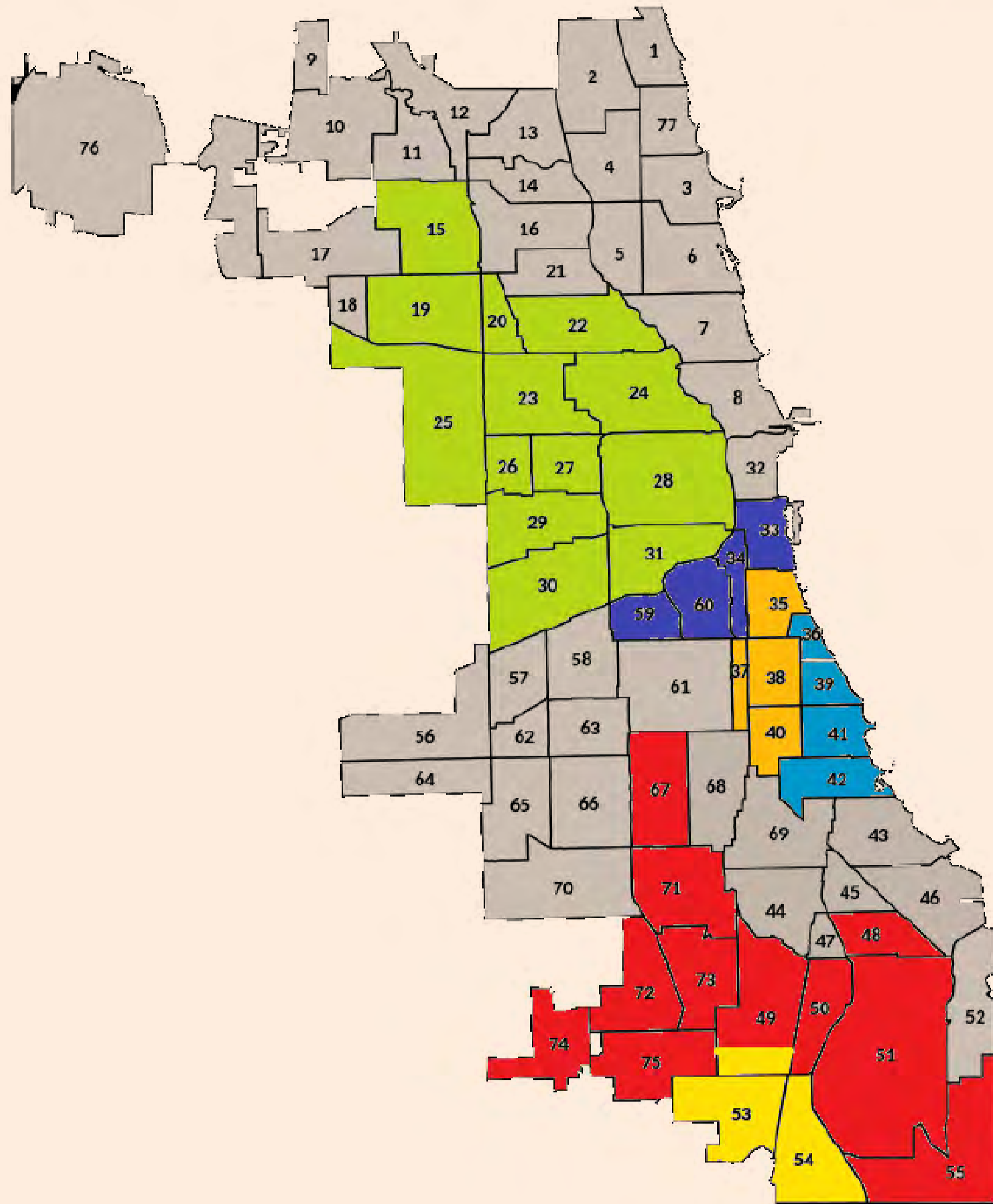




GBPS: ROSC Recovery Needs Assessment





1 Rogers Park	14 Albany Park	27 East Garfield Park	40 Washington Park	53 West Pullman	66 Chicago Lawn
2 West Ridge	15 Portage Park	28 Near West Side	41 Hyde Park	54 Riverdale	67 West Englewood
3 Uptown	16 Irving Park	29 North Lawndale	42 Woodlawn	55 Hegewisch	68 Englewood
4 Lincoln Square	17 Dunning	30 South Lawndale	43 South Shore	56 Garfield Ridge	69 Greater Grand Crossing
5 North Center	18 Montclare	31 Lower West Side	44 Chatham	57 Archer Heights	70 Ashburn
6 Lake View	19 Belmont Cragin	32 Loop	45 Avalon Park	58 Brighton Park	71 Auburn Gresham
7 Lincoln Park	20 Hermosa	33 Near South Side	46 South Chicago	59 McKinley Park	72 Beverly
8 Near North Side	21 Avondale	34 Armour Square	47 Burnside	60 Bridgeport	73 Washington Heights
9 Edison Park	22 Logan Square	35 Douglas	48 Calumet Heights	61 New City	74 Mount Greenwood
10 Norwood Park	23 Humboldt Park	36 Oakland	49 Roseland	62 West Elsdon	75 Morgan Park
11 Jefferson Park	24 West Town	37 Fuller Park	50 Pullman	63 Gage Park	76 O'Hare
12 Forest Glen	25 Austin	38 Grand Boulevard	51 South Deering	64 Clearing	77 Edgewater
13 North Park	26 West Garfield Park	39 Kenwood	52 East Side	65 West Lawn	

Who We Are

Grand Boulevard Prevention Services (GBPS) Initiative and its community efforts to cast a net of resources and services around GBPS will support families, and community members to address increasing violence and related trauma in the Chicago West and Chicago South, and Sauk Village Cluster areas. Their goal is to respond proactively, using education prevention and intervention to stabilize the campus, home, and community environments of GBPS. Grand Boulevard recognizes communities' intent and applauds a collaborated strategic plan to counter barriers that limit youth success.

By leveraging services and assets, we can forge a significant impact, ensuring traumatized youth enhanced quality of life by equipping them with critical resources to eliminate barriers and impeding their ability for successful transition into adulthood. This programming will allow us to aide in GBPS coordination and implementation of services targeting victims and perpetrators of gun violence.

Grand Boulevard Prevention Services is a 501(c)(3) organization with a purpose to address at risk issues, substance abuse, violence prevention and partnering with others to empower individuals by aiding in the building of

healthy, and resilient communities across Chicago. Grand Boulevard Prevention Services has a history of engaging the community with programs targeted toward Chicago youth and young adults engaged in at risk activities in the areas served. Supporting youth initiatives, builds communities, and strengthens families support systems.

GBPS, presently provides restorative justice, prevention and intervention programming focusing on addressing at youth risk behaviors and deterrence of community violence in Douglas, Fullerton Park, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park Communities, and Sauk Village Community. . Our services have allowed us to build partnerships to increase prevention and intervention services to counter violence, substance abuse, and the impact of trauma on the lives of youth and families with a trained staff of practitioners. GBPS looks forward to it's collaboration with Recovery Oriented Systems of Care, to provide Recovery Information to prevent, intervene and support recovery services to individuals in need.

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Introduction

Grand Boulevard Prevention Services (GBPS) is a non-profit organization serving the Grand Boulevard, Douglas, Washington Park, and Fuller Park community areas on Chicago's South Side. Since its inception in 2017, GBPS has focused on prevention services addressing underage drinking, substance abuse, and the intersection of these issues with violence. More recently, as the recipient of the ROSC grant funding, GBPS expanded services to include the needs of adults in recovery, supporting programs and resources to help individuals maintain sobriety.

Community Characteristics

The service areas are predominantly African American and have long histories of economic and social challenges. They suffer from some of the worst economic, health, social, and violence disparities in the United States.

Key statistics include:

- **High Poverty Rates:** Poverty rates range between 24.7% and 34.4%, significantly higher than the citywide average of 16.9%.
- **Low Median Household Income:** Median household income ranges from \$25,499 to \$34,933, compared to Chicago's \$71,673.
- **High Unemployment Rates:** Unemployment rates are higher than the city average, with some areas exceeding national averages.
- **Violent Crime:** These communities experience some of the highest violent crime rates in Chicago.
- **Limited Access to Treatment:** The Chicago Department of Public Health reports limited access to mental health and substance abuse treatment services in these areas.
- **Homelessness:** The 2023 Chicago Point-in-Time Count found a significant homeless population in Grand Boulevard and Douglas.

Gentrification:

These neighborhoods are experiencing mixed gentrification, bringing both resources and displacement.

Substance Use Challenges

These communities also face significant substance use challenges, with rates of adults with any SUD exceeding the citywide average. Limited access to treatment services further exacerbates the problem.

Data Sources:

- Chicago Health Atlas (2019)
 - University of Chicago Hospital Needs Assessment (2022)
 - Illinois Opioid Dashboard
 - Chicago Department of Public Health's 2022 Community Area Profiles
 - 2023 Chicago Point-in-Time Count
 - US Census (2020)
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An analysis of the current strengths and weaknesses of the organization provides the following:

Strengths

- **GBPS's experience:** The organization has been active in the Westside community since 2015, establishing trust and credibility.
- **Programs:** GBPS offers various prevention programs for youth and adults, including educational workshops and awareness campaigns.
- **Harm Reduction:** GBPS provides free Narcan training and advocates for increased access to harm reduction services.
- **Recovery Support:** GBPS offers recovery support services for individuals in recovery, including peer support and linkage to resources.
- **Community Engagement:** GBPS works to build community norms that discourage substance use and promote recovery.
- **Peer support expertise:** GBPS has staff and volunteers with lived experience and with education surrounding substance abuse and mental health challenges.
- **Naloxone training:** GBPS offers Naloxone training to prevent overdose deaths.
- Trauma-informed approach

Weaknesses

- **Limited provider participation:** As a new ROSC, the coalition is still in the process of building participation in the meetings. Lack of attendance of providers at ROSC meetings weakens the network.
- **Recovery Professionals:** Additional staff training is needed to allow individuals to become certified in Illinois.

Opportunities:

- **ROSC expansion:** GBPS can leverage the ROSC framework to build access to recovery resources.
- **Increased outreach:** Targeted outreach strategies like webinars and consultations can educate providers about ROSC and encourage participation.
- **Sustainability planning:** Developing sustainable funding streams will ensure the long-term viability of recovery support services.
- **Strategic communication:** Clear messages that resonate with residents and providers can improve service utilization and recruitment efforts.
- **Staffing:** GBPS can provide residents with training to become professionals in the recovery field.

Threats:

- **Limited Funding:** ROSC councils rely on grants and funding streams that may be unstable or insufficient to support long-term operations.
- **Sustainability Challenges:** Securing long-term funding to ensure the ongoing viability of ROSC services can be difficult.
- **Provider Participation:** A lack of participation from substance abuse treatment providers weakens the ROSC network and limits the reach of recovery support services.
- **Stigma:** Stigma surrounding addiction can discourage people from seeking help and make it difficult to build community support for ROSC initiatives.
- **Staffing Shortages:** Difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified staff, particularly certified peer recovery specialists, could limit the capacity of ROSC councils to deliver services.

Recommended actions:

- **Diversify Funding Sources:** Explore grant opportunities beyond traditional sources. Look into public-private partnerships, corporate sponsorships, and fundraising events.
- **Sustainability Planning:** Develop a long-term sustainability plan that outlines strategies for securing ongoing funding. This could involve grant writing, fundraising initiatives, or advocating for increased public funding for recovery support services.
- **Targeted Outreach:** Develop targeted outreach strategies to engage treatment providers. This could involve face-to-face meetings, webinars, or informational packets highlighting the benefits of ROSC participation.
- **Highlight Success Stories:** Showcase success stories of how ROSC has benefited providers and the community to encourage wider participation.

- **Community Education:** Organize educational workshops and events to increase public awareness of ROSC and its role in supporting recovery.
 - **Peer Advocacy:** Involve people in recovery in outreach efforts to share their stories and challenge stigma.
 - **Community Partnerships:** Partner with faith-based organizations, community centers, and local businesses to promote ROSC and recovery resources.
 - **Joint Training & Events:** To foster collaboration and communication, organize joint training sessions and events for different ROSC stakeholders.
 - From various stakeholder groups to ensure diverse perspectives are considered in decision-making.
 - **Competitive Compensation & Benefits:** Offer competitive salaries and benefits packages to attract and retain qualified staff.
 - **Peer Support:** Develop career pathways for recovery professionals to become certified peer recovery specialists.
 - **Mentorship Programs:** Implement mentorship programs to support new staff and promote professional development.
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Grand Boulevard ROSC Communication Plan

- **Goals**
 - Raise awareness about the Grand Boulevard ROSC initiative and its benefits for the community.
 - Educate residents about recovery resources and how to access them.
 - Combat stigma surrounding substance use disorders (SUDs) and promote recovery as a positive journey.
 - Build a collaborative network of stakeholders invested in ROSC's success.
- **Target Audiences**
 - Individuals struggling with SUDs and their families
 - General residents
 - Healthcare providers, social service agencies
 - Faith-based organizations, schools
 - Policymakers, media

- **Message and Focus**

- Recovery is achievable. Help is available.
- ROSC offers support. We empower individuals on their recovery journey.
- Stigma is a hurdle; understanding is key.
- The voices of people with lived experience (PLEs) in communication efforts.
- Focus on creating communities of recovery that offer support and resources.
- Utilize a hybrid approach to communication, including digital, traditional media, and Zoom meetings.

- **Communication Channels**

- Traditional Media: Press releases, media briefings, PSAs on radio and TV.
- Social Media: Utilize Facebook, Twitter, Instagram for information sharing and resident engagement. Partner with local influencers for targeted outreach.
- Community Events: Host town halls, resource fairs, and recovery walks to raise awareness and connect residents with services.
- Print Materials: Brochures, flyers, and posters distributed at key locations like community centers, libraries, and healthcare facilities.
- Website: Post ROSC information, including resource listings, success stories, and FAQs at Governor's State website.

- **Communication Strategies**

- Culturally Sensitive Messaging: Tailor communication to resonate with different cultural backgrounds within the community.
- Storytelling: Feature personal narratives from individuals in recovery to inspire hope and demonstrate success.
- Partnerships: Collaborate with existing community organizations to leverage their networks and amplify ROSC messaging.
- Sustainability: Develop a long-term communication plan with ongoing strategies to maintain awareness and engagement.
- Utilize a hybrid approach to communication, including digital, traditional media, and Zoom meetings.

- **Evaluation**

- Track website traffic, social media engagement, and event attendance.
- Conduct surveys to gauge community awareness and understanding of ROSC.
- Monitor media coverage to assess positive sentiment towards the initiative.
- Regularly convene stakeholders to gather feedback and adapt communication strategies as needed.

- **Resources**

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ROSC resources: <https://www.samhsa.gov/>
- Governor's State Website: <https://www.govst/edi/Recovery-Support/Find-Your-Local-ROSC-Council>

GAP Analysis

- **Grand Boulevard:** Bounded by 39th to the north, 51st to the south. Cottage Grove Avenue to the east, and the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad tracks to the west.
- Population, 24,589(2020)
- **Fuller Park:** (Chicago's smallest community), which lies between the Dan Ryan expressway and the Rock Island Railroad Metra Lines to the east and west.
- Population, 2,399(2018)
- **Washington Park:** East to west from Cottage Grove Avenue the Dan Rvan expressway. North to south from 51st to 63rd street,
- Population, 11,355(2018)
- **Douglas Park:** Roosevelt Road to the north, 19th street to the south, and Albany Avenue to the west, California Avenue to the east.
- **Community Strengths:**
 - Schools
 - Parks
 - Places of worship
 - Access to hospitals/Clinics
 - Access to Libraries
 - ROSC Council
 - MADDO Health Care
 - Firman Community Services
 - Ada S. McKinley
 - Helping Hands Community Services
 - Douglas Park Cultural and Community Center
- **Community Weaknesses:**
 - Narcan Vending Machines/Training
 - Substance Abuse Services
 - Fitness centers
 - Unemployment
 - High Crime Rates
 - Low-income residents
 - High foreclosure/Vacancy

GBPS Service Area

Existing Treatment Agencies and Shelters

- **Treatment**

- Access Booker Family Health Center
- Domed Holman Health Center
- Bridging the Tys to Jordan Inc
- ACCESS Grand Boulevard Family Health Specialty Center
- A Beautiful Mind
- Human Resources Development Inst Brass (Medication Assisted Treatment)
- Chicago Department of Public Health Greater Grand Mid South MH Center
- Chicago Department of Public Health Greater Grand Mid South MH Center
- Alternatives Inc South Side Youth Center
- Friend Family Health Center Cottage Grove
- Anixter Center Parkshore Estates
- Counseling First
- Esperanza California
- A Safe Haven
- Pilsen Wellness Center Inc Pilsen Inn Residential Program
- Pilsen Wellness Center Inc Substance Abuse Chicago
- TASC Inc Chicago Roosevelt Office
- Catholic Charities OE Encompassing Center
- Safer Foundation Safer Counseling and Wellness Center

- **Shelters**

- Matthew House Inc
- Door of Hope Rescue mission
- Ignite Drop In Community Resource Hub
- Helping Hands Community Service
- Lincoln Park Community Services
- Margaret's Village
- West Englewood Organ
- 4MyFurnitureSelection
- Transitional Housing Margaret's Village- Maria Shelter
- Cathedral Shelter of Chicago

District 1 Grand Boulevard Prevention Services

Grand Boulevard

• Schools

- Dusable High School
- Bronzeville Scholastic Institute High School
- Bronzeville Academy Charter School
- Reavis Elementary School
- Holy Angels Catholic School
- Bronzeville Classical Elementary Schools
- Mollison Elementary School
- Fuller Elementary School

• Parks

- Armstrong Park
- Hadiya Pendleton Park
- Jackson Robert Park
- Metcalfe Park
- Poplar Park
- Bronzeville Dog Park
- Mandrake Park
- Harding Park
- Birch Park

• Community Organizations/ Services

- Growing Boundlessly
- Chicago Urban League
- Helping Hands Community Service
- Centers for New Horizons
- Sonny Drew Masonic Regalia
- Help the Needy Inc
- Project Exploration

• Substance Use/Mental Health Treatment

- Access Booker Family Health Center
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- A Beautiful Mind
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• Hospitals/Clinics

- University of Chicago Medical Center
- UChicago Medicine
- Provident Hospital of Cook County

• Libraries

- Hall Branch

• Places of Worship

- Throne of Grace
- Kingdom Hall of Jahovah's Witnesses
- Liberty Baptist Church
- Second Faith Temple Church of God in Christ
- First Tabernacle Community Church
- Grant Memorial AME Church
- United House of Prayer for all People
- Al Sadiq Masjid

Fuller Park

- **Schools**
 - Thomas A Hendricks Community School
- **Parks**
 - Fuller Park
 - Malus Park
- **Community Organizations/ Services**
 - Firman Community Services
 - Acclivus Inc
- **Substance Use/Mental Health Treatment**
 - Chicago Department of Public Health Greater Grand Mid South MH Center
 - Access Booker Family Health Center
 - Human Resources Development Inst Brass I Medication Assisted Treatment
 - Komed Holman Health Center
 - Bridging the Tys to Jordan Inc
 - ACCESS Grand Boulevard Family Health Specialty Center
 - A Beautiful Mind
- **Shelters**
 - Lincoln Park Community Services
 - Margaret's Village
 - West Englewood Organ
- **Hospitals/Clinics**
 - None
- **Libraries**
 - None
- **Places of Worship**
 - Fellowship Chicago
 - Calvary Temple Baptist Church
 - 1st Holy Zion MB Church
 - Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church
 - Trinity Tabernacle Baptist Church

Washington Park

- **Schools**
 - Beasley Academic Center
 - Walter H Dyett High School for the Arts
 - Carter Elementary School
- **Parks**
 - Lorraine Hansberry Park
 - Washington Park
- **Community Organizations/ Services**
 - Door of Hope Rescue Mission
 - King Drive Counseling Services
 - New generation Fancy Drill Team
 - SBEV Chicago Impact Center
 - The Spirit Power Revival Outreach
 - Trinity Outreach
 - Featherfist
- **Substance Use/Mental Health Treatment**
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 - Access Booker Family Health Ctr
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- **Shelters**
 - Door of Hope Rescue Mission
 - 4MyFurnitureSelection
- **Hospitals/Clinics**
 - None
- **Libraries**
 - None
- **Places of Worship**
 - Church of the Good Shepherd
 - Greater Harvest Baptist Church
 - Cosmopolitan Community Church
 - Cosmopolitan Church of Prayer
 - St Edmund Episcopal Church
 - Holy Spiritual Temple
 - Berean Baptist Church

Douglas

- **Schools**

- Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
- De La Salle Institute
- Perspectives/IIT Math & Science Academy
- Wendell Phillips Academy High School
- Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men
- Pershing Magnet School

- **Parks**

- Stateway Park
- Williams Park
- Dunbar Park
- Lake Meadows Park
- Groveland Park
- Burnham Skate Park
- Edwin C Berry Playground
- Woodland Park by the Lake

- **Community Organizations/ Services**

- Matthew House
- Institute for Positive Living

- **Substance Use/Mental Health Treatment**

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- **Hospitals/Clinics**

- Medico

- **Libraries**

- Chicago Bee Branch
- Paul V Galvin

- **Places of Worship**

- Apostolic Faith Church
- St James Catholic Church
- Olivet Baptist Church
- Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church

Data & Measurement Challenges:

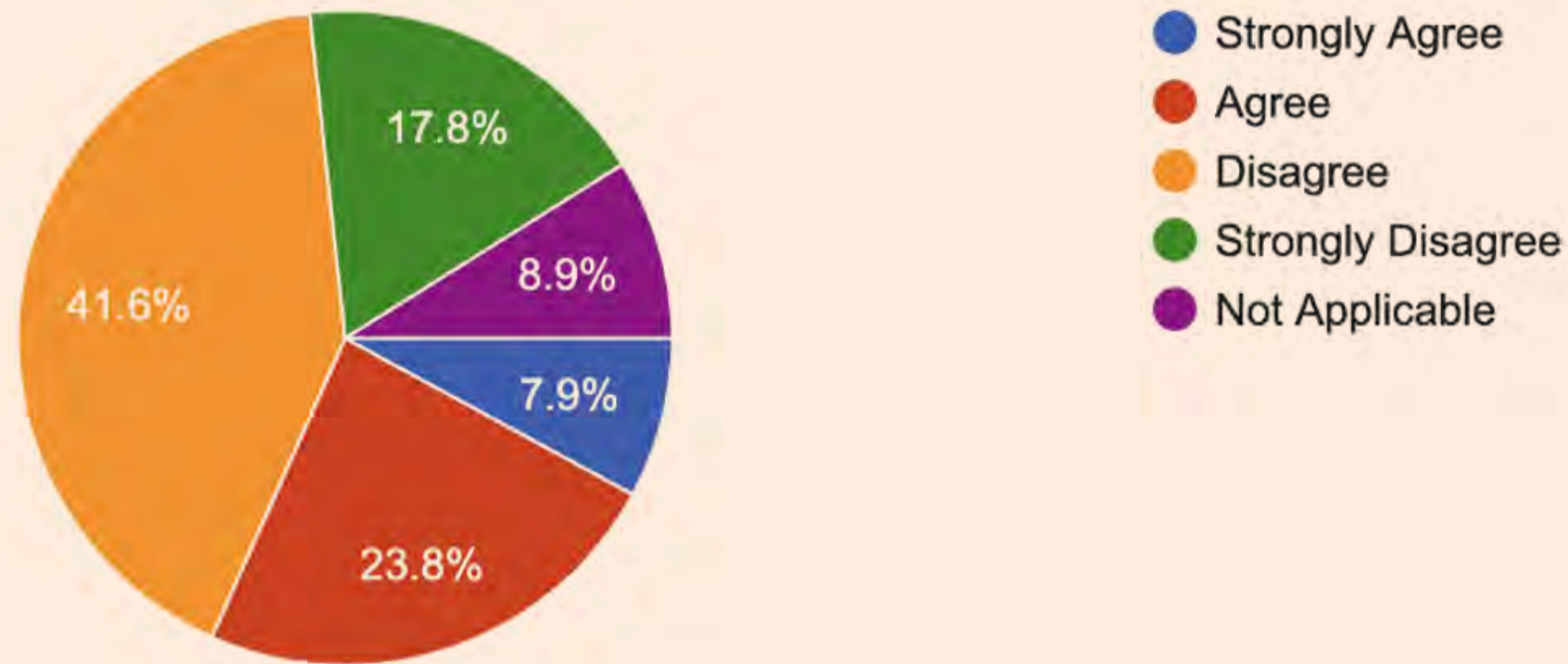
- **Standardize Data Collection:** Develop standardized data collection to facilitate outcome measurement and program evaluation.

Results of the GBPS survey are attached.

Survey Results

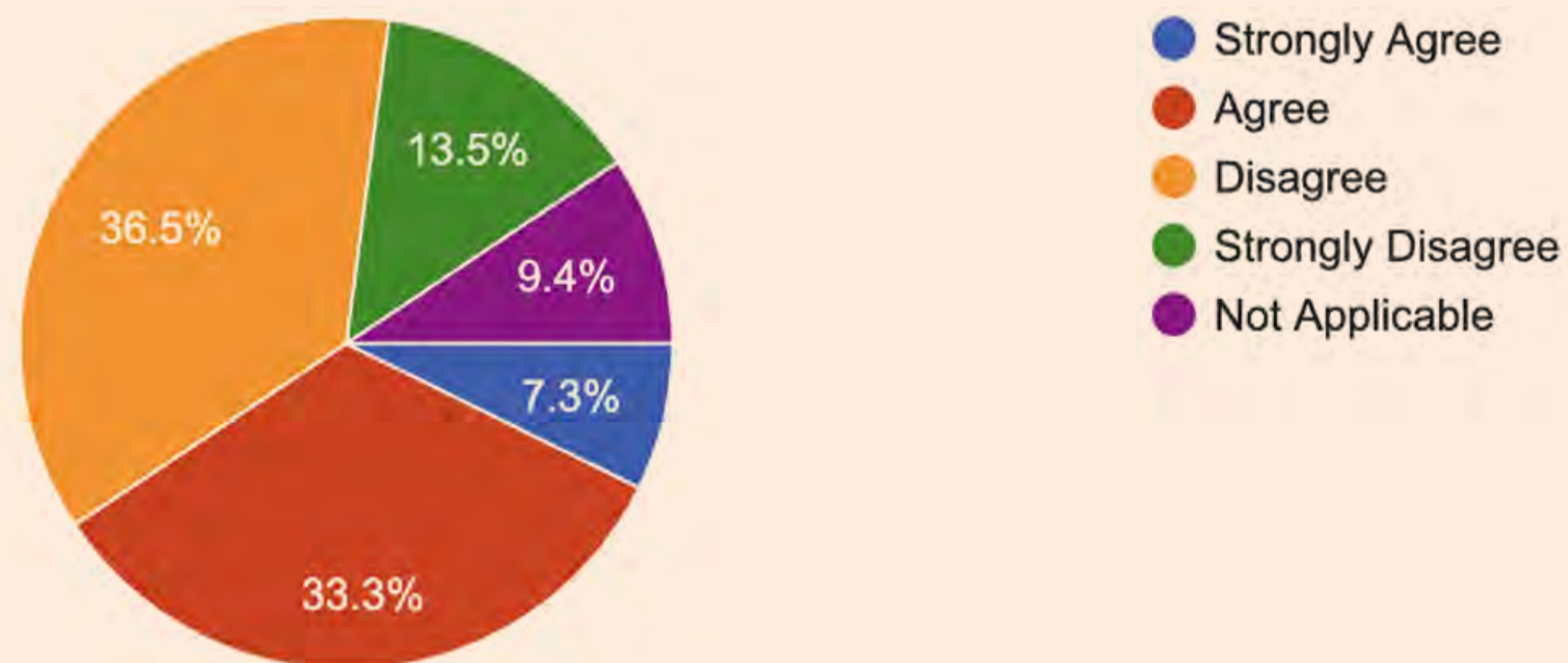
1. How much do you agree with the following statement? There are enough addiction treatment services available in the community.

101 responses



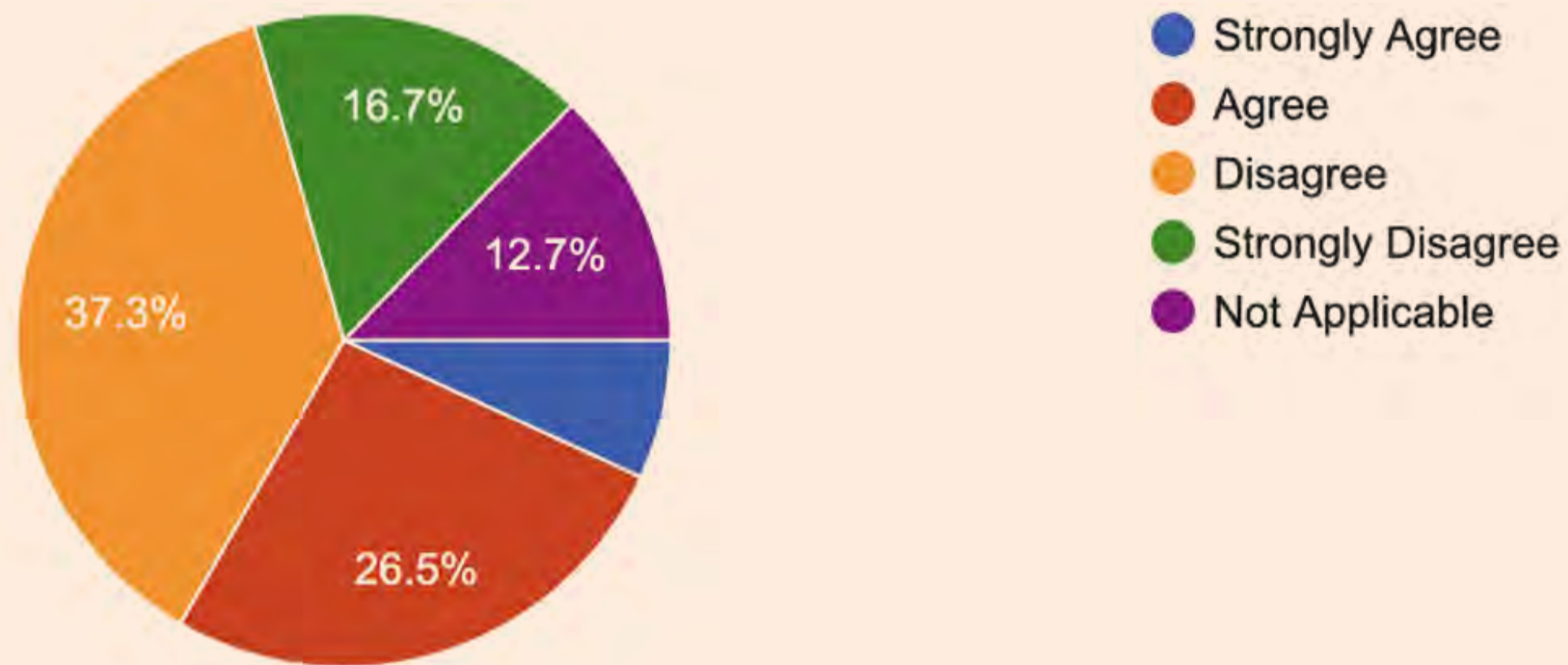
2. How much do you agree with the following statement? Education about Substance Use Disorder Services (including Methadone, Suboxone, and other Medicated Treatment) is available to residents.

96 responses



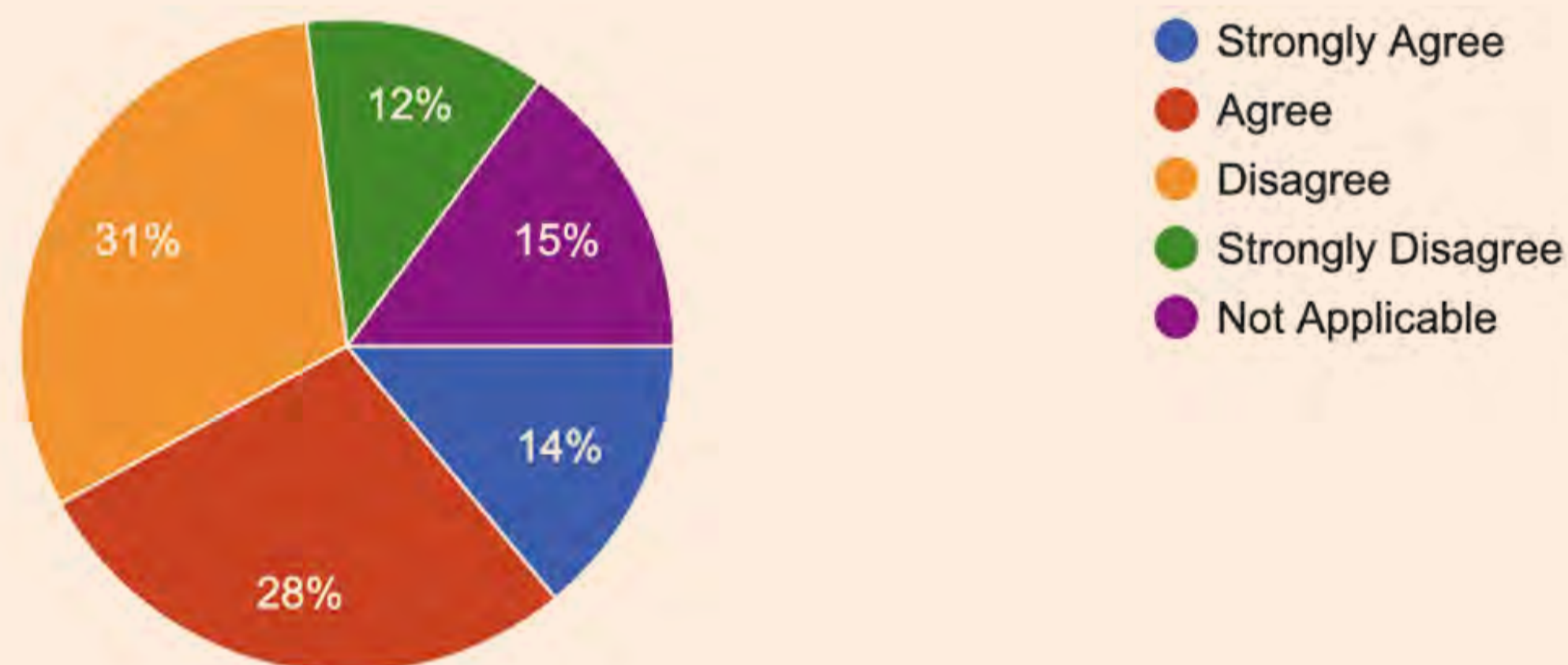
3. How much do you agree with the following statement? Information on Fentanyl testing strips and needle exchanges is available to residents.

102 responses



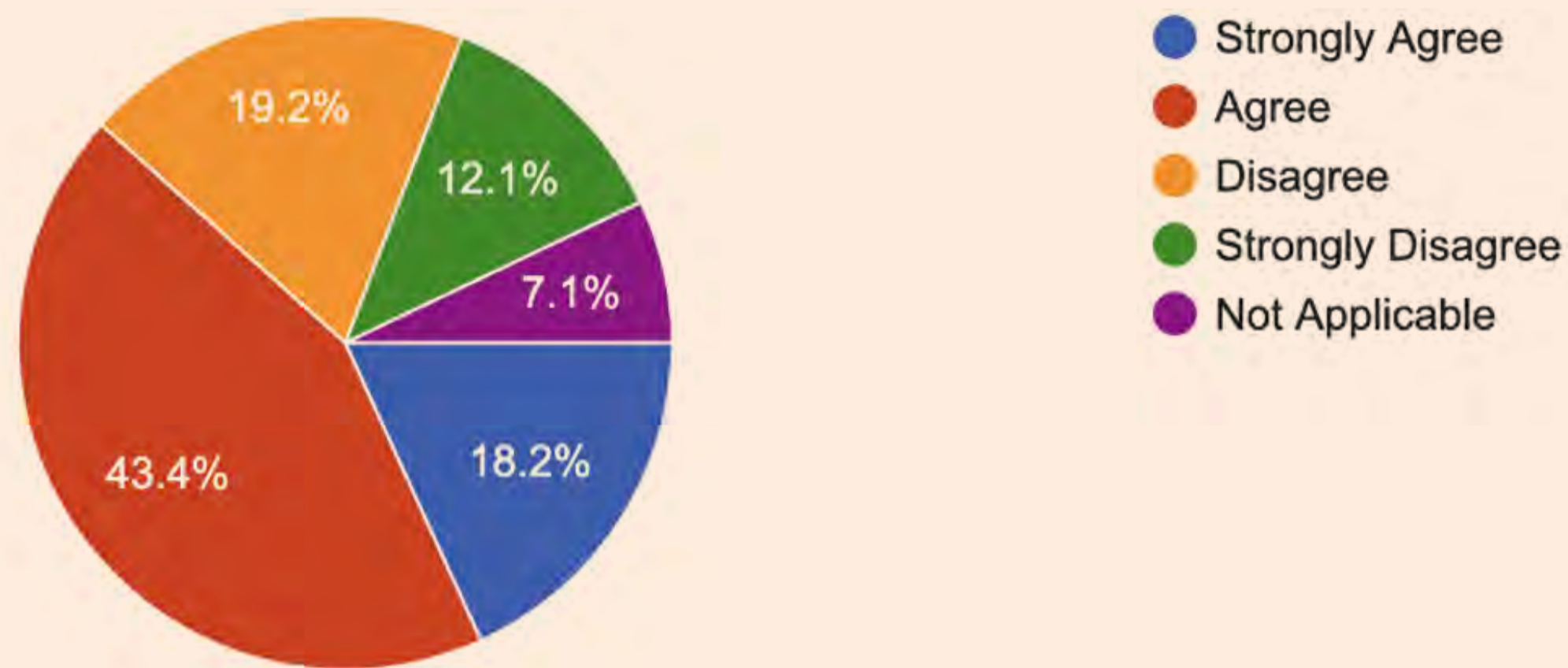
4. How much do you agree with the following statement? Information on Narcan training and availability is available to residents.

100 responses



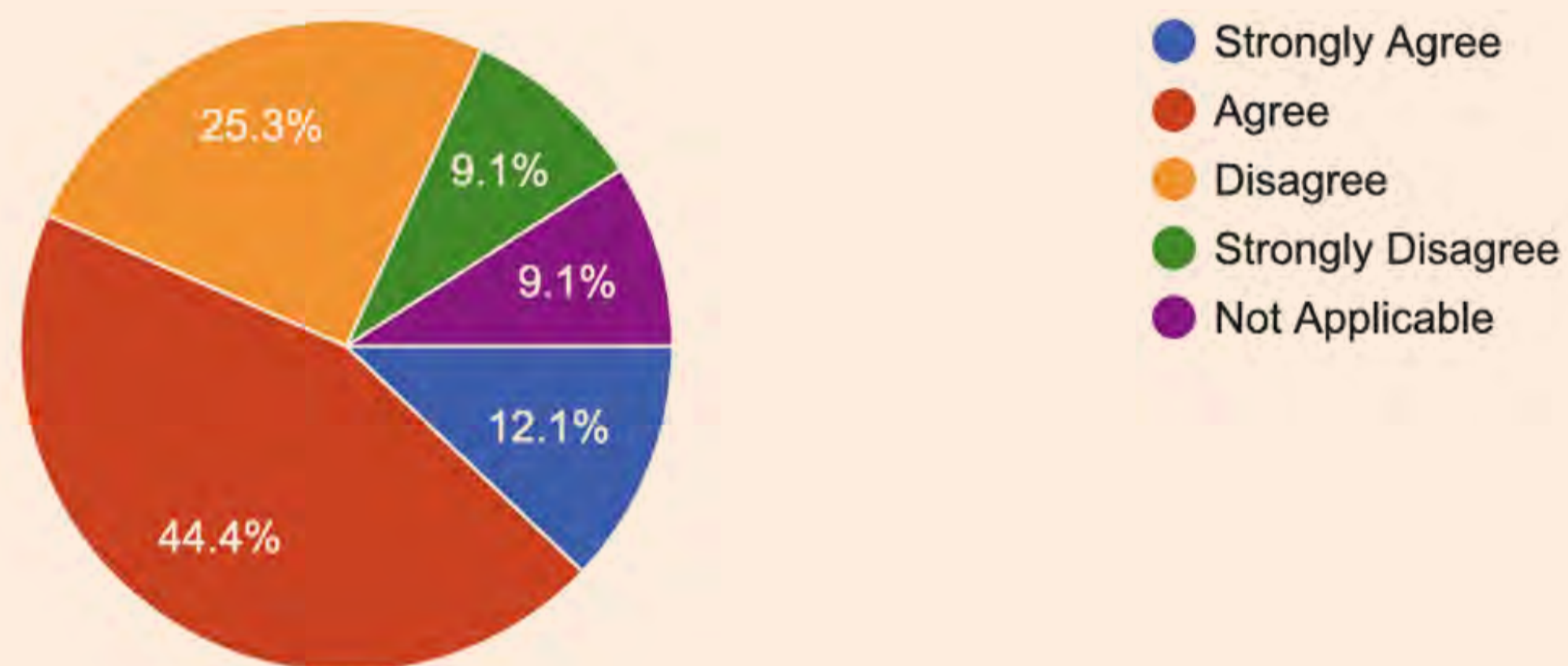
5. How much do you agree with the following statement? There are resources within the community to assist individuals with getting jobs and/or additional education.

99 responses



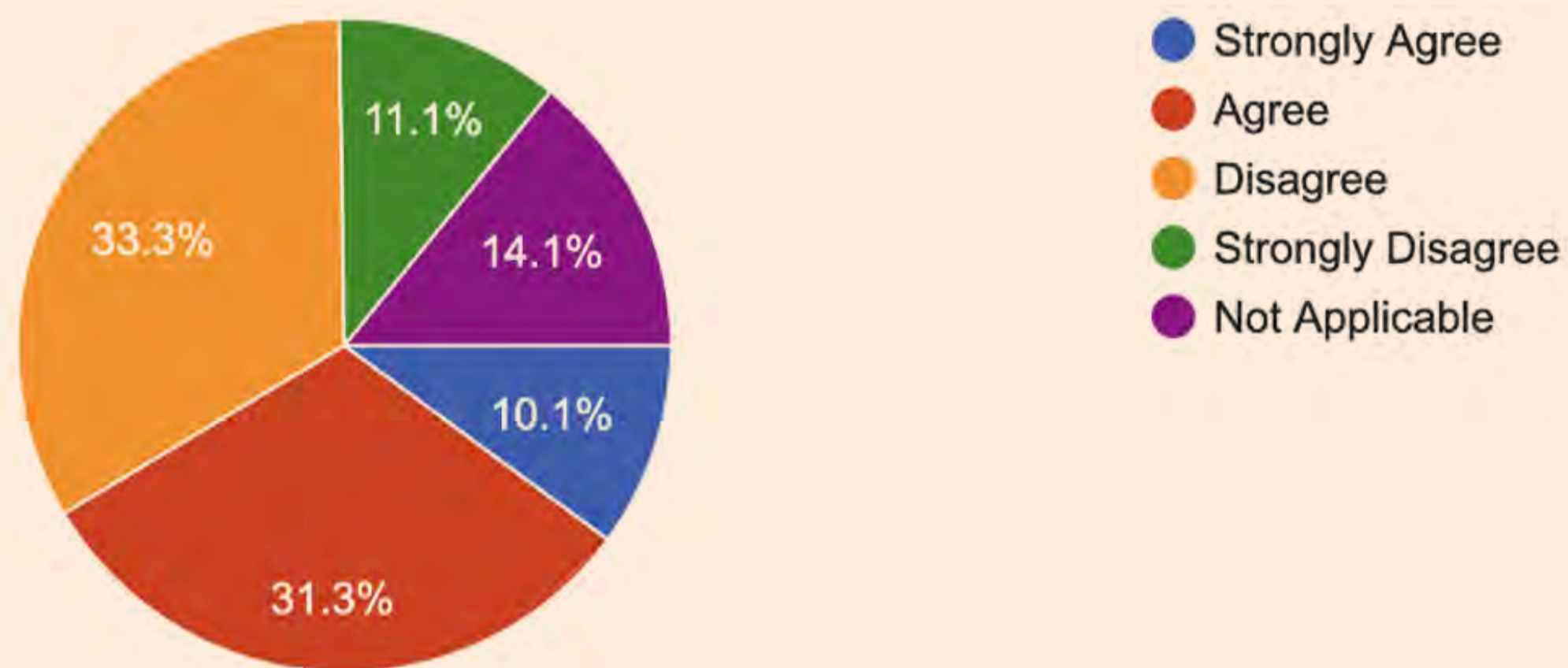
6. How much do you agree with the following statement? There are resources within the community to assist individuals with getting involved in safe, sober activities.

99 responses



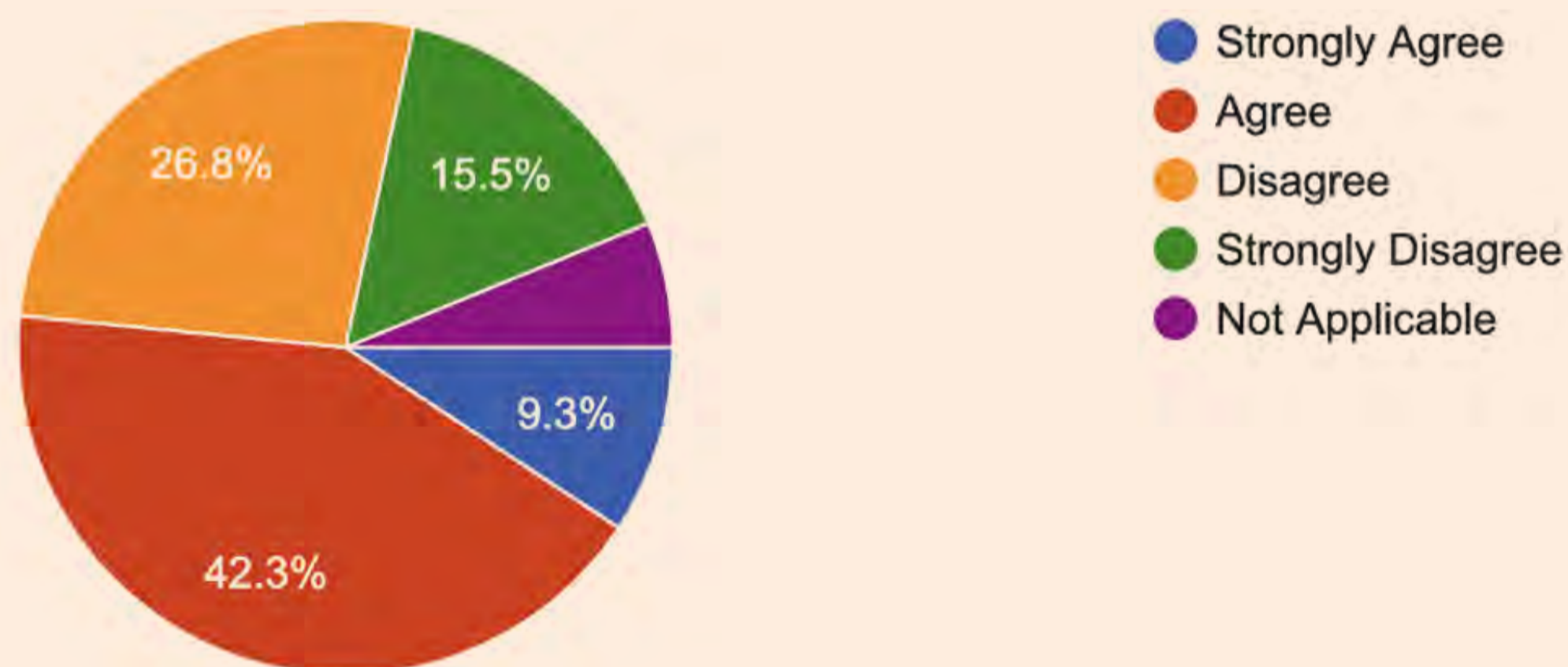
7. How much do you agree with the following statement? There are resources within the community to link individuals in recovery to others who can serve as mentors.

99 responses



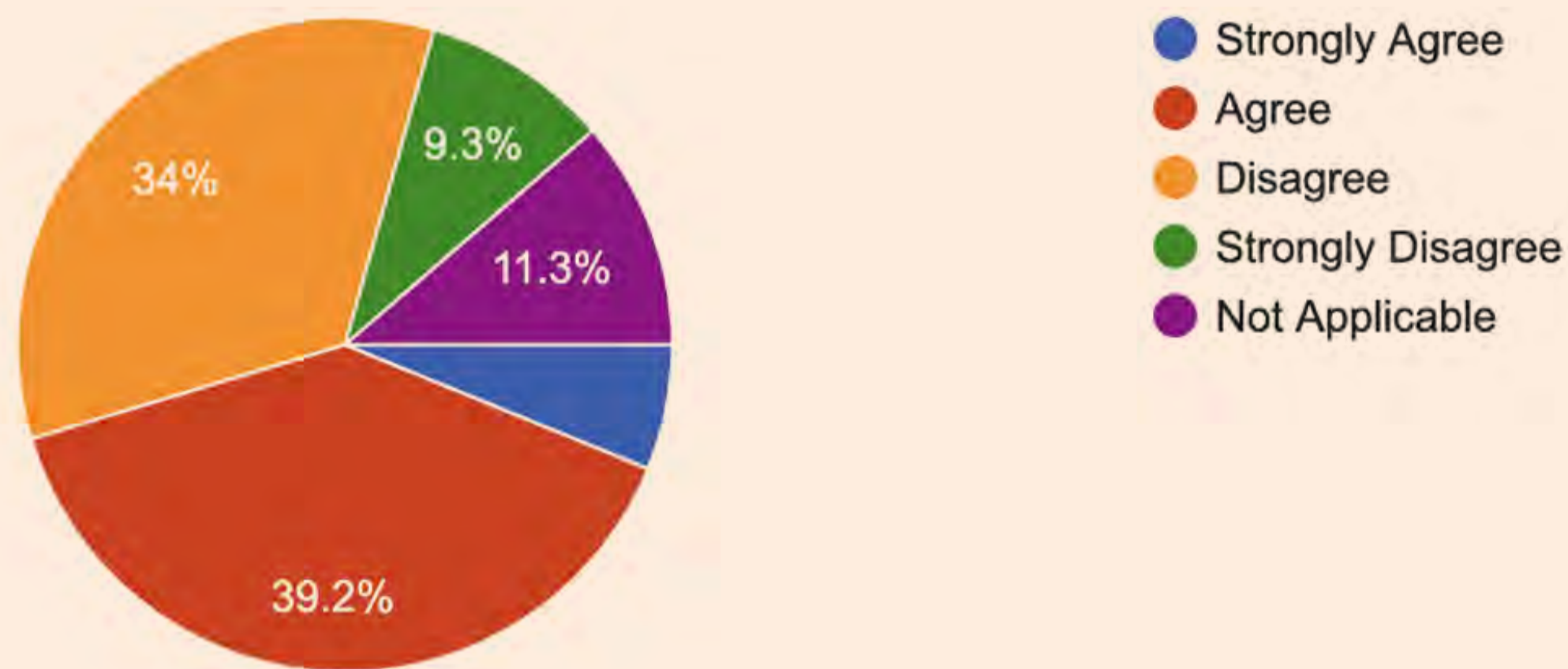
8. How much do you agree with the following statement? There are resources within the community to assist individuals with finding safe affordable housing.

97 responses



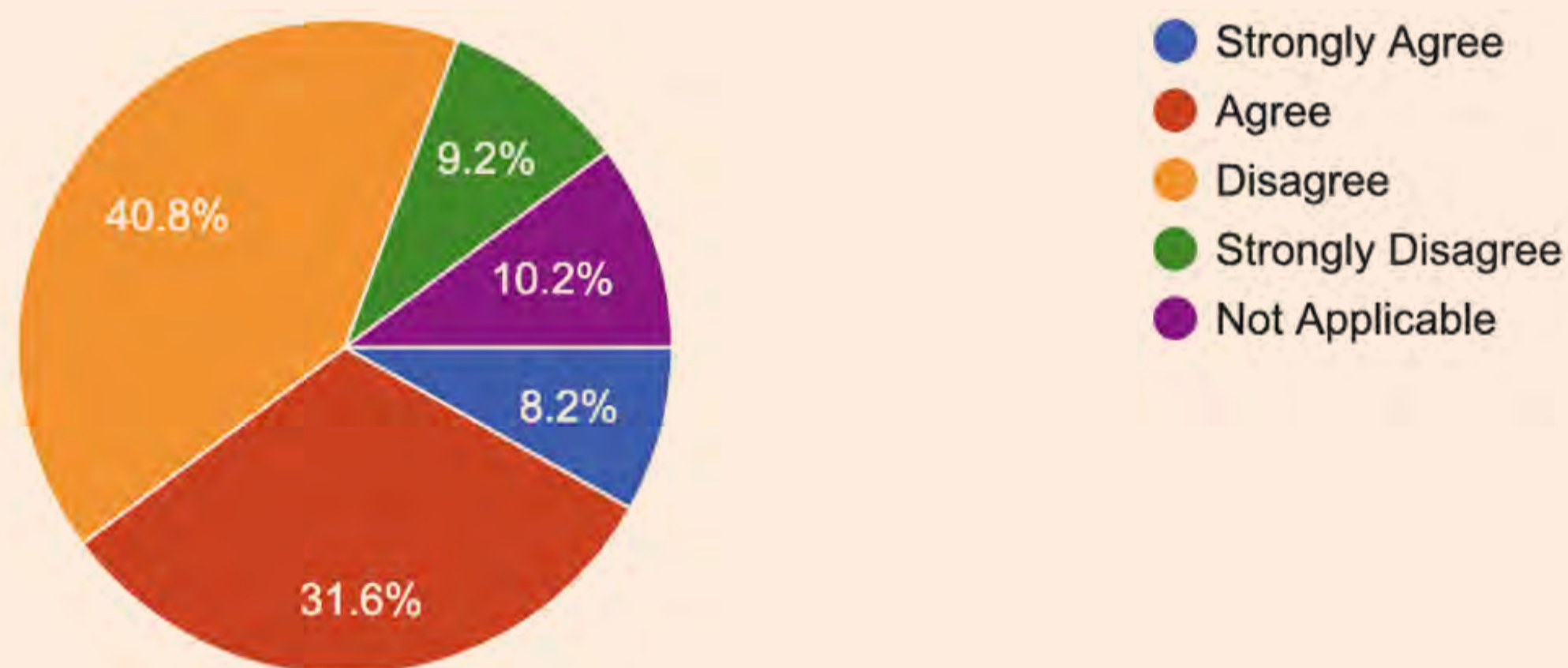
9. How much do you agree with the following statement? There are resources within the community to assist individuals in finding legal services.

97 responses



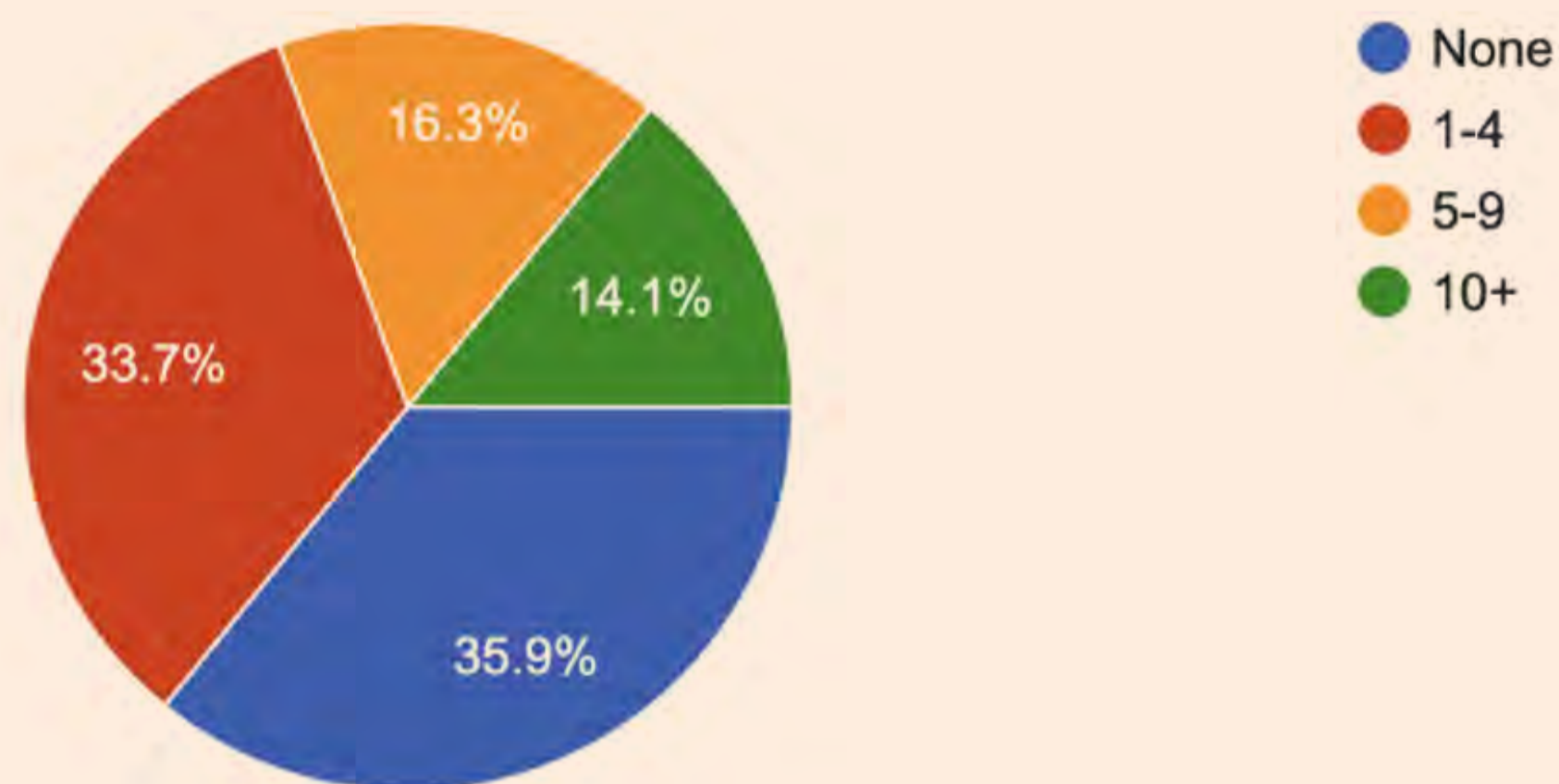
10. How much do you agree with the following statement? The community provides opportunities for individuals in recovery to assist in developing services.

98 responses



11. How many people that you are aware of are exposed to opioids including Fentanyl, Morphine, Heroin, Oxycodone, and others?

92 responses



What services do you feel the community is lacking?

- Police services
- Rehab services
- Employment support
- Housing support/affordable housing
- Mentorship services for youth
- mental health services
- Exterminators, working elevators, clean water
- PTSD support
- Food services
- Everything
- Gun violence prevention
- Security and protection in schools
- Community centers and boys/girls club
- Extracurriculars for youth
- recovery support

Demographic information:

- Age- 31, 21, 26, 24, 45, 20, 49, 24, 22, 21, 22, 31, 21, 55, 62, 59, 82, 32, 47, 42, 52, 14, 21, 20, 19, 19, 19, 26, 17, 15, 17, 43, 63, 57, 19, 38, 14, 13, 36
- Race- 97% Black/African American
- Gender- 42% Female, 58% Male

GBPS Mutual Understanding Agreement

With this partner

Contact

Address

Phone

The GBPS ROSC program will 1) bring awareness to service areas across Chicago to reduce heroin/opioid use disorder (OUD) and overdose mortality while enhancing the GBPS ability to deliver services addressing the opioid crisis, particularly in the target community where people are at greatest risk of developing OUD and dying from overdoses. 2) commit to seeing our community flourish through increased access to holistic care and improved health. 3) Provide support for individuals seeking recovery, and or to know about resources as they relate to recovery.

The purpose of this document is to establish a relationship between service providers and _____ in an effort to effectively provide GBPS ROSC recovery care, information and referrals to youth, and families who are in need of recovery information. In order to inform and provide services to youth, families and adults both partners agree to support the following activities:

Both parties will:

1. Provide accurate and appropriate resources that support recovery choices in making informed and positive choices and refer to GBPS for additional support.
2. Recruit, refer and assess participants eligibility for services.
3. Communicate to the other party appropriate information, including scheduling conflicts or other factors that may impact participants engagement in GBPS ROSC Services.
4. Communicate to the other party concerns or potential program changes.
5. Attend ROSC
6. Provide a safe space for implementation of services to address at risk behavior attributing to substance misuse.

Partner will:

1. Recruit and refer recovery and those seeking recovery to GBPS organization.
2. Attend monthly meetings to support the development of community assessments showing needs, and creating a referral bases support the goals of GBPS ROSC program decrease dependency recruitment and program needs.
3. Provide a safe a healthy environment/site for usage for program individuals to gain knowledge about recovery.

GBPS will:

1. Facilitate recovery community meetings, and space to discuss strategic processes to decrease opioid dependency, and increase community knowledge
2. Provide staff development training.
3. Provide program activity training (attendance, youth activities, partnerships, etc.)
4. Facilitate bi-monthly staff meetings to assist in program operations
5. When possible (depending upon slots available) enroll youth in services to enhance their participation in leadership roles preventing experimentation with opioid, and other drugs.

Terms of Agreement:

Parties will commit to the agreement for at last one year from the start of this agreement. Agreement may be reviewed and renewed as necessary. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time. This agreement is not intended to be interpreted as a binding or legal document and does not prohibit either party from entering into similar agreements with other providers.

Representative

Title

Date

Address

Agency Representative

Title

Date

Address

