



This is the FY2026 Community Needs Assessment. Note: the additional questions added relate to three major areas DuPage ROSC has been working in for the past three years—harm reduction, justice-involved recovery, and stigma reduction.

The purpose of this survey is to measure public opinion on issues related to recovery. The information collected will be used to identify areas for improvement in our community. Your responses are confidential so please answer the questions honestly and to the best of your ability. Thank you for completing this survey.

1. People who use drugs deserve respect.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

2. People with a mental illness deserve respect.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

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-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

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-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

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

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

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

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

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

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree

5-Strongly Agree

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

1-Strongly Disagree

2-Disagree

3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

4-Agree

5-Strongly Agree

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-Strongly Disagree

2-Disagree

3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

4-Agree

5-Strongly Agree

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-Strongly Disagree

2-Disagree

3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

4-Agree

5-Strongly Agree

Demographic Information

11. I feel confident in my ability to recognize signs of an opioid overdose.

1-Strongly Disagree

2-Disagree

3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

4-Agree

5-Strongly Agree

Demographic Information

12. I feel confident in my ability to administer Narcan during an overdose emergency

1-Strongly Disagree

2-Disagree

3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

4-Agree

5-Strongly Agree

Demographic Information

13. Access to safe using supplies (e.g. cookers, cottons, sterile water, alcohol pads, clean needles, etc) helps reduce the spread of disease.

1-Strongly Disagree

2-Disagree

3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

4-Agree

5-Strongly Agree

Demographic Information

14. Access to Fentanyl, Xylazine, and other testing strips is important for community safety.

1-Strongly Disagree

2-Disagree

3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

4-Agree

5-Strongly Agree

Demographic Information

15. People with substance use challenges should be offered treatment instead of incarceration when appropriate.

1-Strongly Disagree

2-Disagree

3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

4-Agree

5-Strongly Agree

Demographic Information

16. Diversion programs in DuPage County such as Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, etc. are an effective alternative to jail or prison.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

17. Offering more education, recovery, and life-skills programming in jail improves long-term outcomes for incarcerated people with substance use challenges.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

18. Language that labels people (e.g., “addict,” “crazy,” “junkie” etc.) contributes to stigma around substance use in DuPage County.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

19. The stigmas surrounding substance use and mental health challenges in DuPage County prevent people from seeking help.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

20. Are there any challenges around substance use or mental health in DuPage County that were not mentioned?

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Demographic Information

Age:

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and over

Income level:

- Prefer not to say
- Under \$24,999
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-and over

Gender:

- Prefer not to self-identify
- Male
- Female
- Gender Fluid
- Nonbinary

Location:

- County:
- Zip Code:

Ethnicity:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Non-Hispanic

Race:

- African American/Black
- Asian
- Caucasian/White
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Two or more races

Primary Language:

- English
- Spanish
- Mandarin
- French
- Arabic
- Other (specify)