



Community Needs Assessment

Abstract

This assessment outlines key findings from the 2025 Westside ROSC Community Needs Survey, highlighting service gaps, community strengths, and challenges related to recovery, mental health, and substance use on Chicago's West Side. It provides data-driven insights and a SWOT analysis to inform future planning and support a more equitable recovery system.

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ROSC Definition

A ROSC is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that is person-centered and builds on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families, and communities to achieve abstinence and improved health, wellness, and quality of life for those with or at risk of alcohol and drug problems.

Mission Statement

Chicago Recovery Communities Coalition (CRCC) will educate the communities in the Metro / Chicagoland area about the realities of addiction and mental illness recovery. CRCC will reduce stigma associated with addiction, while strengthening the community and building relationships with diverse populations. CRCC will help individuals' access and sustain long-term recovery.

Vision Statement

- A. Put a Face on Recovery
- B. Provide Recovery Support Services.

The Company

Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition (CRCC) is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization with the purpose of providing recovery support services to individuals in or seeking recovery from alcohol and other drugs and mental illness. CRCC is a peer led recovery support organization. We will strive to make a difference in people's lives by increasing public awareness of alcohol and drug dependency and mental health issues. CRCC services will complement the Illinois Access to Recovery (ATR) population by providing education, technical assistance and learning opportunities about recovery support services and mental health awareness to substance abuse providers, sober living environments, recovery homes, their staff and others in the community. CRCC believes the face of recovery is diverse and that those who have experienced both addiction and recovery can and should have the opportunity to lead others by example. The Centers Institute is committed to making our vision of a peer driven recovery delivery process in Chicago and Illinois a reality, and we are confident that we have the team, experience, and the resources to make CRCC a success.

West Side of Chicago Community Context

The West Side of Chicago is home to a resilient and culturally rich population residing in neighborhoods such as Austin, East Garfield Park, West Garfield Park, North Lawndale, and Humboldt Park. These areas have historically been vibrant hubs of African American and Latino communities. However, they have also endured decades of disinvestment, systemic inequities, and structural barriers that continue to impact the quality of life for residents today.

Demographic Profile:

- The population on the West Side is predominantly African American and Hispanic/Latino.
- Many residents face economic hardship, with a significant percentage living below the federal poverty line.
- The area experiences elevated rates of unemployment and underemployment (underuse of a worker).
- Disparities in access to quality education, healthcare, and housing are prevalent.



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Impact of Substance Use and Mental Health:

Communities across the West Side have been disproportionately affected by the opioid epidemic, heroin use, and rising rates of substance use disorders. At the same time, mental health challenges such as depression, anxiety, trauma, and PTSD are exacerbated by chronic exposure to violence, incarceration, and limited access to culturally appropriate care.

Despite these challenges, community-based organizations and recovery advocates have worked tirelessly to provide essential services and support. Still, more investment is needed to address the critical service gaps and promote long-term healing.

Community Disparities and Systemic Barriers:

- Underrepresentation in substance use-related hospitalizations and overdose deaths.
- Lack of sufficient behavioral health providers and trauma-informed services.
- Growing youth mental health crises tied to community trauma and violence.
- Underdeveloped infrastructure for harm reduction and recovery housing.
- Barriers to access, including affordability, transportation, and insurance limitations.

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the findings gathered from the 2025 Westside ROSC Council Community Needs Assessment, conducted by the Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition. The intent of this assessment is to capture the community's perceptions, identify existing gaps in services, and offer actionable recommendations to improve recovery support systems for individuals and families struggling with substance use and mental health challenges. This section will summarize the most critical insights and suggest potential paths forward to address the identified needs.

Introduction

The Westside ROSC (Recovery-Oriented System of Care) Council is committed to enhancing the recovery community across Chicago's Westside. Through this needs assessment, the Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition aims to engage community stakeholders, service providers, and participants in evaluating the current landscape of recovery services. The survey tool used in this assessment includes questions that explore the availability, effectiveness, and accessibility of services related to substance use, mental health, harm reduction, and youth prevention. The collected data serves to inform collaborative efforts to strengthen recovery infrastructure and promote wellness across diverse populations.

Survey Participant Demographics

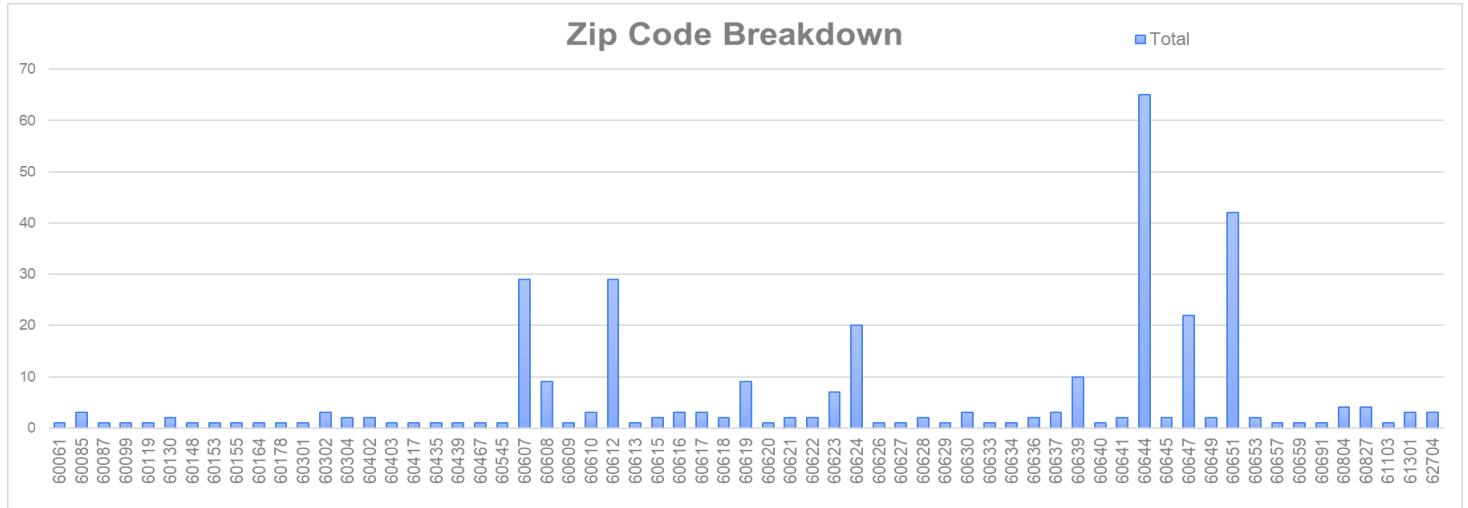
Understanding the demographic makeup of survey participants is essential to interpreting the results of this assessment accurately. The following section includes aggregated data related to respondents' zip code of residence, age, income level, gender identity, ethnicity, race, and primary language. This demographic information provides a foundation for understanding the diversity of perspectives.

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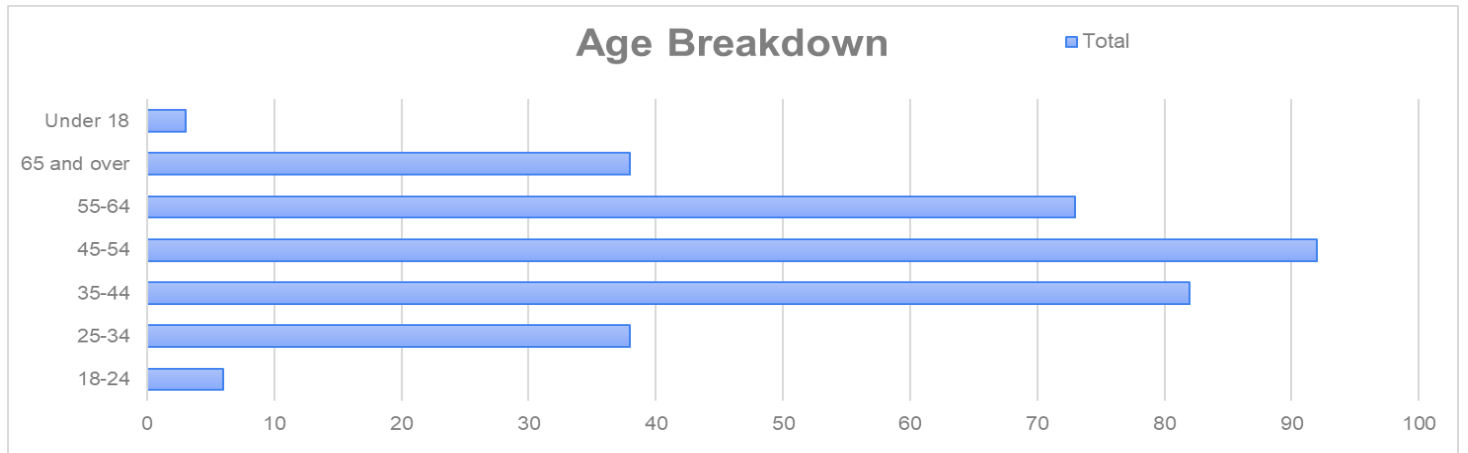
Zip Code Data

Primarily most respondents reside on the West Side of Chicago Below is a graph of the Zip Codes of residence for respondents.



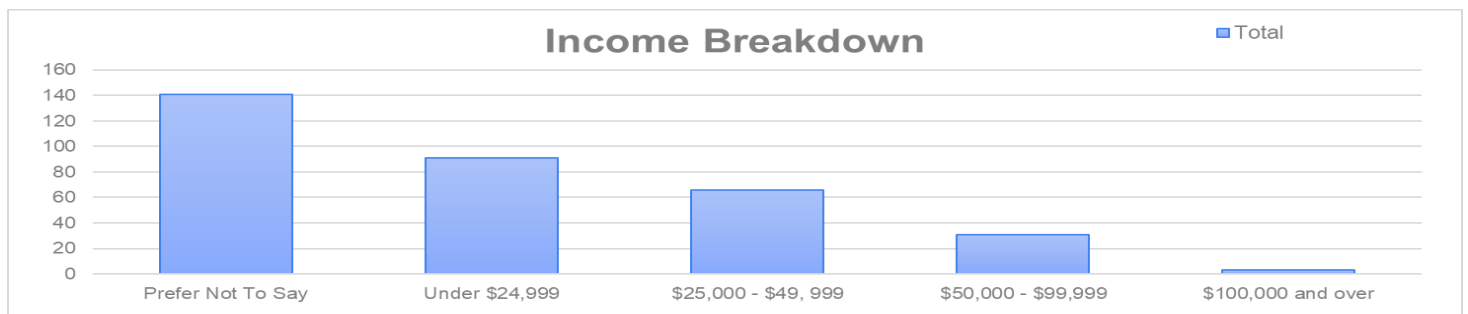
Age Distribution

The Primary age of Survey Respondents is between the ages of 35-54.



Income Levels

Most of the income reported fell below \$50,000. The largest response was "Prefer Not to Say" and it is assumed that most respondents did not feel comfortable reporting this in the survey without knowing exactly what the information would be used for.

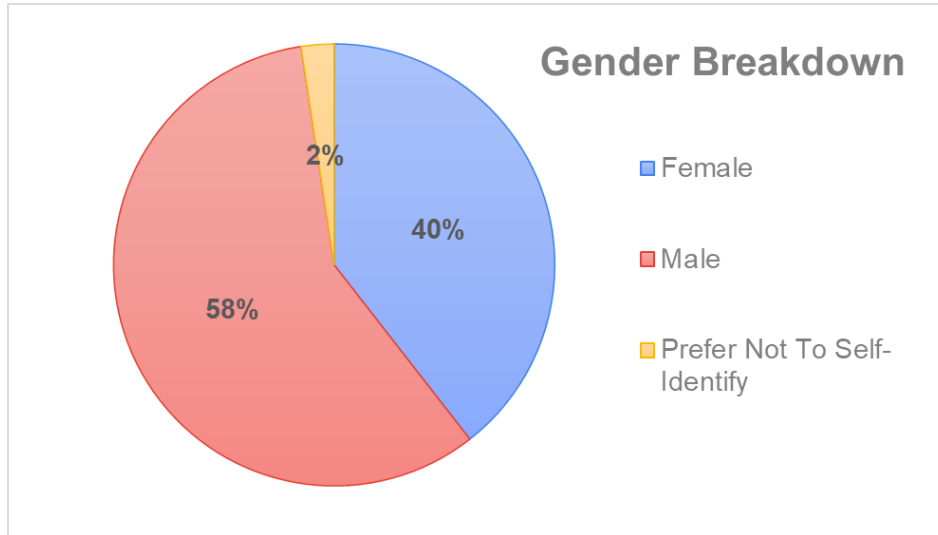


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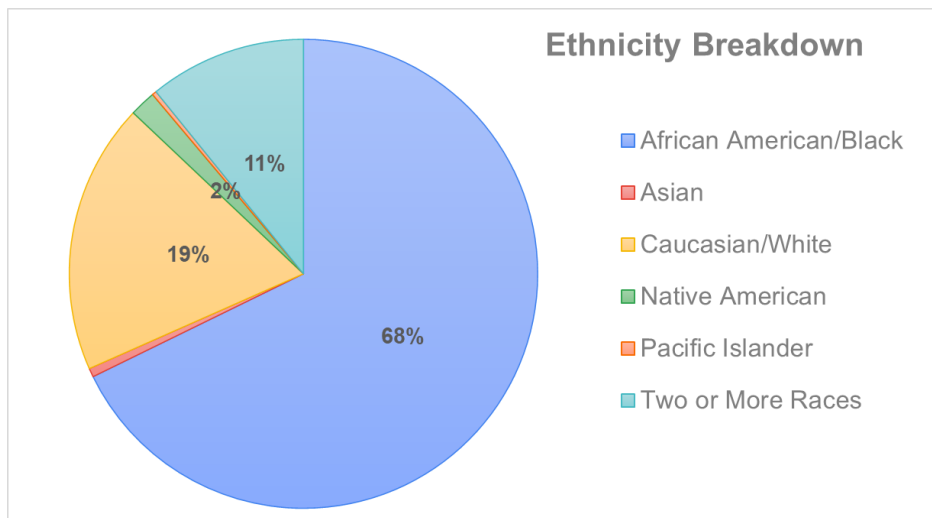
Gender Identity

Respondents are 58% Male vs 40% Female.



Ethnicity & Race

68% African American/Black and 19% Caucasian were the most responses. It is important to note to that some of the Caucasian responses marked Latino for Race. In terms of Race: Of the total responses 17% identified as Hispanic/Latino.



Primary Language

The primary language spoken in households is English with 97% and 3% reported Spanish as the primary language.

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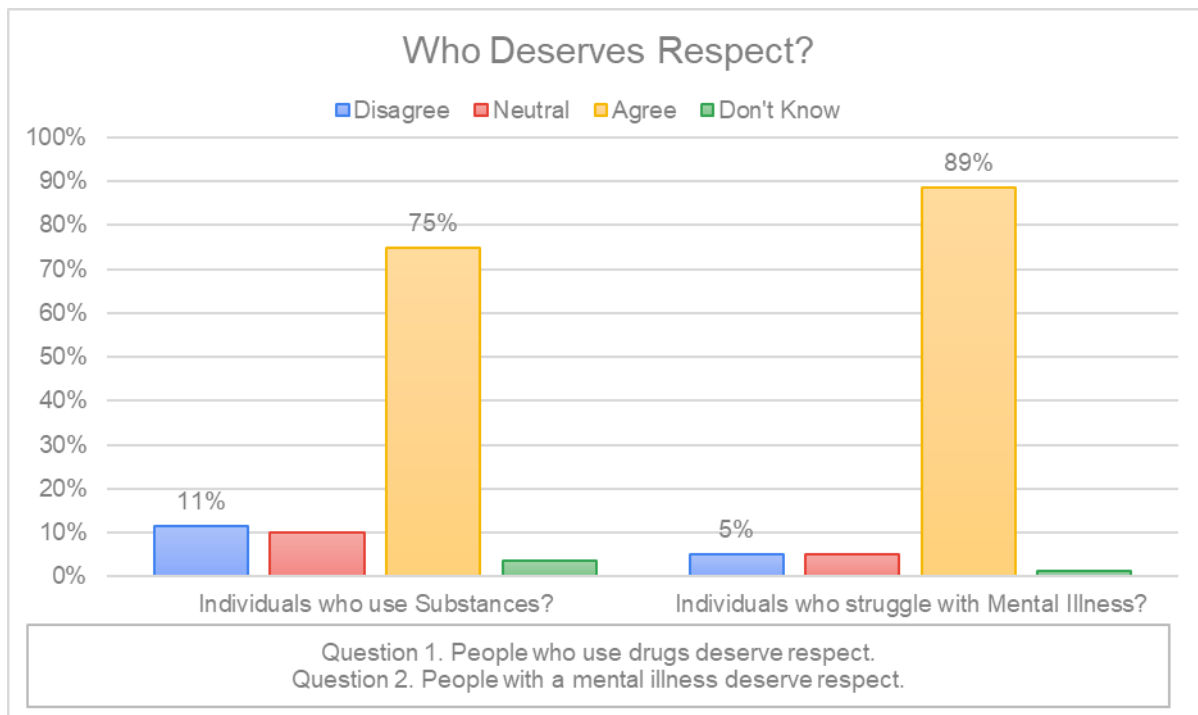
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Survey Results & Community Perceptions

This section provides an in-depth analysis of community perceptions as reflected in survey responses. Each category below represents a theme based on the survey questions. The results offer insights into how the community views respect for individuals with substance use or mental health challenges, the availability of services, the efficacy of treatment approaches such as Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR), and broader social concerns such as homelessness, crime, and youth wellbeing.

Identifying Stigma

Respondents were asked if people who use drugs and people with mental illness deserve respect. 89% said that people who suffer from mental illness deserve respect vs those with use drugs was 75% agree they deserve respect. It is also important to note that there were more answers of Neutral or I Do Not Know for substance meaning there was less of a clear definitive answer for those responses.



Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR)

Effectiveness of MAR

60% of respondents AGREE that MAR is an effective tool that helps those in recovery. 32% of respondents were either Neutral or Do Not Know. Either MAR does not impact them or there is more education needed on the topic to form an opinion.

Accessibility of MAR Services in the Community

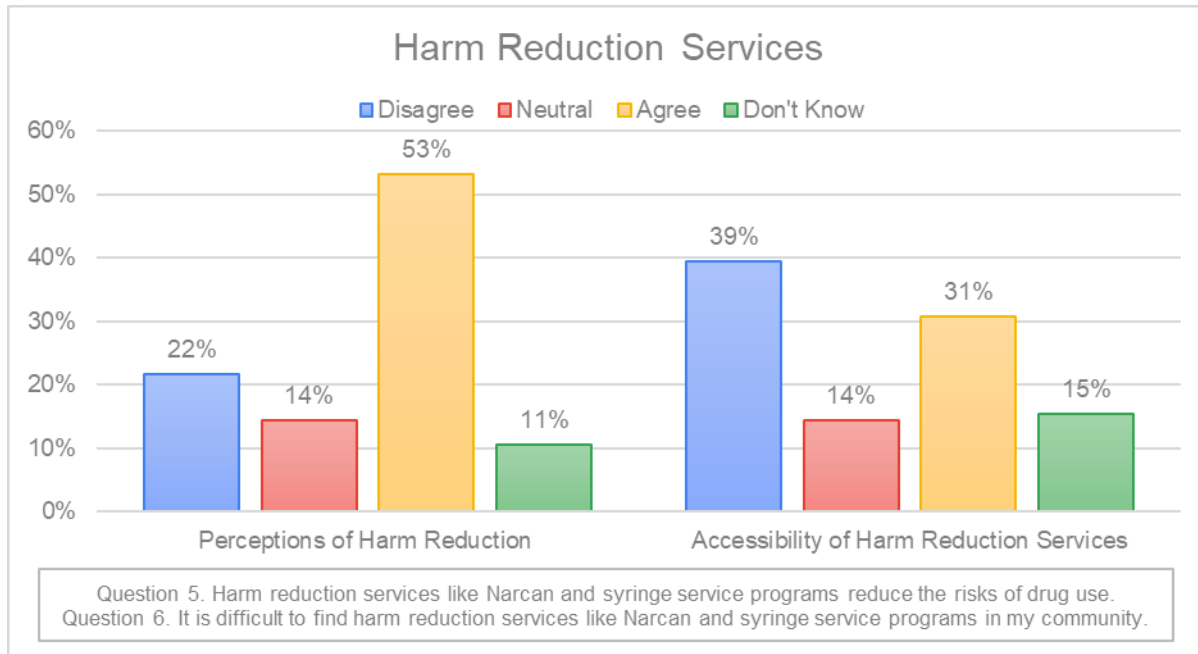
There is a wide range of knowledge behind whether there are enough MAR services available. Respondents reported: 39% Disagree, 14% Neutral, 53% Agree and 11% Do Not Know. Again, more questions would need to be asked in a focus group setting to identify if there is “lack of education” or “no impact in their life” has a role in these answers.

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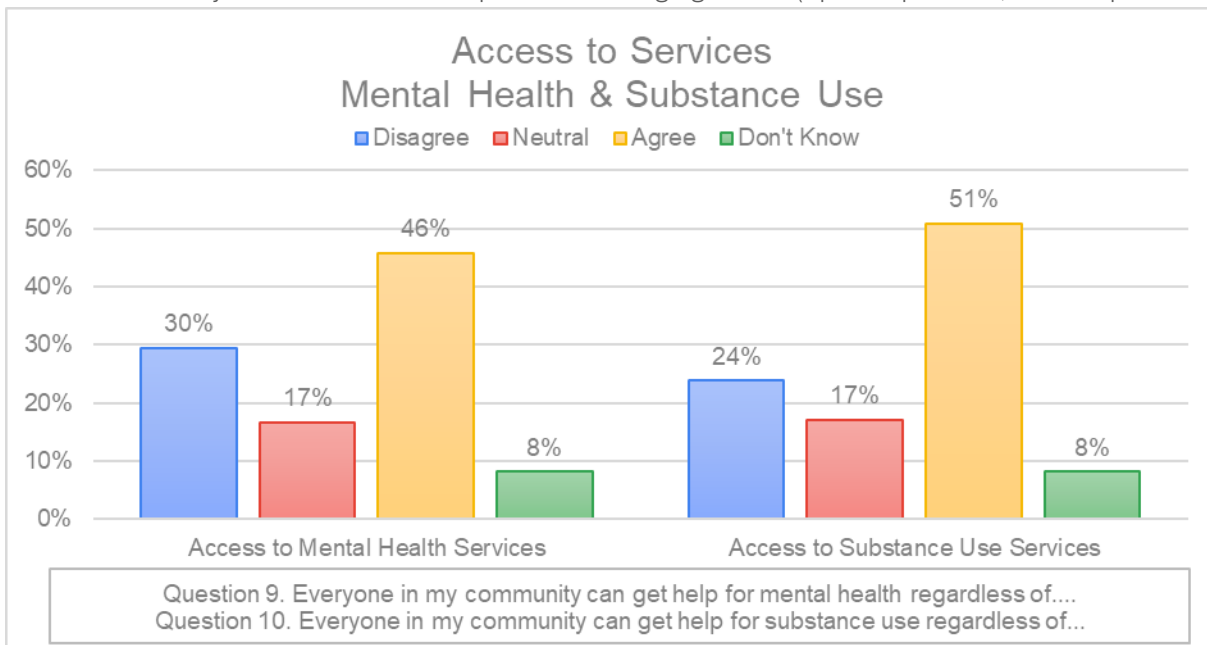
Harm Reduction Services

Perceptions of harm reduction (e.g., Narcan, syringe programs): 53% of the respondents AGREE that they are helpful for those that utilize these tools. For the next round of surveys, it would be good to separate out types of tools to see the perceptions of Narcan vs syringe services to take perception over time. Accessibility of harm reduction services: 39% of the respondents DISAGREE that it is difficult to find these services. This shows that there is still more opportunity to educate on where these tools are available.



Treatment and Recovery Access

Difficulty accessing mental health/substance use treatment: 46% respondents AGREE that everyone has access to services for Mental Health. For equity in access to Substance Use Services the percentage is higher at 51%. 46% AGREE that the community is Proactive in its response to emerging issues (opioid epidemic, suicide prevention, etc).

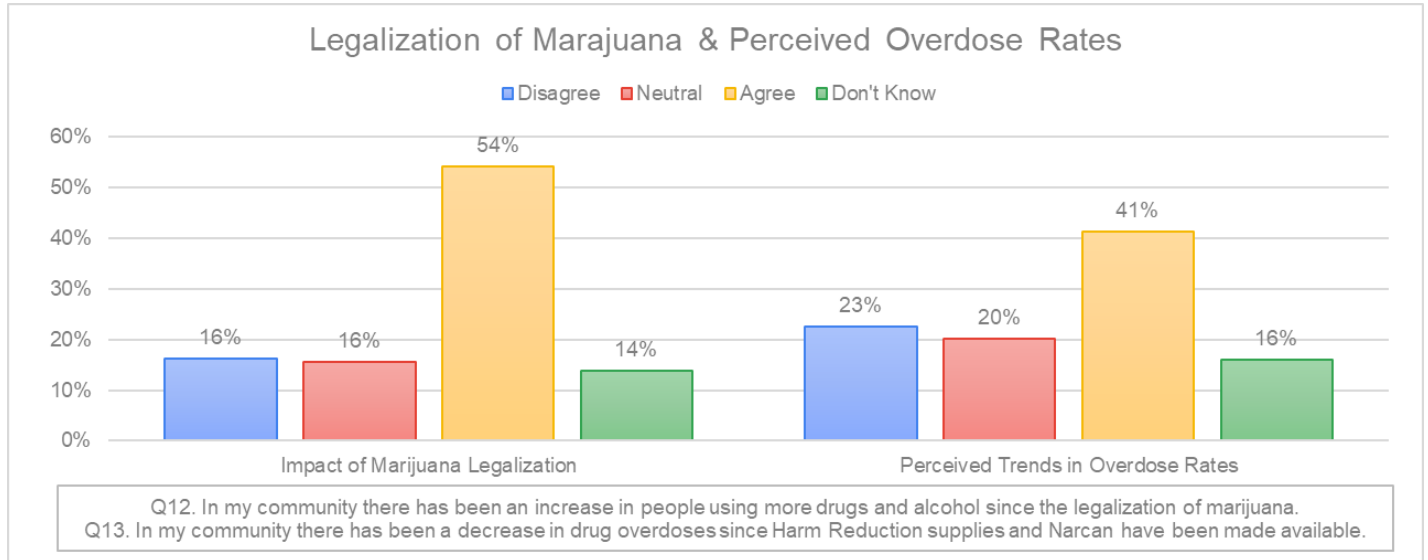


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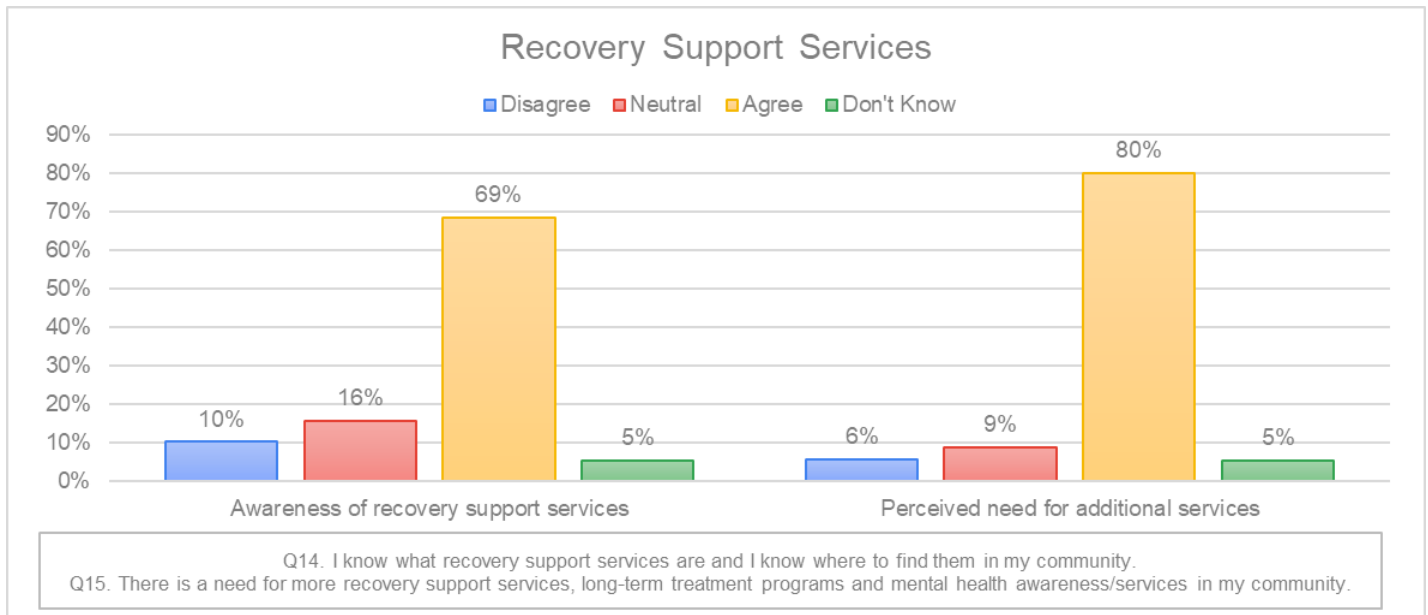
Legalization and Overdose Trends

When asking if the community has seen an increase in people using more drugs and alcohol since the legalization of marijuana, 54% of the respondents AGREE there has been an increase. When asked about a perceived trend in overdose rates increasing in the last year, 41% of the respondents AGREE there has been an increase.



Awareness and Resource Needs

69% of the respondents said that they know what Recovery Support Services is and know where to find them in their community and a staggering 80% of the respondents AGREE that there needs to be more Recovery Support Services available in the community.

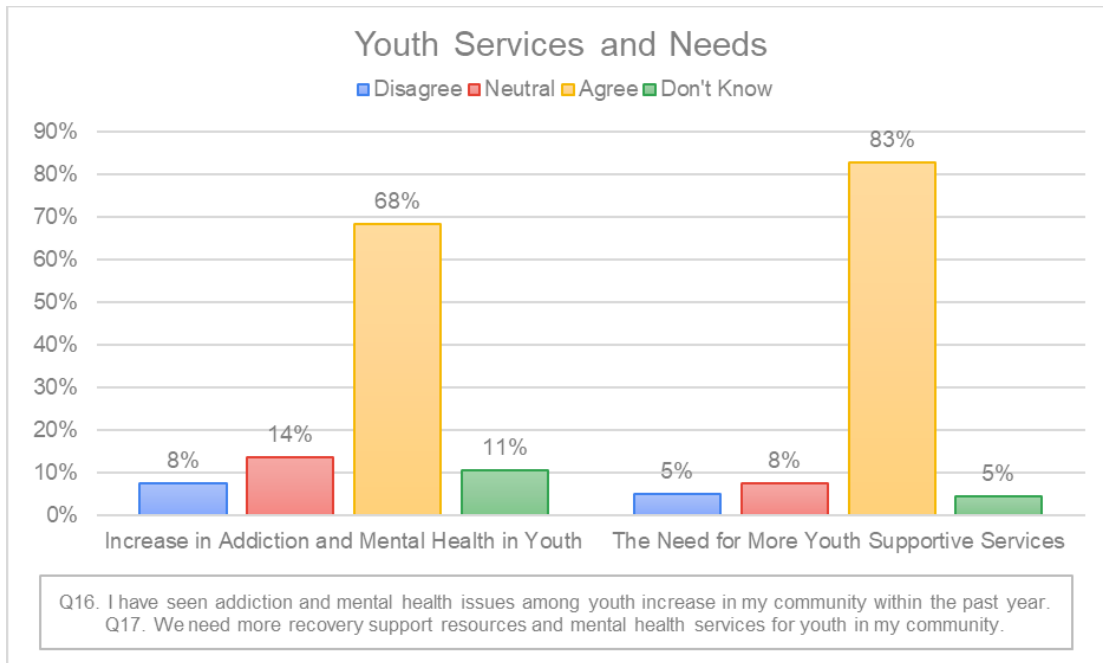


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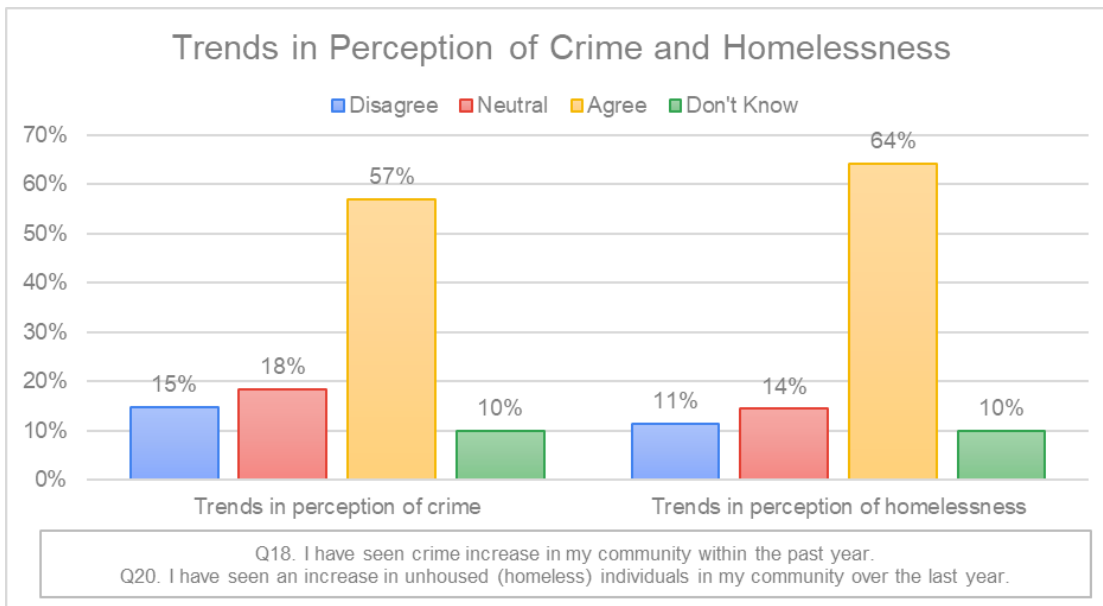
Youth Mental Health & Recovery

68% of respondents AGREE there is an increase in addiction and mental health in Youth. The respondents also believed by 83% that there needs to be more Youth services available in the community. These were the clearest answers to all the questions in the survey. Youth is important and needs more support.



Community Wellness, Safety, and Re-entry Support

Trends in perception of crime and homelessness show that 57% of the respondents AGREE there is higher crime in the last year and 64% AGREE there are more unhoused individuals. Chicago has implemented programs over the last year to address crime and unhoused issues and the perception is not enough is being done and they are still climbing.

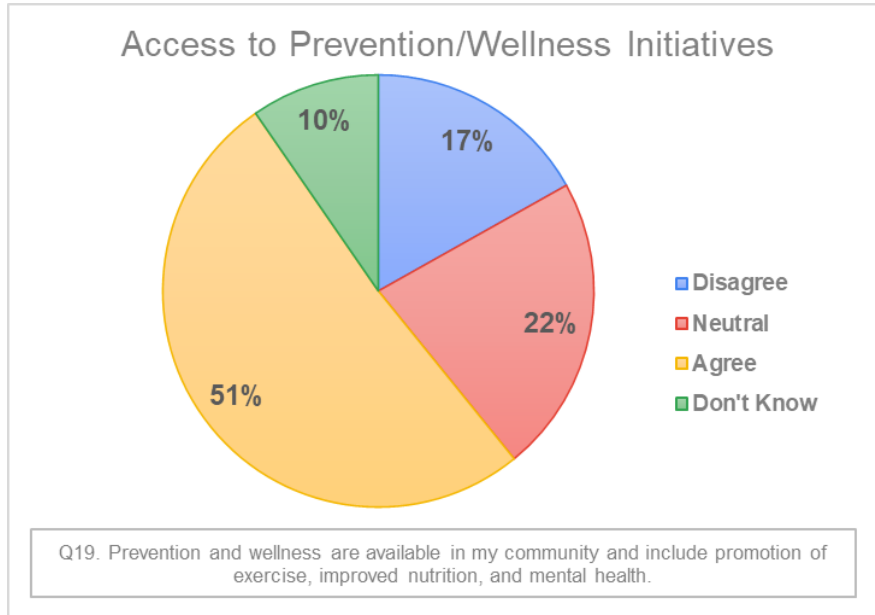


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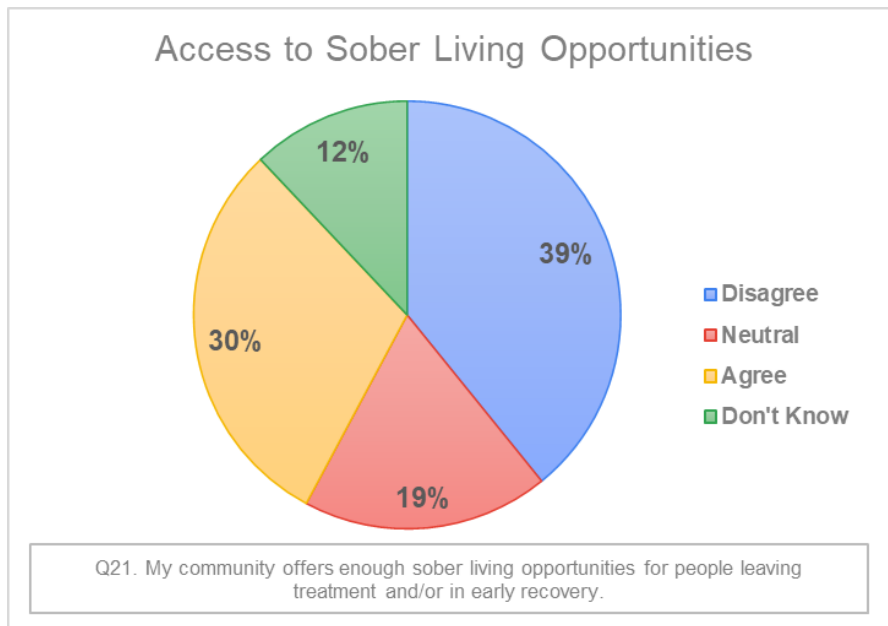
Access to Prevention and Wellness Initiatives

51% of respondents believe there are prevention and wellness programs and initiatives that are available in the community for individuals to take advantage of. The number of neutral responses can indicate that maybe there needs to be more education on prevention and wellness to understand what is available.



Access to Sober Living Opportunities

39% of respondents DISAGREE that there are enough Sober Living Opportunities in the community. Additionally, we would like to ask in the next survey if more men's, women's or individuals w/children living are needed.



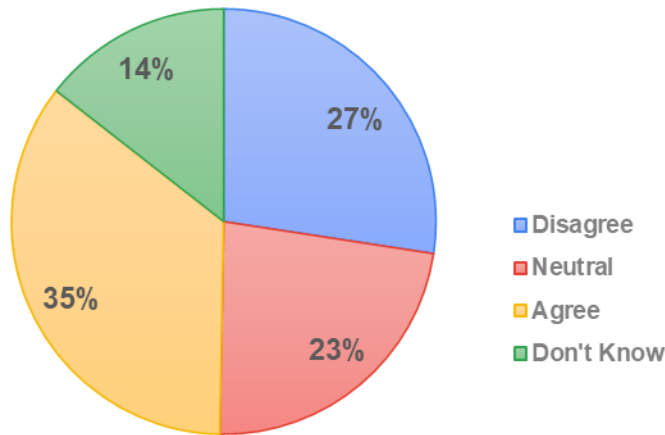
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Support for Returning Citizens

35% of respondents AGREE that the community is welcoming to returning citizens which includes providing employment and housing options. In a follow-up we can look at asking additional questions to understand the perception more for returning citizens.

Services & Supports for Returning Citizens

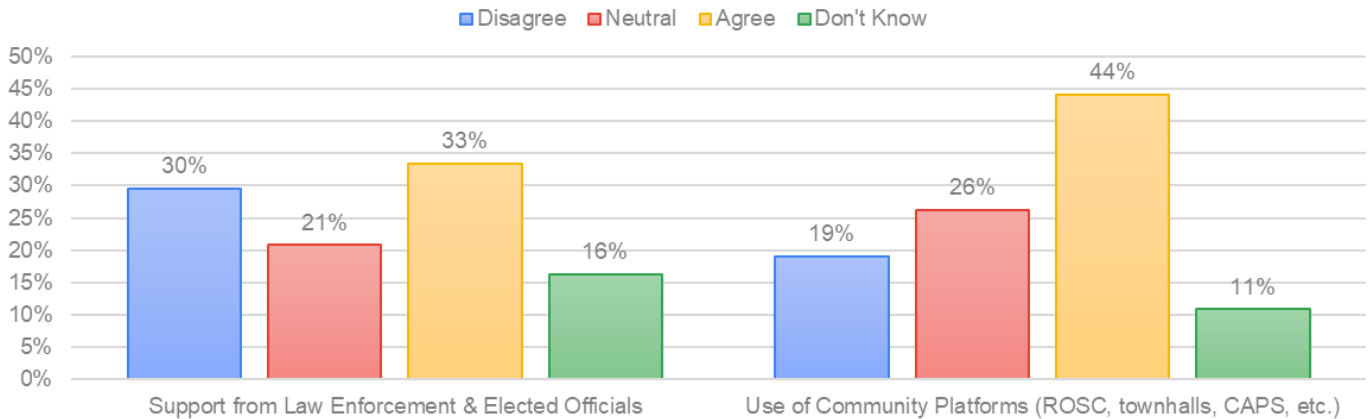


Q22. My community is welcoming to returning citizens (individuals recently released from incarceration), providing employment opportunities and housing options.

Community Engagement & Leadership Support

33% of respondents AGREE that law enforcement and elected officials are support of the recovery community. It would be interesting to separate the two groups and measure the perception. 44% of respondents say they do use the opportunities available to them to make their voices heard, but with 26% neutral there is an opportunity to increase.

Community Engagement & Leadership Support



Q23. Law Enforcement and Elected Officials are supportive of the needs of the recovery community.
Q24. I use community platforms to get my voice heard about my community concerns ex., ROSC meetings, block clubs' meetings, CAPS, townhall.



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Identified Barriers and Gaps

Participants were invited to share open-ended responses about additional barriers they face in accessing recovery support services. Common themes included lack of transportation, limited provider availability, stigma associated with addiction and mental health, and insufficient youth services. The Appendices Section list these qualitative findings and provide examples of community-identified challenges that warrant targeted intervention.

Conclusion

Based on the survey data and identified community needs, this section outlines recommendations for improving the current recovery support system. These recommendations are designed to promote inclusivity, accessibility, and effectiveness. Suggested actions include increasing funding for MAR programs, expanding harm reduction services, enhancing mental health outreach, building stronger youth engagement initiatives, and fostering collaboration with law enforcement and elected officials.

Appendices

The appendices provide supplemental materials to support the main findings in this report. These include a copy of the survey instrument used, additional open-ended comments from respondents, and raw data tables.

Inventory of SUD and COD resources:

Refer to the Asset Mapping and Resource Guides for additional resources.

A. Including licensed SUD Prevention and Treatment Services:

1. Haymarket - 932 Washington, Chicago, IL 60607
2. Gateway Foundation - 3828 W Taylor, Chicago, IL 60624
3. Mercy Housing - 1244 N Clybourn, Chicago, IL
4. Loretto Hospital - 645 S Central, Chicago, IL 60644
5. Rincon Family Services - 3809 W Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60651
6. Garfield Counseling Center - 4132 W. Madison Chicago, IL 60644
7. Bobby E Wright - 9 S. Kedzie, Chicago, IL 60612
8. Health Care Alternative Systems - 210 S Ashland, Chicago, IL 60607
9. New Age Services - 1330 S. Kostner, Chicago, IL 60624
10. COIP-Community Outreach Intervention Program - 4650 W Madison, Chicago
11. Hargrove Hospital - 5730 W Roosevelt, Chicago, IL 60644
12. Association House - 1116 N Kedzie, Chicago, IL 60651

B. Peer Recovery Support Services

1. Campaign for Drug Free Westside
2. TEECH Foundation
3. N' the Spirit
4. Sisters in the Hood
5. Outside the Walls Ministries
6. NAFEI-National Alliance for the Empowerment of the Formerly Incarcerated
7. Fathers in Transition
8. EDDR
9. Greater West Town Training Partnership
10. North Lawndale/U Turn Permitted-Job training
11. Circle Urban Ministries
12. 15th District Police Station
13. Above and Beyond

C. Location of Recovery Residences

1. Phoenix Recovery - 501 N Central, Chicago, IL 60644
2. Hand N Hand - 4207 W Carroll, Chicago, IL 60644
3. Sisters House - 851 N Leamington, Chicago, IL 60644
4. Multitude of Zion - 4925 W Gladys, Chicago, IL 60651
5. Ashanti House - 4909 W. Huron, Chicago, IL 60651
6. The Path for Women - 7530 Lexington Street, Forest Park, IL 60130
7. Gerald's House - 176 N Leclaire, Chicago, IL 60644
8. Grace House - 1801 W Adams, Chicago, IL 60612
9. Sangamon House - 120 N Sangamon, Chicago, IL 60607
10. Brighter Behavior Choices - 6525 S Campbell, Chicago, IL 60626
11. St Leonard's Ministries - 2100 W Warren, Chicago, IL 60612
12. Inner-Voice - 1621 W Walnut, Chicago, IL 60612
13. Ignatia House - 3052 W Belmont, Chicago, IL 60618
14. Revive Center for Housing & Healing - 1668 W. Ogden, Chicago, IL 60612
15. HAS Transitional Living - 1866 N Milwaukee, Chicago, IL 60647

D. CRCC has on its current staff and volunteers the following:

- All Staff is trained to conduct Narcan Training
- 3 Recovery Coach Trainers (Trained through CCAR w/certificate)
- 2 CADC
- 1 CSADC
- 4 NCRS (National Certified Recovery Specialists)
- 2 CPRS (Certified Peer Recovery Specialist)

E. Current readiness to support the ROSC and RCO

CRCC is currently educating the community on ROSC and RCO's and they appear hesitant as evidence by their questions regarding what services do, we provide, which may result in their early resistance to become involved or send a representative on behalf of the agency to attend meetings.

- A. Strengths | CRCC has been active in the community and a resident of the Westside community since 2012. Local businesses to serve the community.
- B. Weakness | Lack of collaboration amongst treatment providers and specific sectors we will be focusing on in the FY25 Communication and Outreach plan.

F. Top ROSC Priorities for FY2025

- A. Continue to grow membership base and increase engagement of members in the Council
- B. Continue to promote education and technical training for organizations in the community on what is Harm Reduction and the principles and practices.
- C. Continue to support the community and provide education training to increase the services and offerings in the community to promote Recovery Support Community on the West Side of Chicago.

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SWOT Analysis of Needs Assessment

To further understand the needs and opportunities within this community, a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis was conducted as part of this report. This tool helps to identify both internal and external factors influencing recovery support service delivery.

Strengths

- State recognized RCO since 2012 and Drug Overdose Prevention Program Certified thru State of Illinois
- CRCC history and understanding of community resources, community stakeholders, consumer needs, and people with long term recovery commitment for advocating ROSC objectives
- Sharing Council expertise to assist in training other ROSC Council being formed in the Chicago and statewide.
- Strong community identity and cultural pride.
- Committed grassroots organizations and advocacy groups.
- Existing ROSC Councils and recovery coalitions working to build capacity.
- Community driven initiatives and peer recovery networks.

Weaknesses

- Community gaps in services
- Lack of community education involving substance abuse and mental health issues as well as recovery
- Persistent socioeconomic disparities and resource scarcity.
- Stigma surrounding addiction and mental health treatment.
- Inadequate sober living housing and youth-focused recovery services.

Opportunities

- Present ROSC members are enthusiastic and knowledgeable and passionate in engaging others.
- Building a network of recovery service providers to engage addicted individuals in treatment services.
- Bridge the gap between Mental Health Services and Recovery Support Services
- More Social Services provided to individuals in recovery in our community
- Increasing state and local investment in mental health and substance use services.
- Potential expansion of harm reduction programs and trauma-informed care.
- Strengthening partnerships between public health, education, and community stakeholders.
- Mobilizing faith-based institutions and recovery champions to expand outreach.

Threats

- Funding - Reduction of ROSC Funds in the community
- Stigma with Substance Use and Mental Health.
- Lack of consistent, ongoing collaborations.
- Systemic racism and continued disinvestment in underserved communities.
- Rising overdose rates and untreated mental health conditions.
- Housing instability, gentrification, and displacement of vulnerable populations.
- Persistent gaps in workforce capacity and culturally responsive care.

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Appendices

I. Needs Assessment Survey Template



Community Needs Assessment

Your input is important to help us identify challenges and improve how Our Community supports Recovery for Individuals and Families struggling with substance use and mental health. **Know that your voice matters and is heard!!! All information will be kept confidential.**

Date: _____

Are you a stakeholder that provides Social Services or Direct Recovery Support Services to clients/participants? YES or NO

Please indicate to the degree to which you feel the following statement reflect the activities, values and practices of your community.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know
1. People who use drugs deserve respect.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
2. People with a mental illness deserve respect.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
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 disorders.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
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.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
5. Harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs reduce the risks of drug use.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
6. It is difficult to find harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs in my community.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
7. It is difficult to find mental health and substance use treatment services in my community.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
8. We should increase government funding on treatment options for mental health and substance use disorders.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
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.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
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.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
11. My community proactively addresses emerging issues like the opioid epidemic, Narcan for overdoses, suicide prevention, and medication assisted recovery.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
12. In my community there has been an increase in people using more drugs and alcohol since the legalization of marijuana.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
13. In my community there has been a decrease in drug overdoses since Harm Reduction supplies and Narcan have been made available.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
14. I know what recovery support services are and I know where to find them in my community.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
15. There is a need for more recovery support services, long-term treatment programs and mental health awareness/services in my community.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
16. I have seen addiction and mental health issues among youth increase in my community within the past year.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
17. We need more recovery support resources and mental health services for youth in my community (ex., activity centers, youth prevention programs, treatment services, counseling options).	1	2	3	4	5	D/K

TURN OVER – MORE QUESTIONS ON BACK

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Please indicate to the degree to which you feel the following statement reflect the activities, values and practices of your community.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Do not Know
18. I have seen crime increase in my community within the past year.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
19. Prevention and wellness are available in my community and include promotion of exercise, improved nutrition, and mental health.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
20. I have seen an increase in unhoused (homeless) individuals in my community over the last year.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
21. My community offers enough sober living opportunities for people leaving treatment and/or in early recovery.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
22. My community is welcoming to returning citizens (individuals recently released from incarceration), providing employment opportunities and housing options.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
23. Law Enforcement and Elected Officials are supportive of the needs of the recovery community.	1	2	3	4	5	D/K
24. I use community platforms to get my voice heard about my community concerns (ex., ROSC meetings, block clubs' meetings, CAPS, townhall meetings).	1	2	3	4	5	D/K

What are some additional barriers/gaps you would like to see addressed in your community? Is There A Question That Is Missing?

Demographic Information

The purpose of the demographic information is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the characteristics of a population. All information will be kept confidential.

What County Do You Live In (ex: Cook County)? _____

What is your Zip Code? _____

Age	Income Level	Gender	Ethnicity	Race	Primary Language
Under 18	Prefer Not to Say	Prefer Not to Self-Identify	Hispanic or Latino	African American/Black	English
18-24	Under \$24,999	Male	Non-Hispanic	Asian	Spanish
25-34	\$25,000 - \$49,999	Female		Caucasian/White	Mandarin
35-44	\$50,000 - \$99,999	Gender Fluid		Native American	French
45-54	\$100,000 and over	Nonbinary		Pacific Islander	Arabic
55-64				Two or More Races	Other
65 and over					

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II. Open-ended Comments from Respondents

Responses

- I would love to see more programs for people incarcerated coming home from jail in my neighborhood and more you programs in my neighborhood for the youth.
- More resources for tx
- More live music, instruments being taught to at risk youth and streets power washed
- Harm reduction trainings
- More services for the younger people, mental health services, 12 step groups for younger individuals.
- More help with homeless people and help with drug addictions and after recovery-recovery home for recovering addicts more attention to people on the street constantly then temp people on the street.
- Effective and efficient treatment programs ran by qualified individuals with the education, experience along with good leadership skills who are non and an advocate for equity and social justice, this will help provide strength and organization along with respect for all.
- More recovery activities
- less funding for our communities
- Financial literacy
- Support in the community
- Helping people without judgement and harassment about insurance
- "In my community there has been a decrease in drug overdoses since Harm Reduction supplies and Narcan have been made available." - Overdoses are still happening, but There has been a decrease in fatal overdoses and an increase in overdose reversals.
- don't be afraid to talk about what you are feeling.
- The community needs to provide more input on what they need
- Recovery Housing for Pregnant and Post Partum Persons with Opioid Use Issues.
- Need more resources.
- The financial gap between treatment and sober living.
- More recovery houses and more assistance for people who need help starting over.
- The gap is that the organization do not do enough collaboration when it comes to the needs of the community they are only involved when it benefit their organization .
- Intermediate level substance use programming (dual diagnosis/mental illness IOP)
- I'd like to see more resources for recovery support and mental health
- More fatherhood services--children are more likely to use drugs and alcohol when a father is absent or uninvolved in their lives. If we can increase fatherhood services or partner with those who provide them, especially in families birth to 5, we may more significantly treat or prevent substance use disorder.
- The resources that are available are not adequate to serve the population size of the community and they need to be more vocalized about where they are and what services they provide.
- Treatment center that accepts clients that have no insurance
- Expungement of criminal records.
- More openminded for people with win

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- I would like to see, helping families that need help for as food, money, cloths, roof over their heads, more jobs, housing for people that really need it real bad.
- Young homelessness and addiction
- more awareness to the youth about drug abuse and mental illness
- More drug educational program for youth regardless of color and race
- With marijuana becoming legal is it not a gateway drug and does in contribute to addiction.
- More housing for low-income Chicagoans
- Getting a Community Organizer
- How to get users to move to recovery
- Housing and resources to help educate drug and alcohol addiction and returning citizens coming out of prison.
- I would like to see more help for people who need it, when they need it without jumping through hoops. Many people seek help are often turned away . More help for returning citizens or ex offenders.
- Breaking stigma's
- help for women and children
- yes, we need more in -patient treatment facilities more accessible as well as Recovery houses for women.
- There is a lack of housing available for people with mental health and/or substance use disorders. Waiting lists are very long.
- mental health
- Resources and afterschool activities for youth
- More community outreach engagers to spread the word
- The loss of homeless status when someone has been in recovery housing for more than 90 days. I would like community organizations to mobilize to address this via advocacy for policy changes with HUD.
- Treatment center that accepts clients that have no insurance
- Recovery Homes are needed in more communities
- Programs to keep the youth out of the street.
- I would like to see more Spanish speaking literature in my community
- We need more places that individuals can go for sober living
- Stigma from rcos towards pwuds
- Police present is needed every where and not just for decoration.
- More treatment is needed
- More mentoring programs
- Police needs to stop escalating civilian interactions.
- family reunification
- More food assistance
- more help
- more Narcan
- education
- help the homeless
- I would like to see more basketball courts in my community.



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- More medication vans in high rated drug areas
- housing for homeless, single, middle aged men & women married
- Narcan
- everyone getting together to get the drugs out of the community for the kids sake.
- I would love to see the homeless take a stand for themselves. I wish my community would do more for drug addicts, alcoholics, and the homeless that would be wonderful.
- clients coming in off the street should be screened more effectively in order to receive the proper placement some mental issues, put the recovery community at risk.
- Short staff of police officers
- lack of professional psychotherapy services for those who lack private insurance
- More jobs