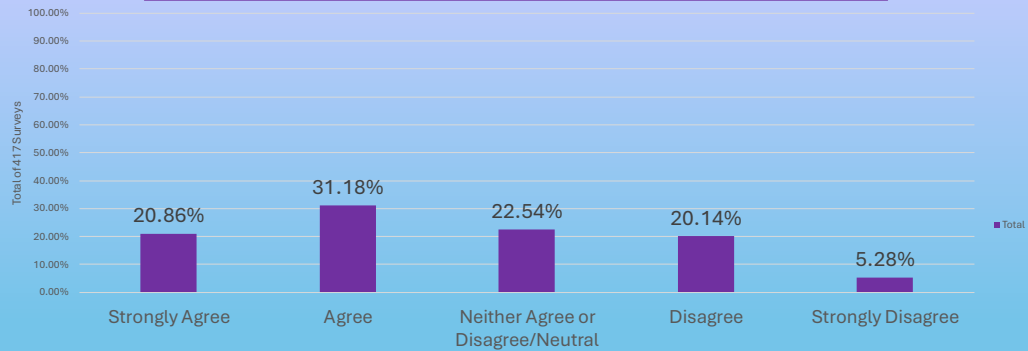
#5-Harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs reduce the risks of drug use.



#6-It is difficult to find harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs in my community.

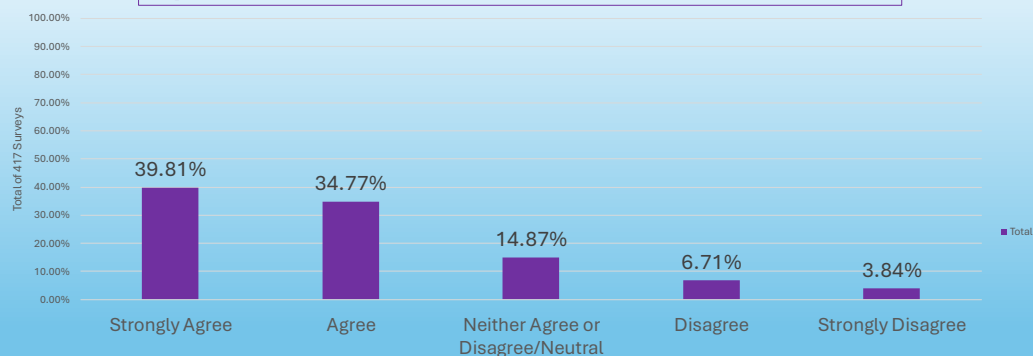


#7-It is difficult to find mental health and substance use treatment services in my community.



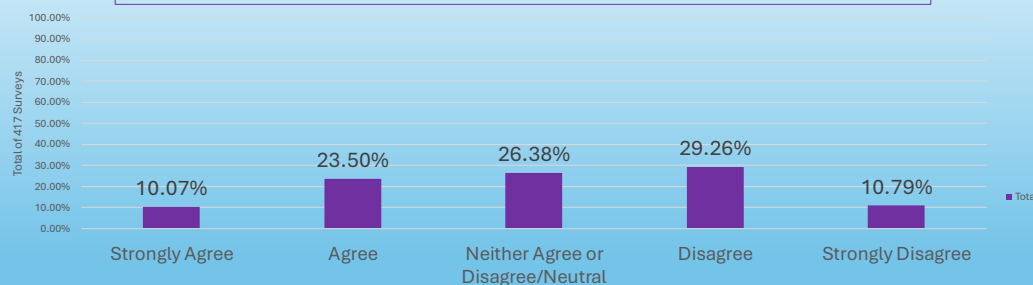
Over 52% of people Strongly Agree or Agree
Almost 23% of people Neither Agree or Disagree
Over 25% of people Strongly Disagree or Disagree

#8-We should increase government funding on treatment options for mental health and substance use disorders



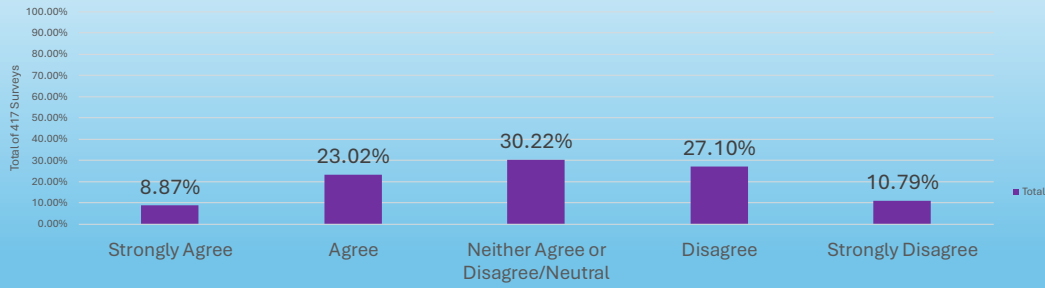
Over 75% of people Strongly Agree or Agree
Under 15% Neither Agree or Disagree
Under 11% of people Strongly Disagree or Disagree

#9-Everyone in my community can get help for mental health regardless of income level, insurance status, race, ethnicity, primary language, disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, or citizenship status.



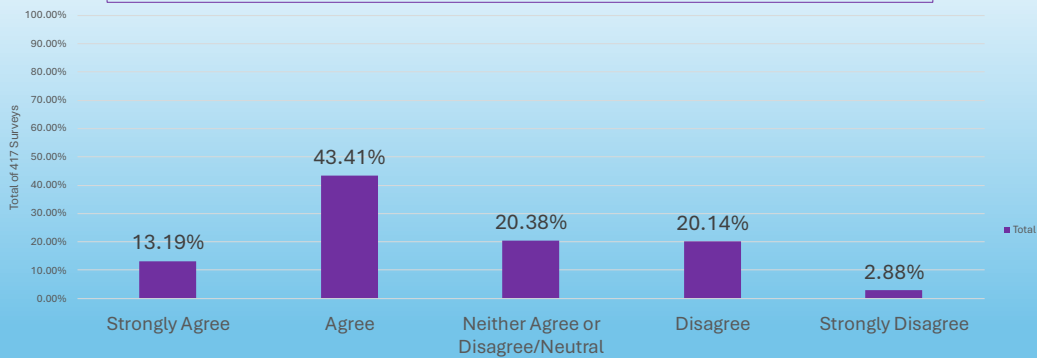
Almost 34% of people Strongly Agree or Agree
Under 27% of people Neither Agree or Disagree
Over 40% of people Strongly Disagree or Disagree

#10-Everyone in my community can get help for substance use regardless of income level, insurance status, race, ethnicity, primary language, disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, or citizenship status.



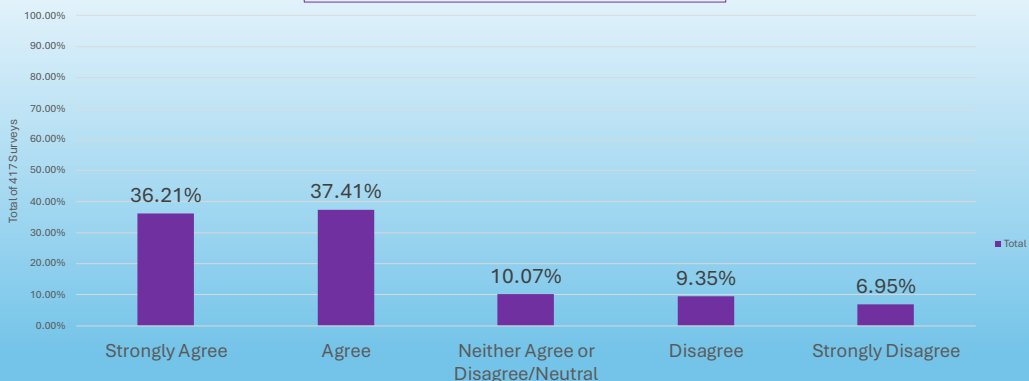
**Under 32% of people Strongly Agree or Agree
Over 30% of people neither Agree or Disagree
Under 38% of people Strongly Disagree or Disagree**

#11-I see materials available from the Bond County Recovery Council throughout the Community.



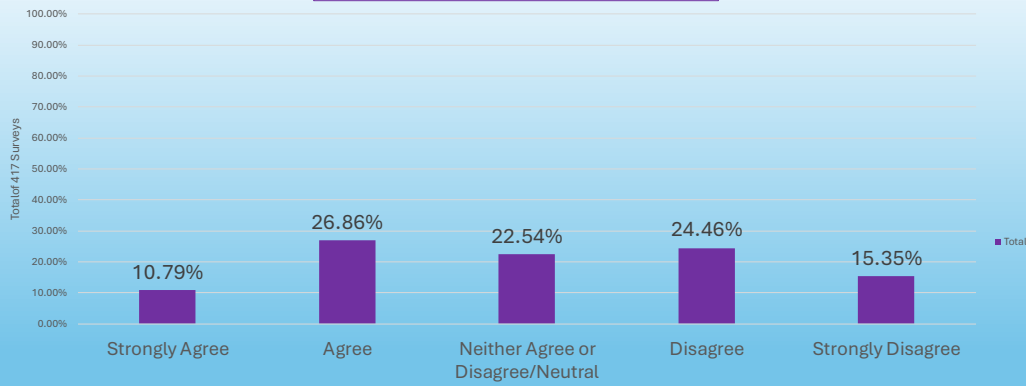
**Over 56% of people Strongly Agree or Agree
Over 20% of people neither Agree or Disagree
23% of people Strongly Disagree or Disagree**

#12-Addiction is a disease.



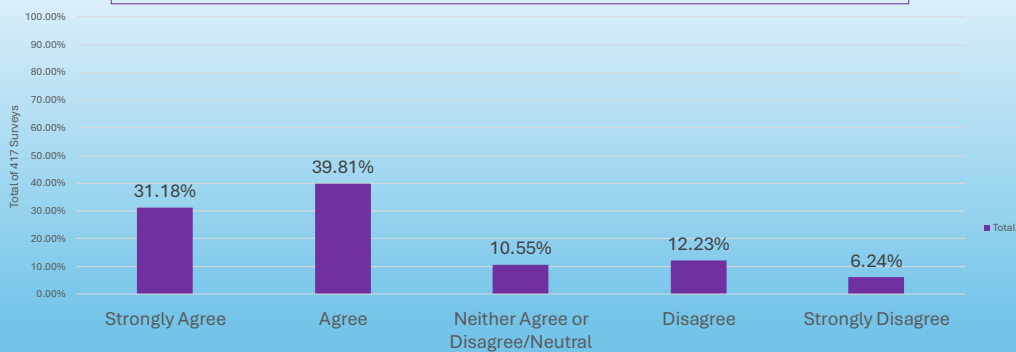
**Under 74% of people Strongly Agree or Agree
Over 10% of people neither Agree or Disagree
Under 17% of people Strongly Disagree or Disagree**

#13-Addiction is a choice.



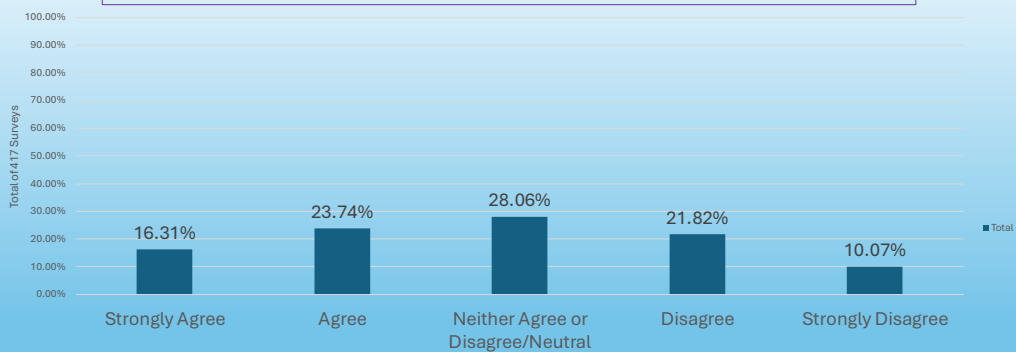
More than 37 of people Strongly Agree or Agree
More than 22% of people neither Agree or Disagree
Less than 40% of people Strongly Disagree or Disagree

#14-Either I or someone I know struggles with substance use disorder.



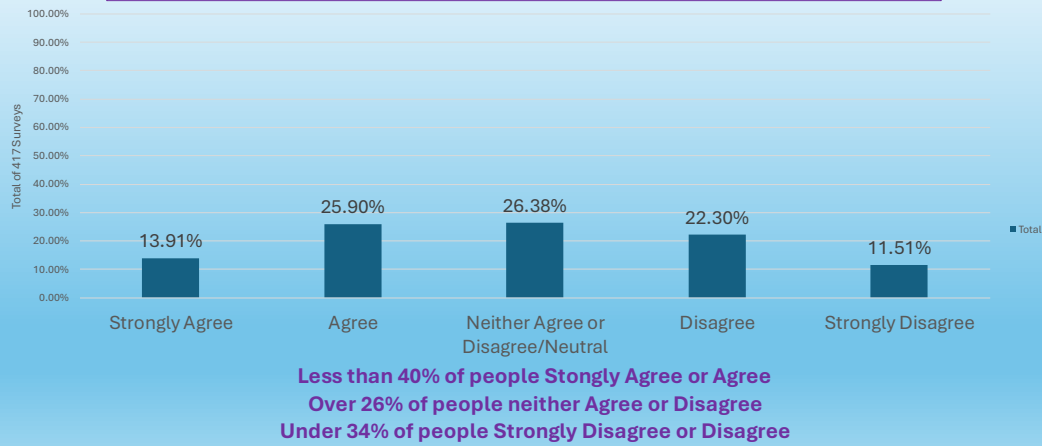
More than 70% of people Strongly Agree or Agree
Over 10% of people neither Agree or Disagree
Less than 19% of people Strongly Disagree or Disagree

#15-I believe our community is ready for other harm reduction services such as clean needle exchange.

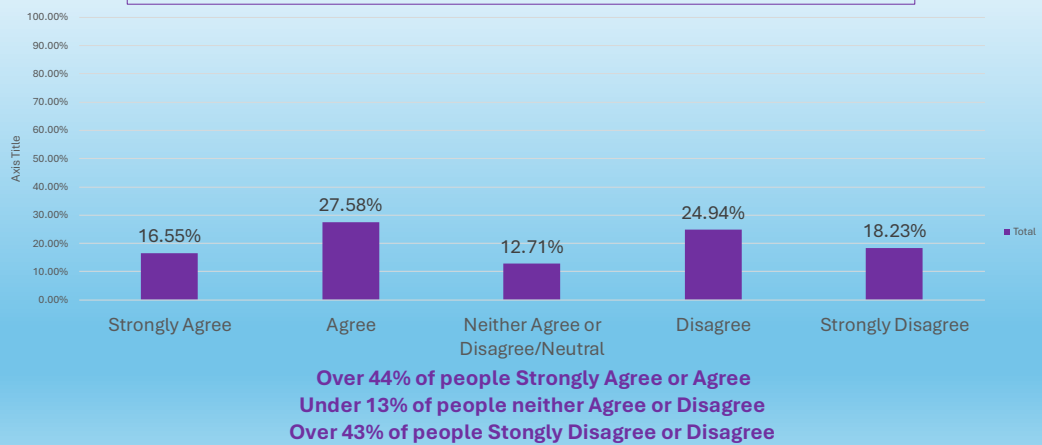


More than 40% of people Strongly Agree or Agree
28% of people neither Agree or Disagree
Over 31% of the people Strongly Disagree or Disagree

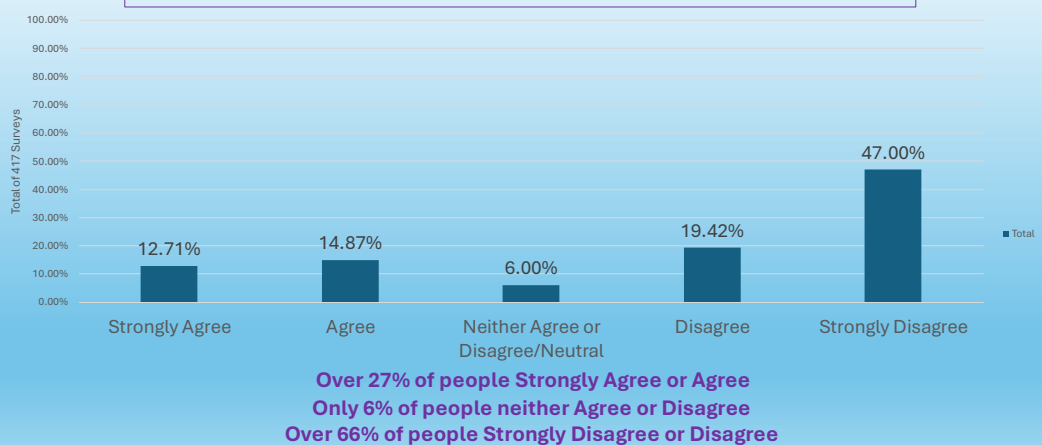
#16-I believe our community is ready for other harm reduction services such as clean smoking kits.



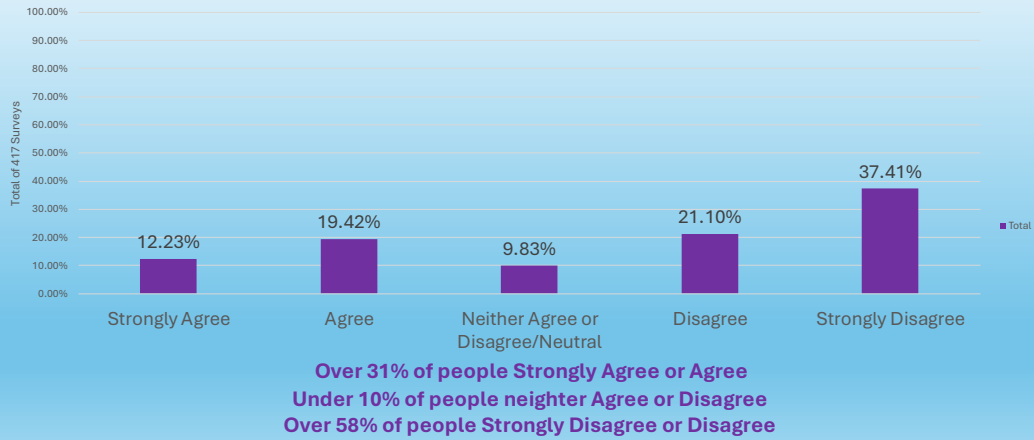
#17-I have personally experienced negative consequences from alcohol use.



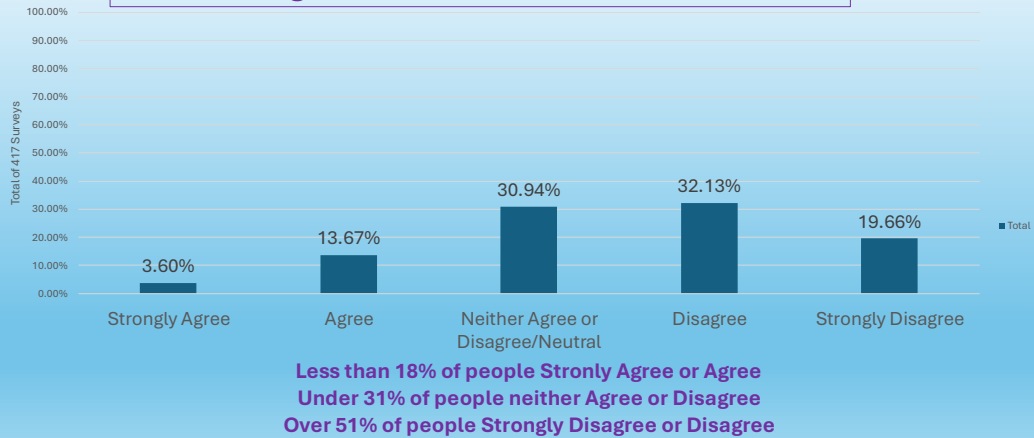
#18-I have personally used marijuana products in the last 6 months.



#19-I have personally used marijuana, illegal drugs or alcohol to get through a difficult time.



#20-I think Bond County Youth are well educated on the dangers of alcohol & substance use.



#21-Law Enforcement in Bond County is supportive of individuals who are seeking recovery from Substance Use Disorder or Alcohol Use Disorder.

