

**PROPOSITION 63
PHASE 1
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
STAKEHOLDER
SURVEY NARRATIVE RESPONSES**

*Following are narrative responses to the Phase 1 surveys that provide additional depth to the priorities provided in graphs. The first 4 categories support and reflect needs assessment and recommendations made by the Children's Prop 63 subcommittees related to **Probation, Child Welfare, Education, and Community** access gates. While not all of the many good ideas can be implemented, many of them can indeed be incorporated into our local planning.*

What other Juvenile Justice services are needed?

- Help fund services for early intervention to prevent gang recruitment.
- Assess all youth entering Juvenile Probation system for undiagnosed mental health and substance abuse issues
- Life skills for families
- Regresar a la escuela o tener fuentes de empleo. (Return to school or have available jobs.)

What other Foster Care / CPS services are needed?

- Mandated family therapy for reunification.
- Cultural competency of services provided.
- Protection for parents being abused.
- Put child safety above keeping family unit as a whole.

What other school related services are needed?

- Healthy Start-type program (school-based, school-linked services).

What other community-based services are needed.

- More vocational type training in education.
- Strengthen services provided through Family Resource Centers & Home Visiting programs.
- Full counseling services for children & families at school site

In addition, we've included responses to open-ended question about other ideas, wishes, observations that will be incorporated into our assessment and planning-- as well as feedback on how to better integrate cultural competency and dual diagnosis mental health/substance abuse issues throughout our services:

Are there any other mental health related services that you think are important and helpful to youth and families?

- Wish more kids came in.
- Building community between youth & elders.
- We need to provide funding for youth with mental health issues that come through Probation Department and Juvenile Hall. We don't currently have services to adequately treat youth with mental health issues.

- Access (to parents) and incentives to parenting skills classes.
 - Education of "public" to be sensitive to mental illness & discrimination. People (& families) suffer in addition to impact of suffering from a mental illness. We need to develop compassionate citizens!
 - By having an in-service on school campus.
 - By being informed through in-service at worksite or send info and putting them in teachers' boxes.
 - I think number of psychiatric visits for victims should be done per case rather than setting number across board limits.
 - Preventative care including education (to families) and early assessments.
 - Helping youth & families to destigmatize "MH" conditions & services. Some families & youth need services, but refuse service to avoid labels.
 - Early intervention, support for "crisis" (students currently in severe need).
 - Provide more services to youth reunified Child Welfare Services parents & need for on-going mental health support when court closes case.
 - Supervised visits.
 - Mental health counselor as part of home visiting programs, i.e. OBC.
 - Outreach to families to prevent mental health problems for children due to pre & perinatal problems (i.e. postpartum depression, lack of maternal support, etc)
 - Create inventory of all mental health services now being funded to avoid patchwork services when helping to hold families together. (i.e. United Way funds a lot of agencies for mental health counseling.
 - Family Resource Center; require collaboration with whatever partners are available look at service delivery and funding Children's Network.
 - In-house suspension at school site. Not a get-out-of-control free card.
 - U.S. & Calif. Laws concerning issues around sex, abuse & support presented to community to increase awareness & compliance.
 - Police task force to educate & uphold laws.
 - More assistance for parents who are being emotionally/verbally & physically abused by their children.
 - Juvenile Hall or some new system to hold deviant teens & provide education & counseling with teens having to be held WITHOUT major arrests.
- mas ayuda con jovenes que necessitan que estar en una institucion mental - en el presente no hay o hay muy pocos servicios para ellos y las familias. (More help with youth who need to be in a mental institution. Currently there are either no services or very few services for them and their families.)
- Servicios en castellano, servicios de bajo costo para las familias. Muchos problemas relacionales con [depression] diversos, problemas con educacion de adolescentes y niños. Como involucrarse en las escuelas y ayudar a que los niños, especialimmente los jóvenes obedecer a las mama's y se enfoquen en los estudios. Se necesita programas que envolver a los ninos jovenes en actividades depues de la escuela. (Services in Spanish, low cost services for families. Many problems related to [depresión], problems with education of adolescents and children. How to get involved with the schools to help with the children, especially with youth obeying their mothers and have them focus on their studies. Programs are needed that involve young children in activities after school.)

How could staff be more culturally sensitive?

- More bilingual therapists.
- Be open to listening to peoples issues.
- Treat all people regardless of race with dignity by being courteous to consumers.

- Have more bilingual, culturally sensitive service providers. Engage in active anti-racist services!
- By removing stigmas concerning certain types of drug use by eliminating legal & "illegal" drugs.
- By providing 1-on-1 counseling with students special needs.
- By providing more staff to meet students' needs in this area.
- As long as you're not Caucasian the cultural sensitivity is more than adequately met.
- Increase bilingual (fully) staff professional that can bring new ideas or alternatives. Open to and explaining new ways of doing things such as parenting, translating values, and how to pass them to and through children.
- Increase trainings.
- Hire brown-skinned Spanish-speaking clinicians.
- Can always improve cultural comp, as our culture evolves & changes.
- More needs to be done in understanding Youth Cultural Competency
- Too few bilingual/bicultural service providers, too little cultural sensitivity & complete training, resources for all Community Service Providers.
- Implement mechanisms to evaluate effectiveness of Cultural Competency strategies & approaches used - Promote Best Practices.
- Have translators available for Oaxacan, Mixtec, Zapotec, etc.
- More Spanish speaking staff.
- Saber y aprender bien el language. (Know and speak the language well.)

How could we improve cooperation between Substance Abuse and Mental Health?

- Obtain detailed & accurate health history from each client.
- Offer educational & counseling opportunities at flexible times & in Spanish/English.
- Be sensitive to impact of mental illness on ability to make healthy choices. This population is "at risk" for substance abuse.
- Home visits in evening.
- Help fill out papers (forms) if needed.
- Maybe contacting them by phone & maybe calling them in evenings. Because there might be some parents who don't know how to read.
- Sometimes students don't let parents know about these services themselves, lack of communication or listening to staff giving out info.
- Being mentally ill doesn't mean you're a substance abuser & vice versa. However, that being said, I do believe there should be a consult on each case to rule out dual diagnosis.
- They are good, but only for small, targeted populations, other "less-at-risk" populations services seem to be less integrated.
- Need to expand dual diagnosis resources - both inpatient & outpatient
- Enhance more ongoing communication, case management & service coordination
- Excellent pairing, integrating basic MH skills that support a healthy lifestyle.
- mas consejeria familiar (More family counseling.)

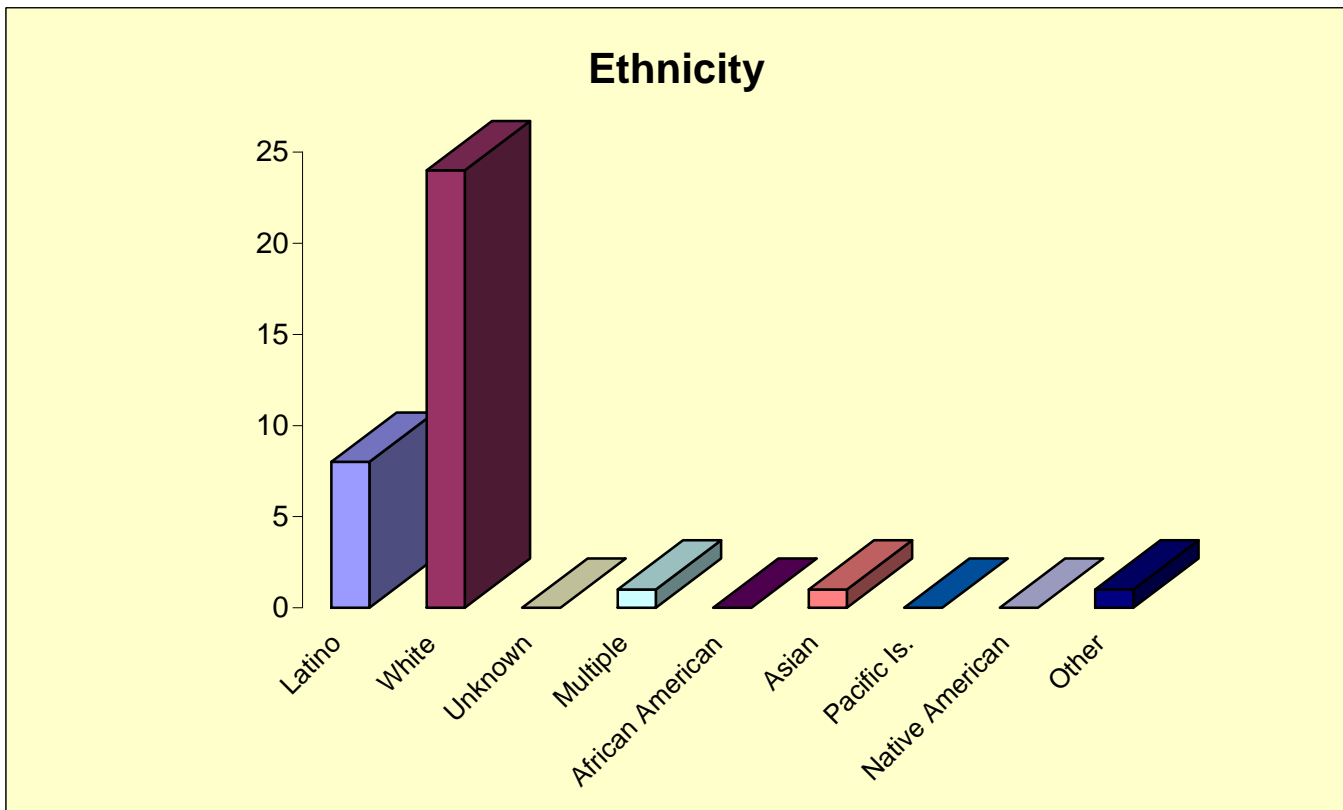
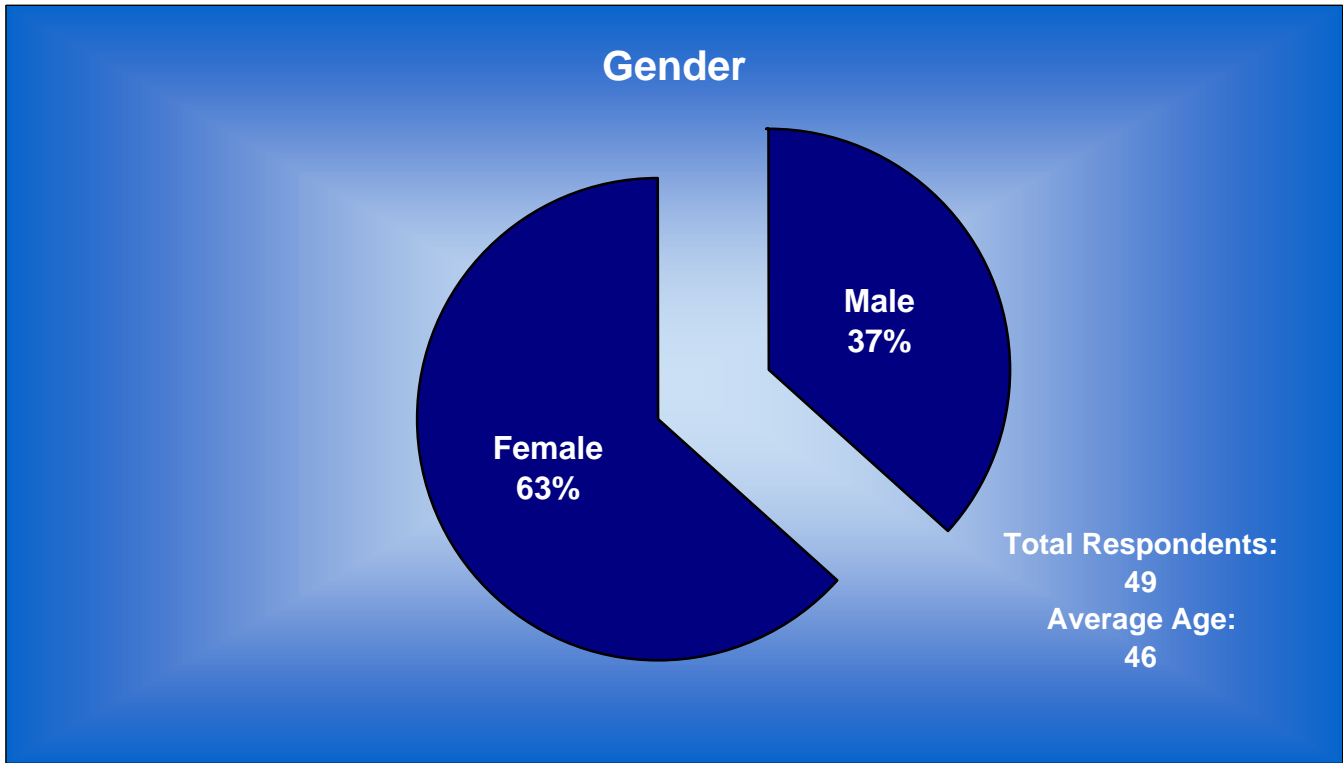
How can programs do better at working with families and youth together?

- Teach them to take better care.
- By creating more culturally aware programs.
- Increase awareness of available services.
- By encouraging parental involvement in their children's lives. Parent education in how best to support their children emotionally & educationally.
- It would be easier if staff to student/family ratio was smaller.
- Smaller case loads (more \$ - more counselors - less cases per counselor).

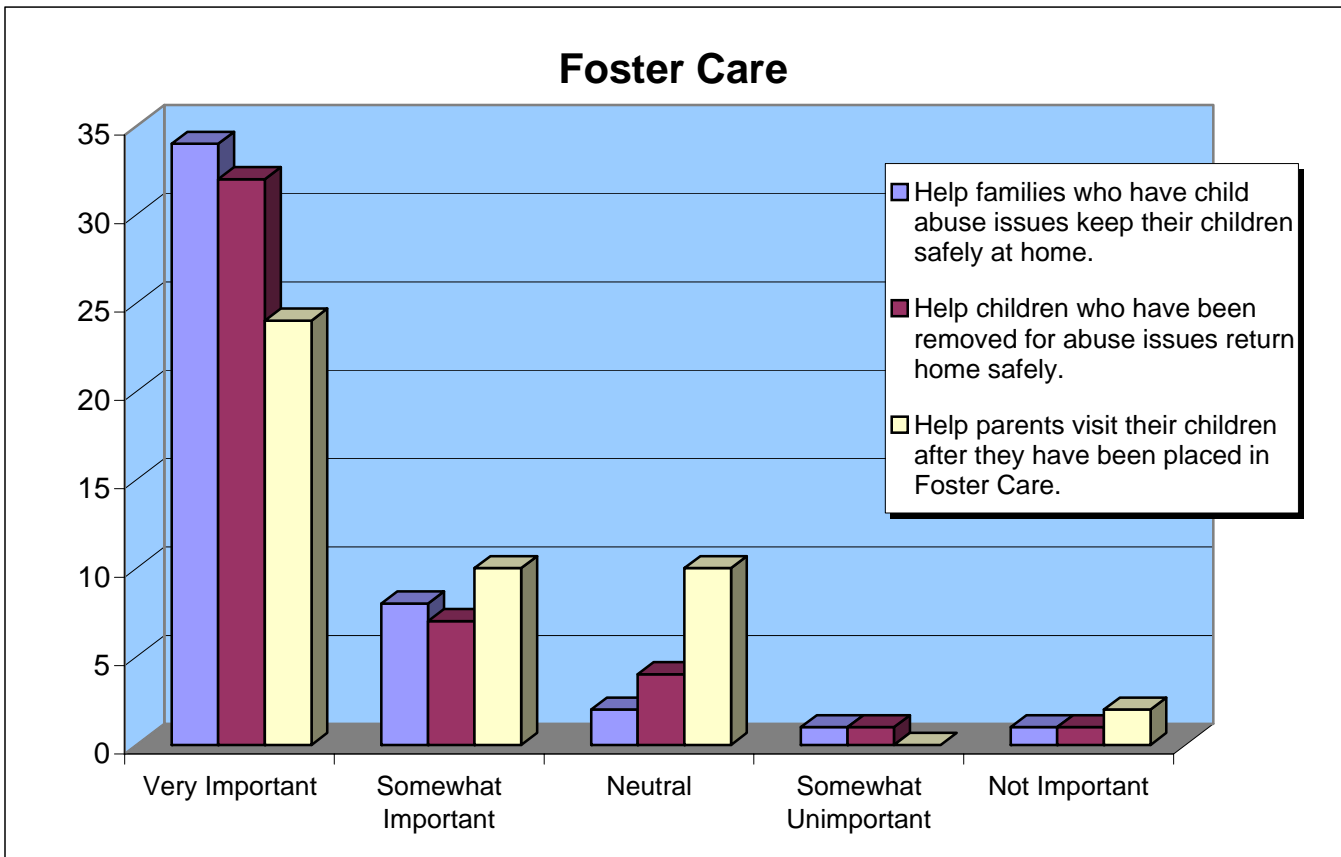
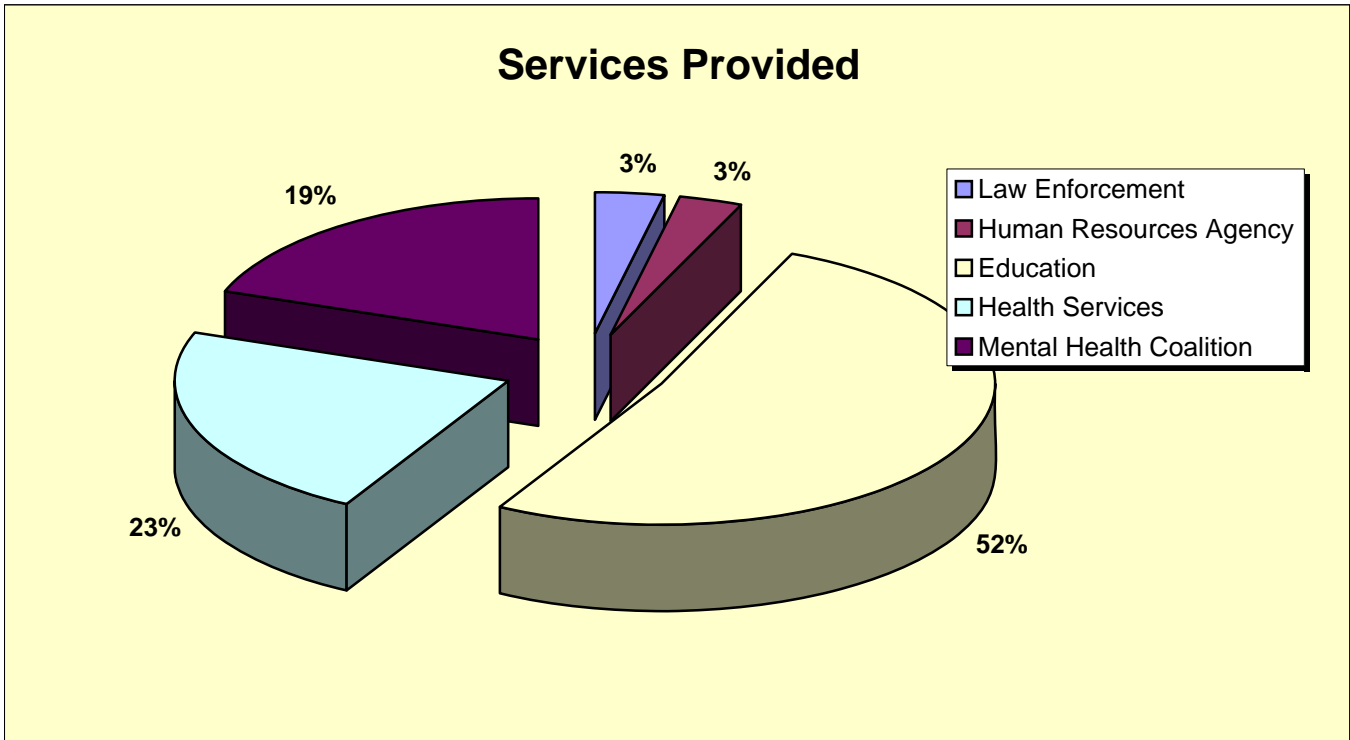
- Increase outreach to families; more bilingual staff.
- County mental health doesn't bring youth voice to table on consistent basis.
- Could increase coordination of services for all family members. Increase knowledge & skills of both parents & youth to advocate & coordinate services received.
- Help schools learn to open to community partners of mental health services to increase access to psychiatry services.
- Community Parenting classes held at community centers & churches. More local commercials & advertisement.

- Sea neutral / muchas veces los consejeros(as) se ponen al favor de los jovenes sin escuchara los padres. (Be neutral, many times the counselors take the side of the youth without listening to the parents.)

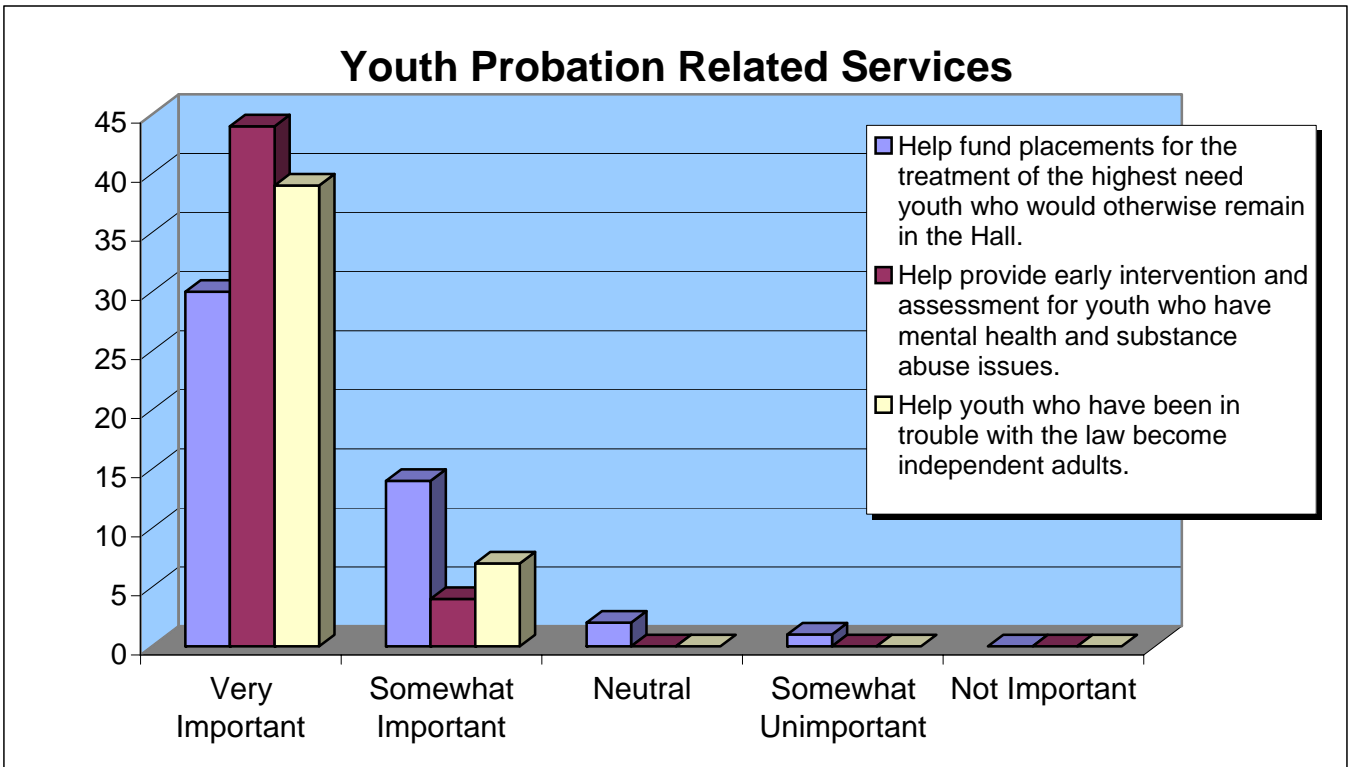
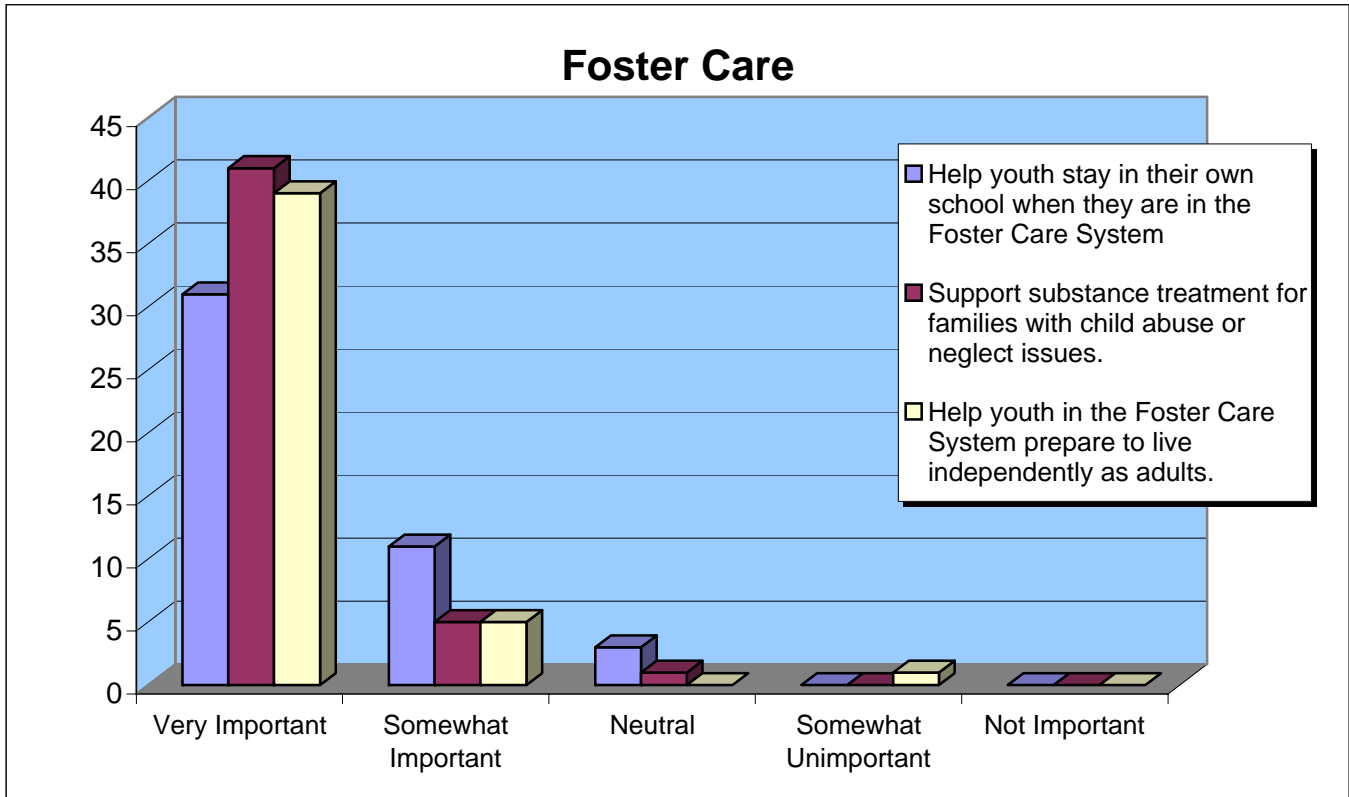
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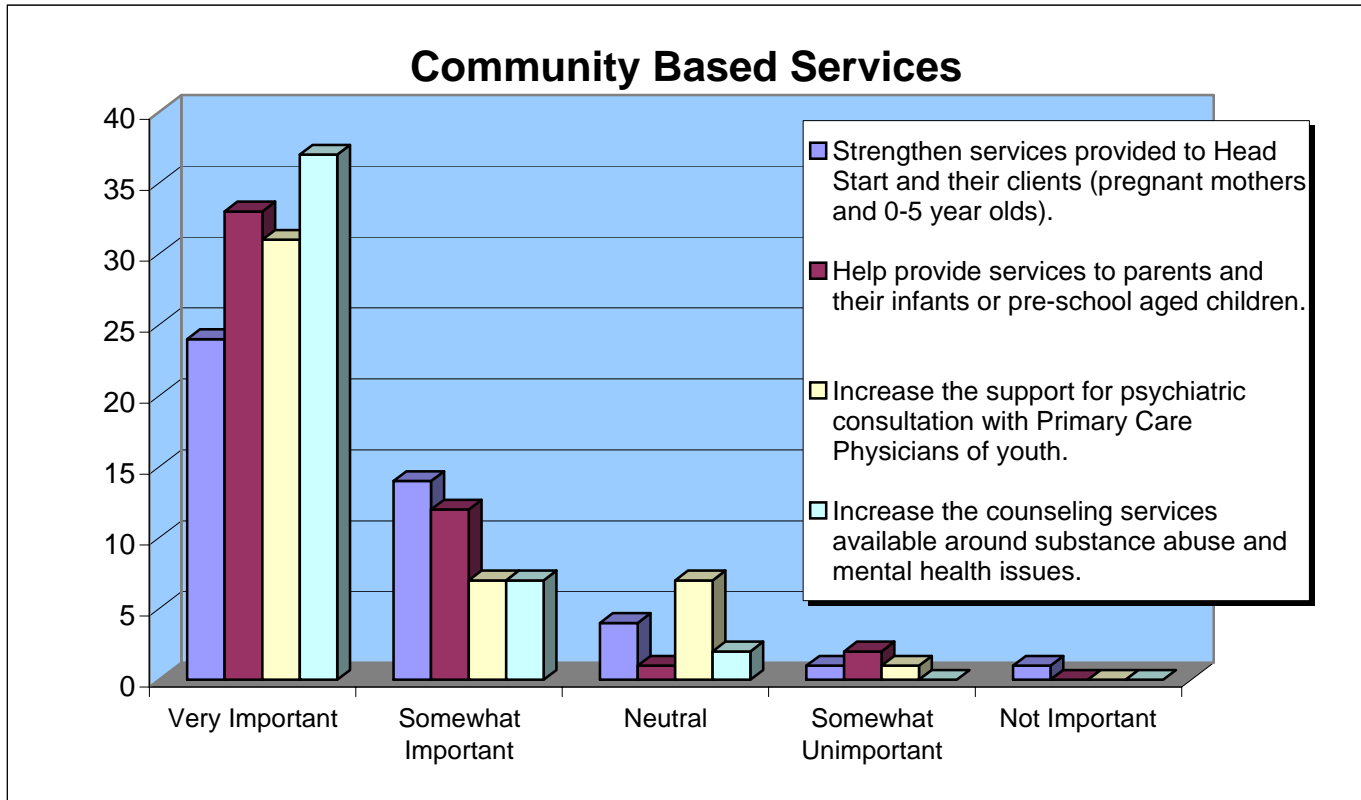
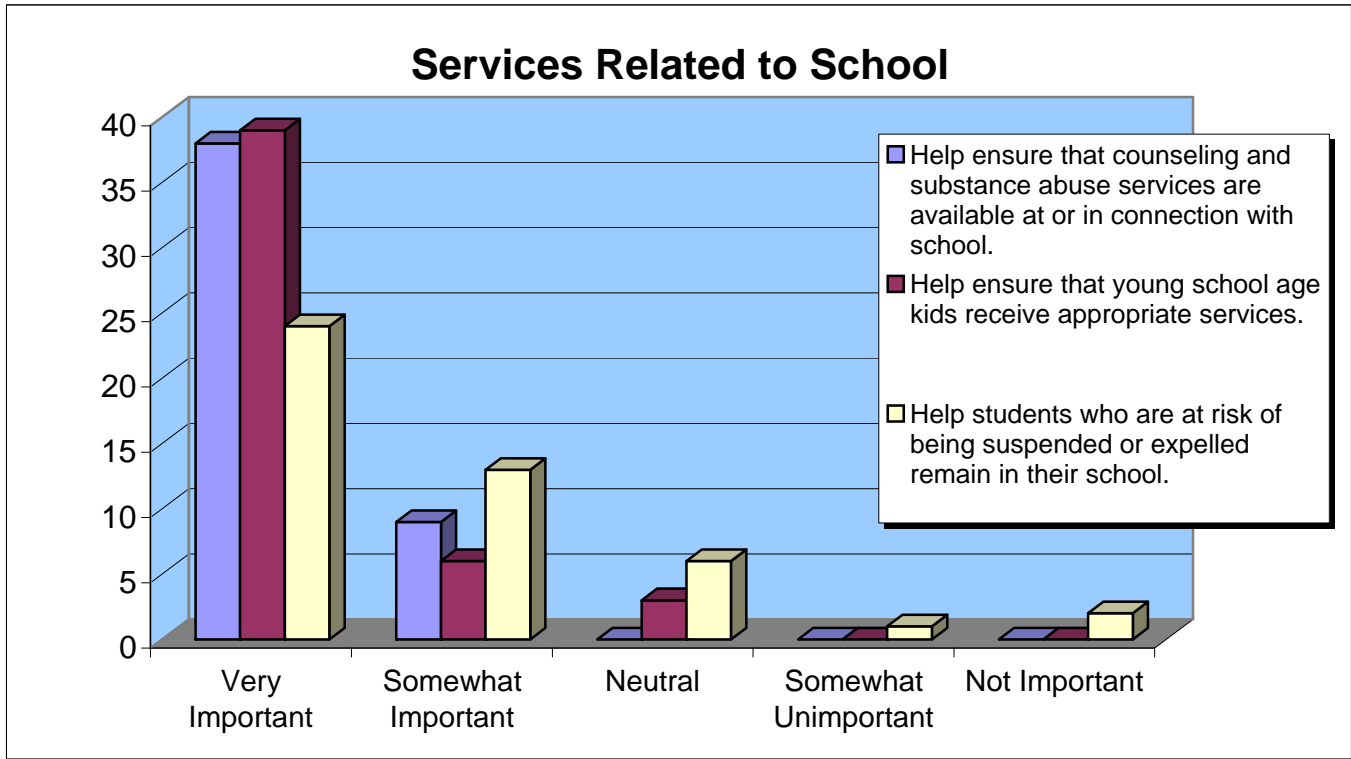
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