

# Miami County, IN Community Needs Assessment 2017

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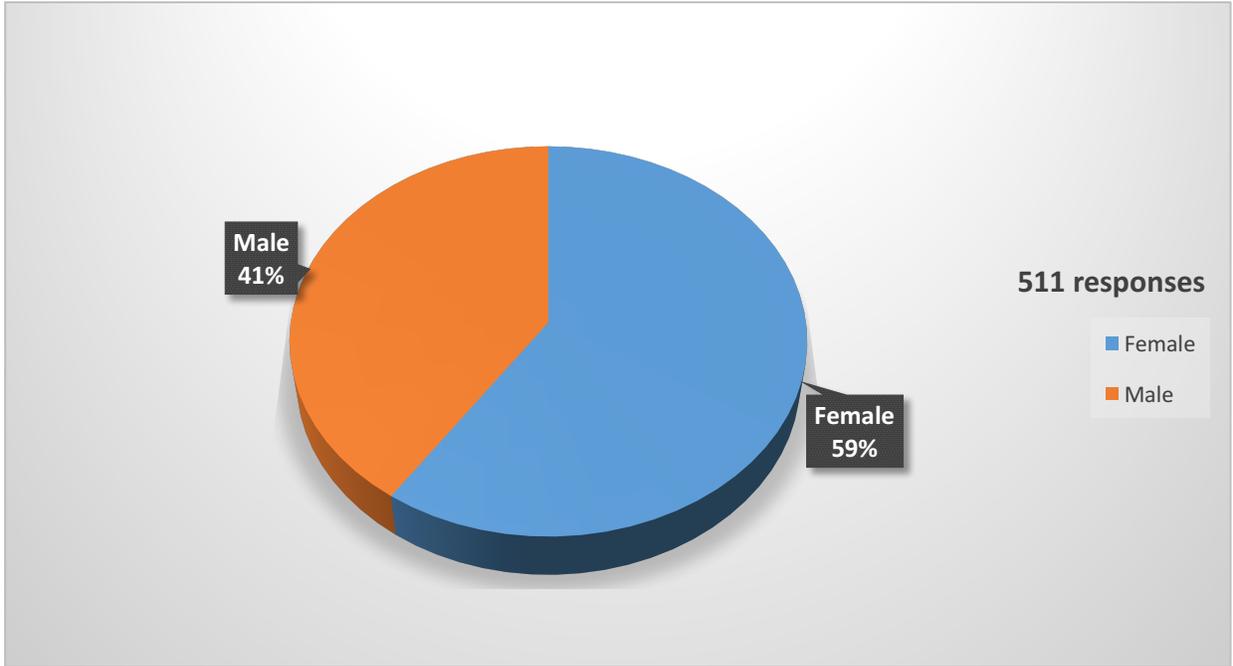
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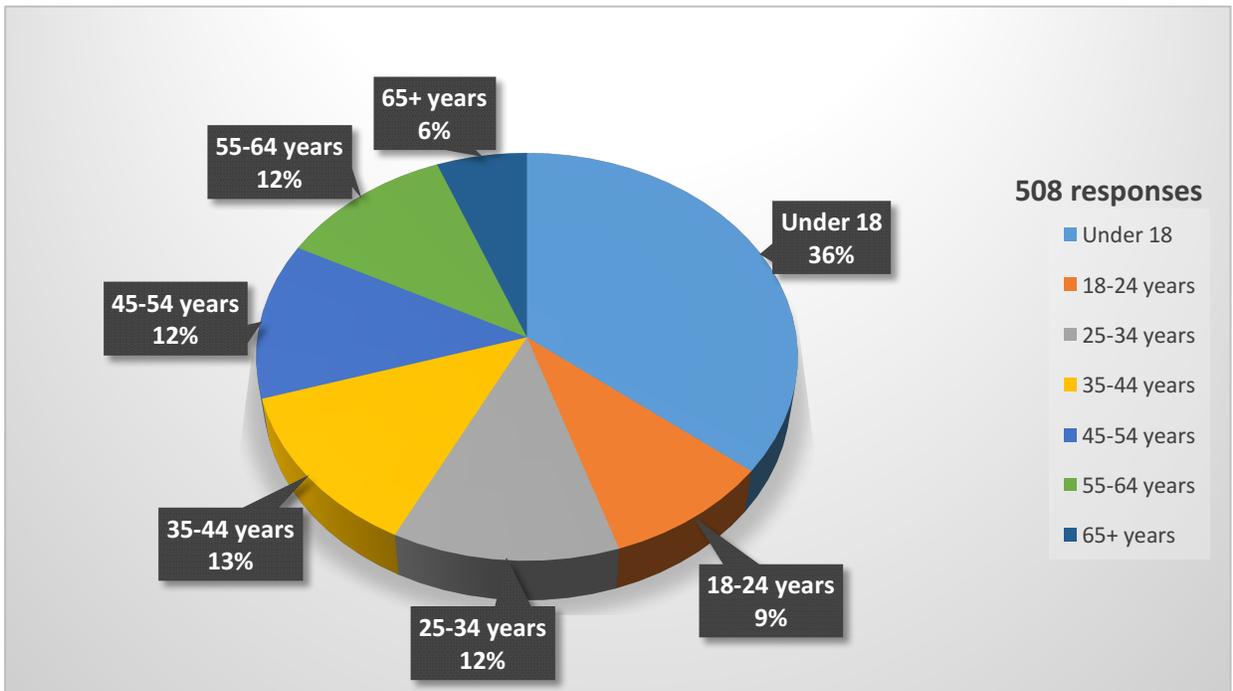
The Miami County Systems Of Care Governance Coalition created and distributed a Community Needs Assessment within the community of Miami County, IN. All questions presented in the assessment were created by and agreed upon through the Systems Of Care Governance Coalition. The distribution dates for the assessment were January 9, 2017 through February 6, 2017. Areas the assessment were distributed ranged from community food pantries, local school corporations, to those receiving services from providers. Individual responses were recorded as they were written, and raw data can be obtained upon request.

A copy of the assessment as well as the data collected can be found in this report.

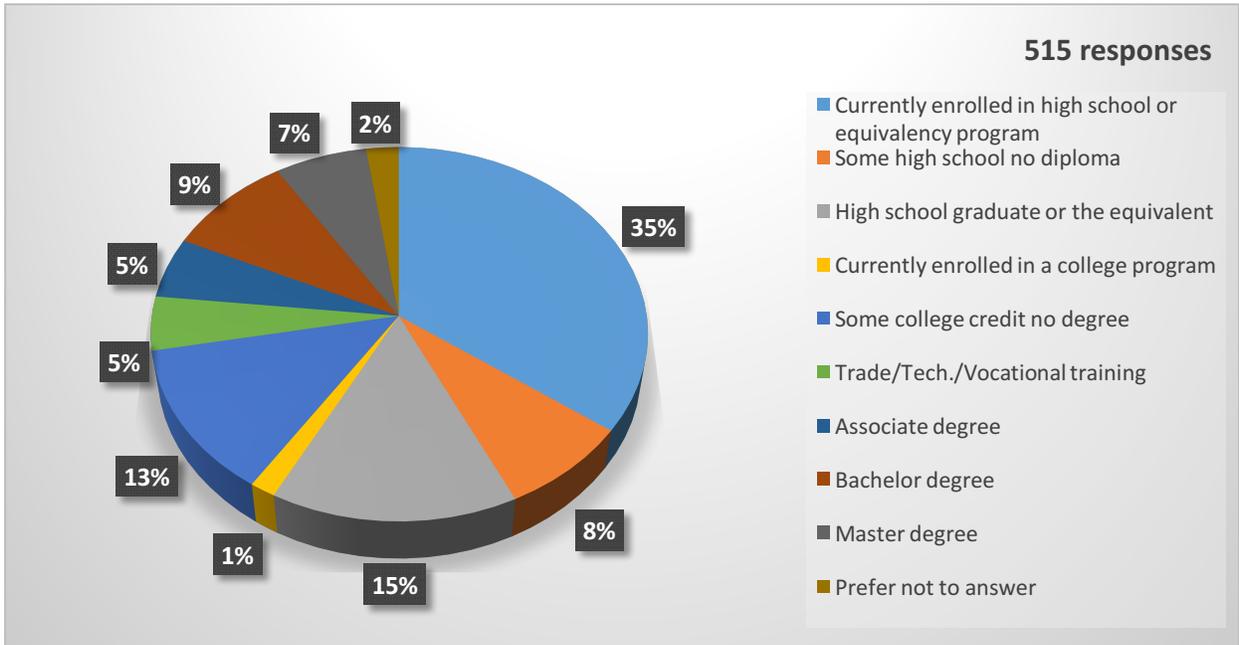
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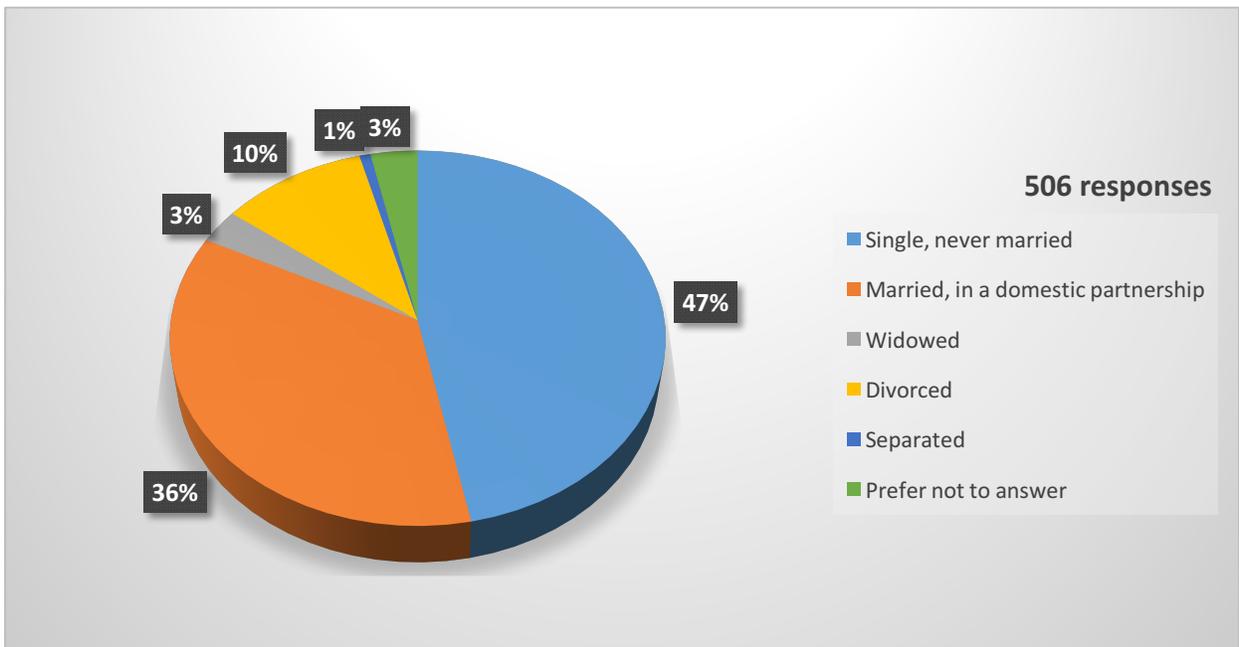
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“Please specify your age range”



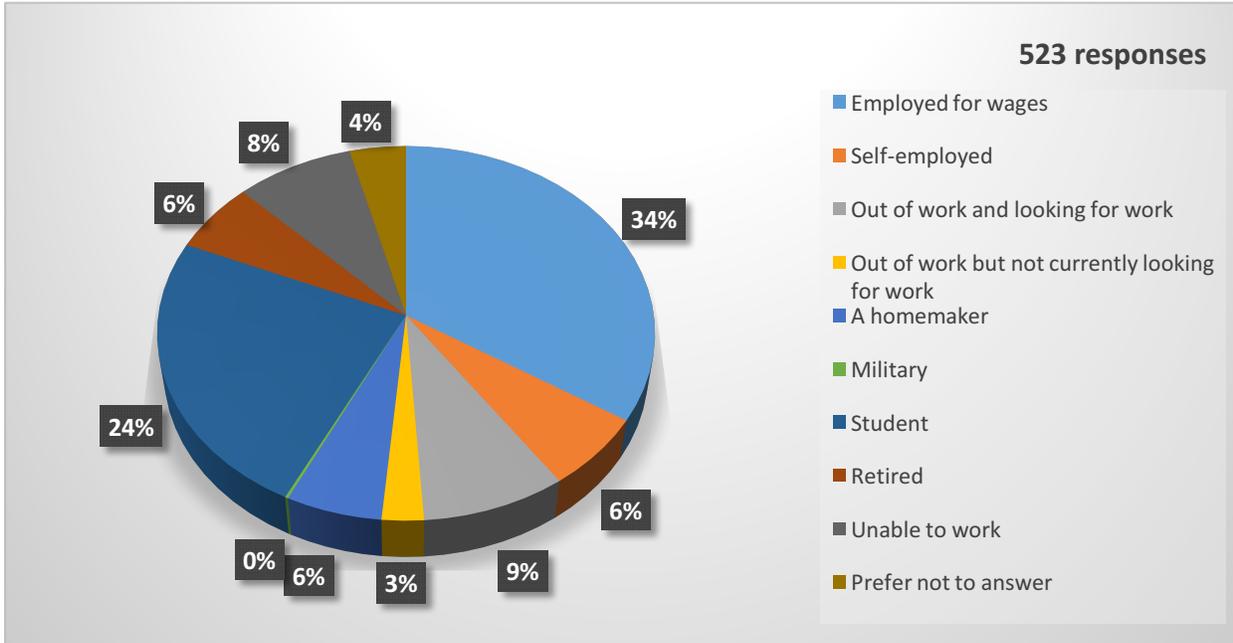
Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 3.**  
**“What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?”**



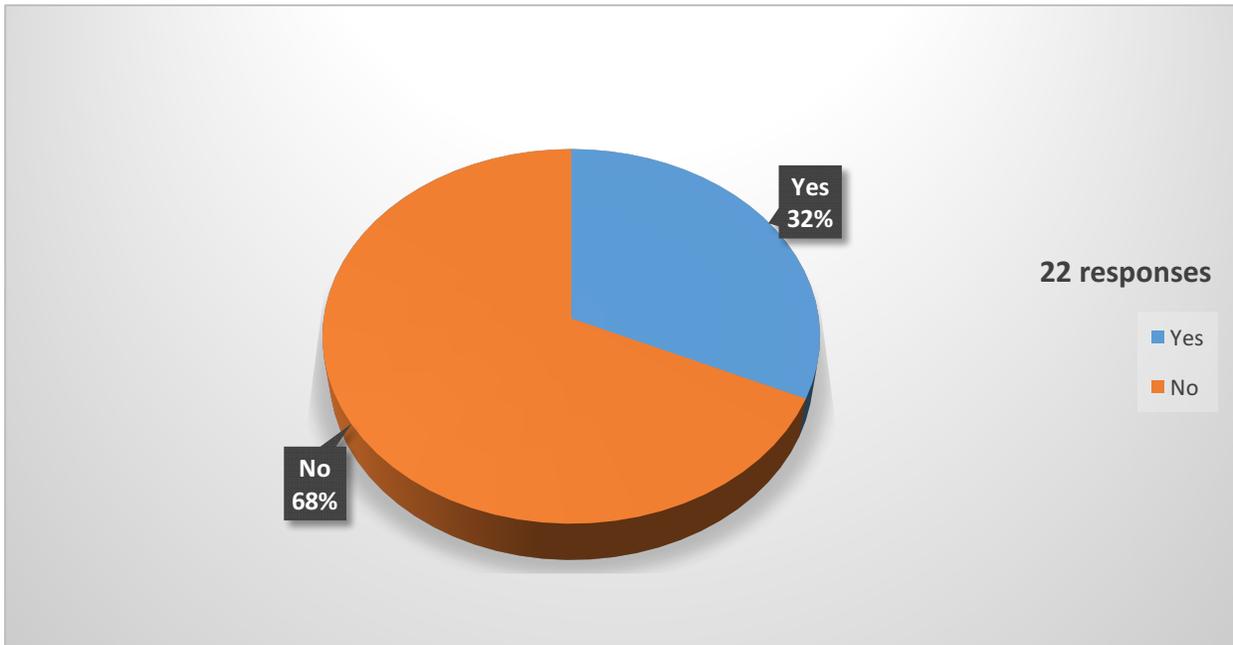
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**“What is your marital status? Please chose one that best fits your current situation”**



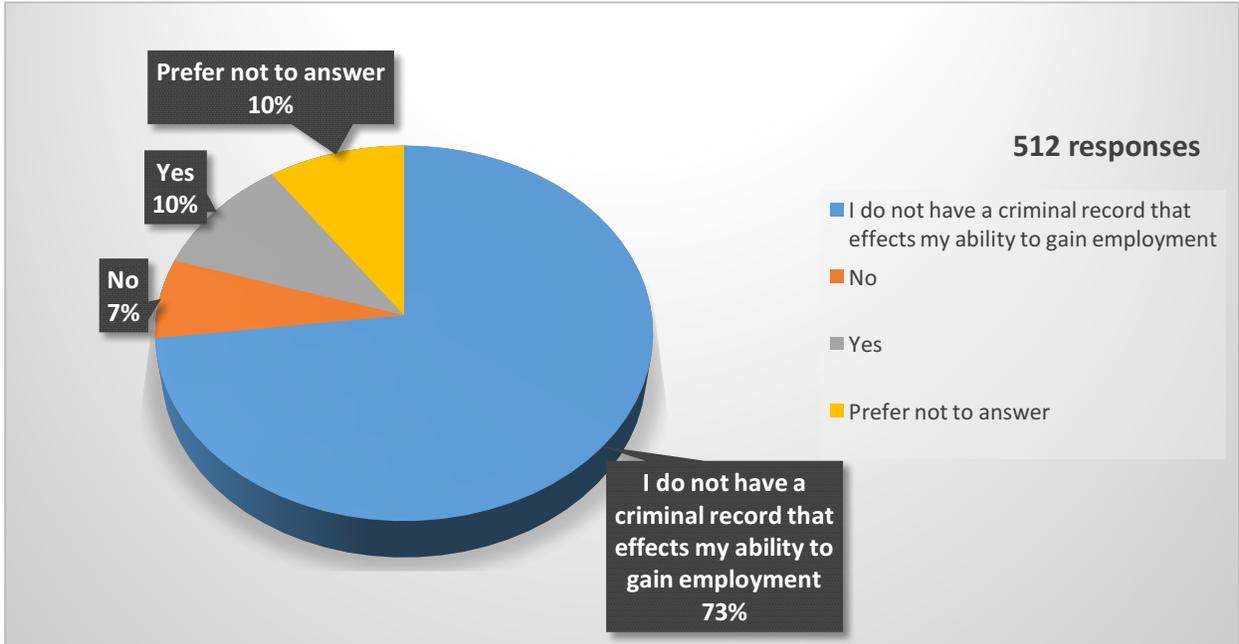
Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 5**.  
**“Please specify your employment status: Are you currently”**



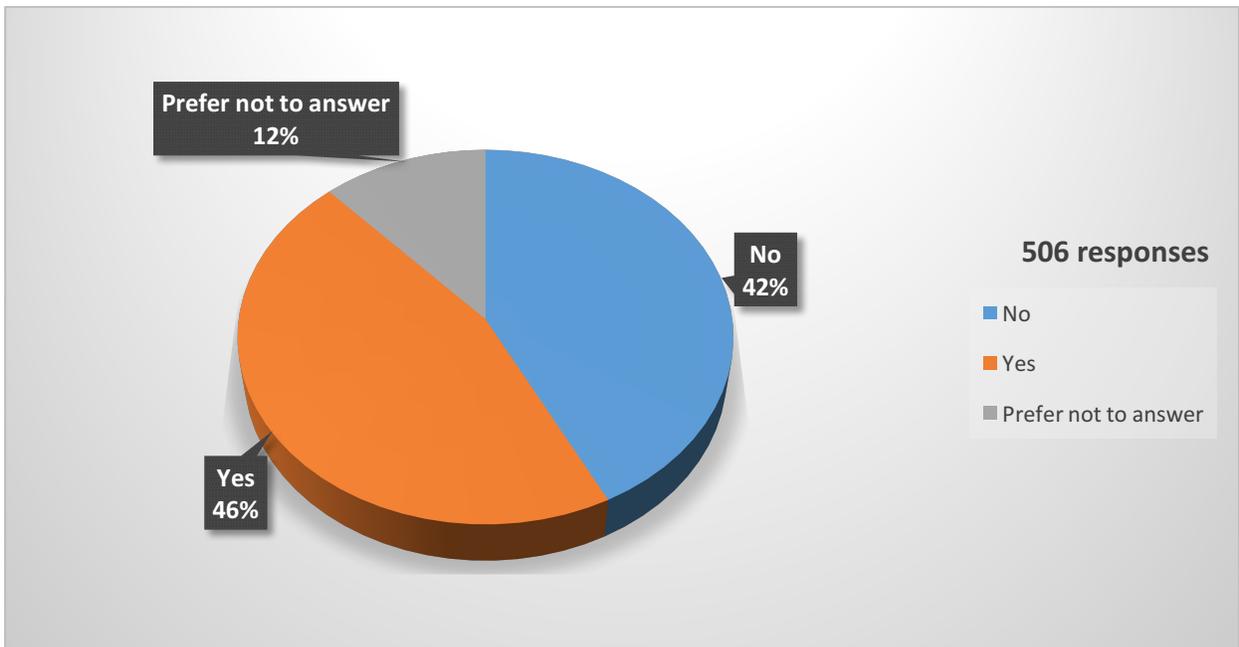
Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 5 section-2**.  
**“If you answered “Out of work and looking for work” or “Out of work but not currently looking for work is this due to a felony on your criminal record?”**



Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 6.**  
“Do you believe if your criminal record were expunged (removed completely) you may find employment?”

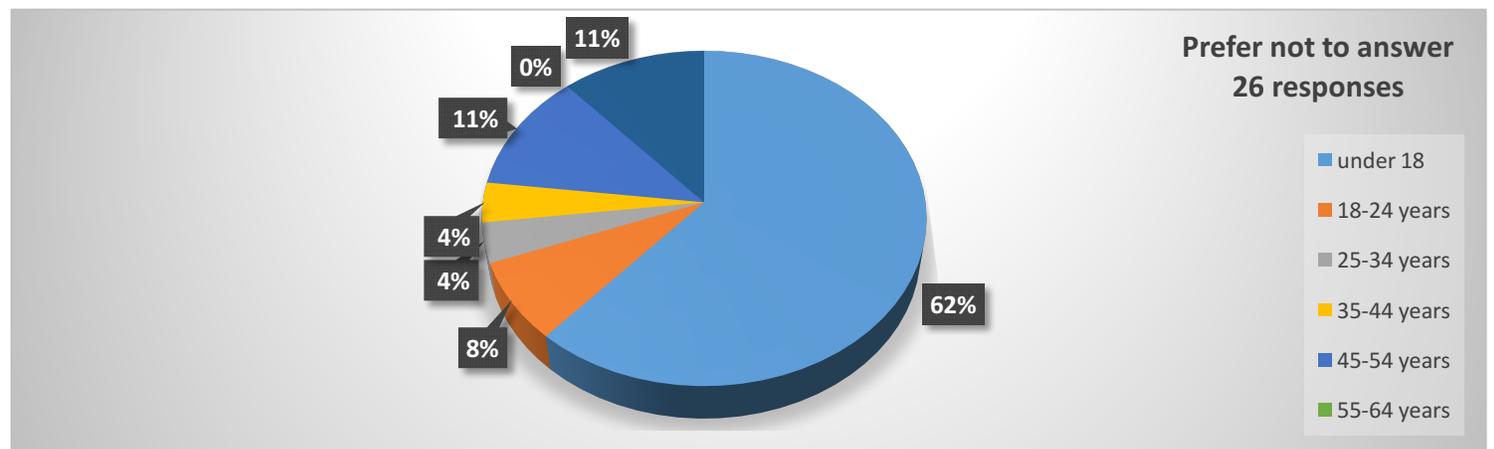
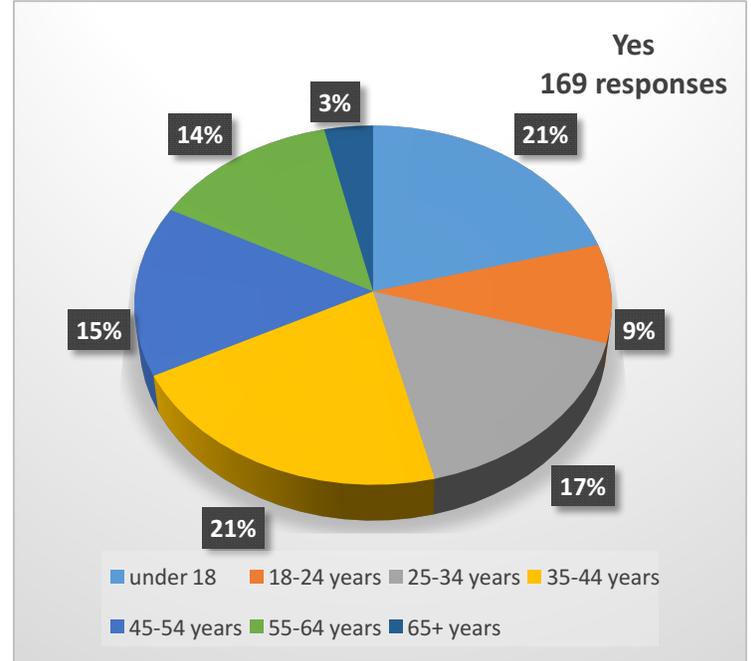
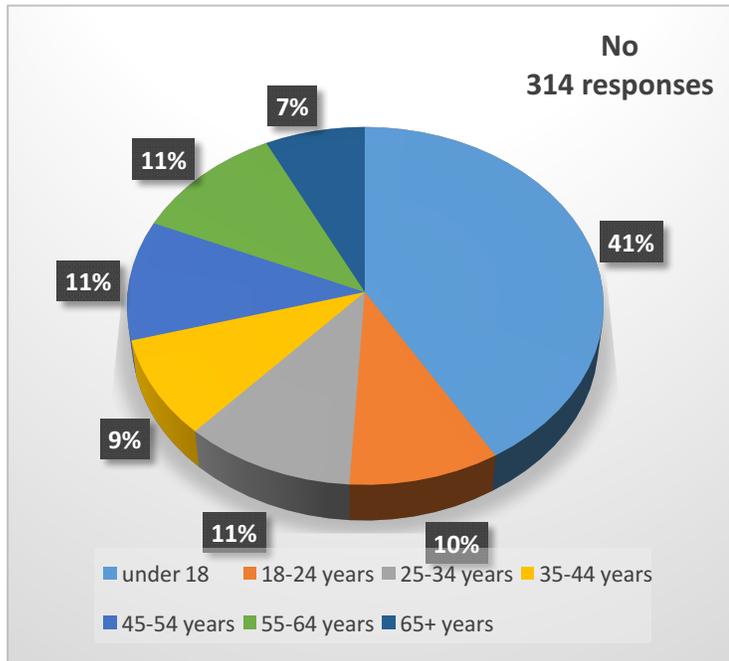


Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 7.**  
“Would you participate in an employment preparation program (interview skills, punctuality, attire) if it were available?”



Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 8- section 1.**

**“Have you ever participated in any form of a mental health program? If you answered ‘Yes’ please specify what program and how you were referred”**



Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 8- section 2.**

**“Have you ever participated in any form of a mental health program? If you answered ‘Yes’ please specify what program and how you were referred”**

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| <p><b>Under 18 years responses</b><br/><b>Trend:</b><br/><b>Therapy and Behavioral</b><br/><b>Diagnosis</b></p> | <p>When I was around the age of 5 I went to see a therapist. My mother signed me up for it.<br/>4-county -referred to by hospital<br/>Therapy and medication. The hospital recommended it to me<br/>I was in therapy for my parents’ divorce for two years, two years for depression, and I was in a mental health residence called Michiana for a week due to risk of being suicidal.</p> |
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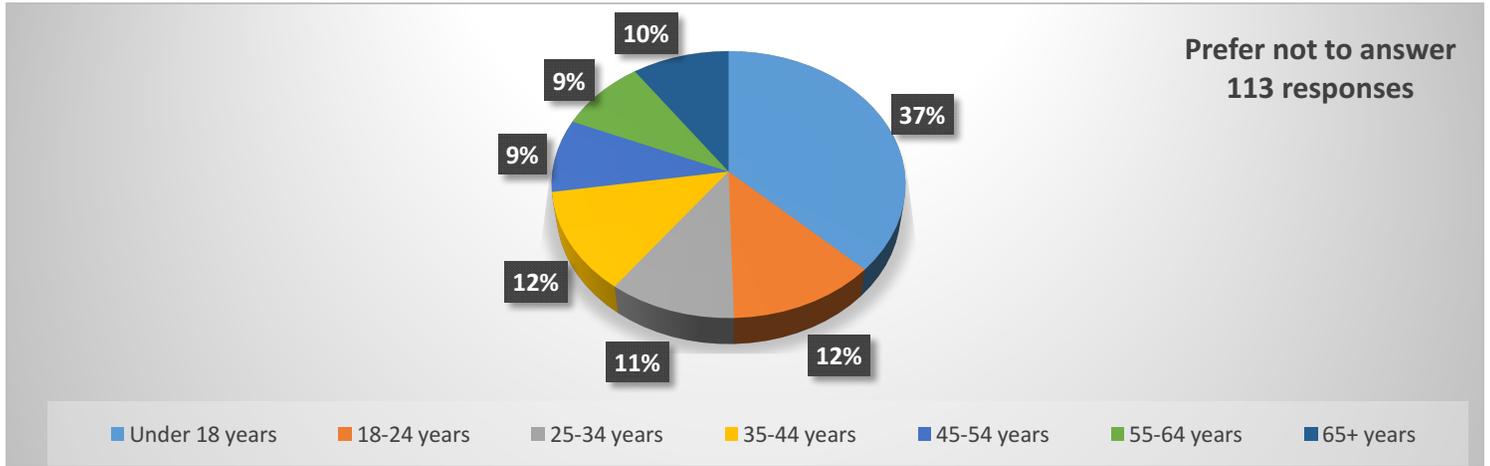
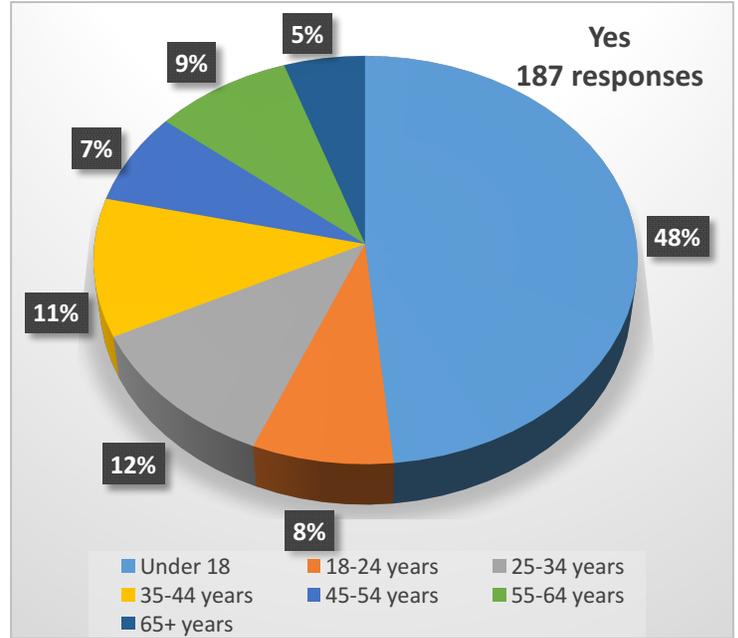
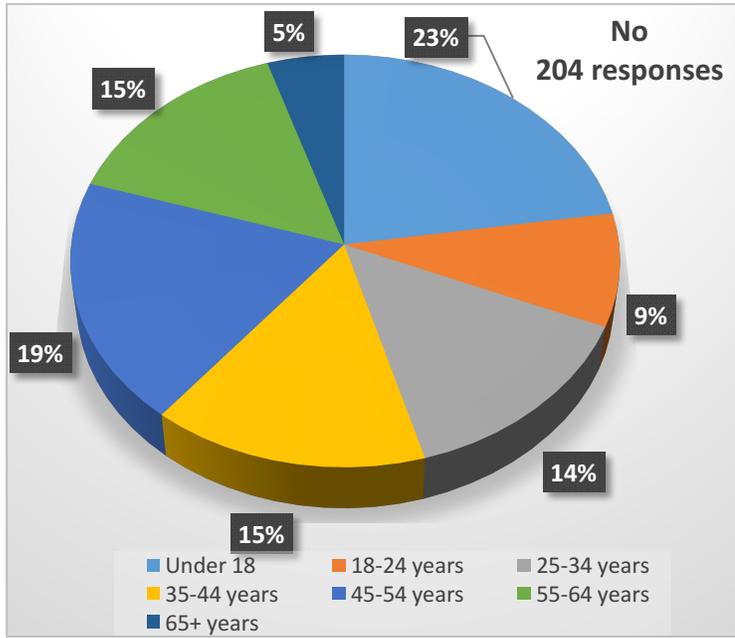
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| <b>Under 18 years responses</b><br><b>Trend:</b><br><b>Therapy and Behavioral Diagnosis</b><br><b>Doctor or family referred</b>  | I had therapy for add adhd and ocd<br>Dr- have Autism<br>Therapy sessions<br>Doctor counseling<br>Talk therapy with a family counselor referred from my mother<br>Depression counseling<br>Doctor, have ADHD<br>the ridge and buckhorn and by my family   |
| <b>18-24 years responses:</b><br><b>Trend:</b><br><b>Doctor referred Treatment</b>   | Doctor referred<br>recommended by my nurse practitioner<br>probation/court, doctor referred<br>Friend- and court referred<br>Individual therapy<br>Anxiety meds<br>See a psychiatrist<br>Doctor referred to counseling- Domestic violence in Peru and Kokomo<br>DR<br>Break through, Urban Outreach<br>Court ordered last year for rehab and I did do counseling- self referred   |
| <b>25-34 years responses:</b><br><b>Trend:</b><br><b>Substance Use and Medication</b><br><b>Court or Probation referred</b>  | For my ulcerative colitis<br>Friend referred<br>Four County Counseling Center woman’s group for trauma and addiction<br>Prescribed them<br>Four County Counseling Center-probation referred<br>Group woman’s substance abuse program- court/probation referred- Individual therapy- self referred<br>Four County Counseling Center-probation referred<br>Saw a psychiatrist- court ordered for parent’s divorce<br>Four County Counseling Center military assistance and guidance<br>Counseling- church referred<br>MRT-Angel services-Methadone empowerment and AA. Also a joke- 4 County<br>Meds<br>Addiction, anxiety, and depression<br>AA<br>In/Out patient services and therapy for depression<br>Counseling<br>Medication-referred by family doctor<br>When our son passed away in June 2016<br>IOT at Four County- probation referred<br>Four County<br>Four County- in/out patient; IOP; AA/NA; Counseling all probation, family, friend referred. |

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| <b>35-44 years responses:</b><br><b>Trend:</b><br>Family Counseling (marriage, grief, post-partum)<br>Faith based services<br>Substance Use  | Doctor/court referred<br>Phil Bunce- EastPointe services<br>Counseling<br>Parent and marriage counseling<br>Christian counseling and marriage<br>Church referred<br>Grief counseling church referred<br>Counseling-family referred<br>Through church<br>With post-partum had to see a therapist and got Paxil<br>Midtown in Indianapolis- “card shop”- self referred<br>Marriage counseling<br>Family member<br>Medication and family counseling session-1<br>Individual therapy- friend referred<br>Family counseling, anger management<br>Four County Counseling<br>Probation referred- IOP saved my life<br>Cleveland clinic pain/addiction classes, IOP  |
| <b>45-54 years responses:</b><br>responded<br><b>Trend:</b><br>Grief Counseling<br>Individual therapy<br>Doctor referral   | Doc<br>Four County Counseling Center drug and alcohol therapy<br>I am currently in the Suboxone program at St. Joseph (Trinity) hospital went inpatient on my own<br>4 Counties<br>Hospice, lost husband- grief counseling<br>Grief counseling<br>multiple programs/Ft. Wayne/ due to a mental health issue<br>Forced to<br>Greif<br>Church program/depression medication<br>Individual counseling and marriage counseling<br>A lot of biblical counseling and grief counseling<br>Individual counseling-self referred, and marriage counseling –doctor referred<br>Grief counseling- church member referred and individual counseling – doctor/church referred<br>Marriage counseling<br>Former occupation<br>I personally have utilized counseling and have a daughter in counseling<br>I lost my female dog a year ago it was very hard on me<br>church member referred and individual counseling – doctor/church referred<br>Personal choice- fitness/diet, lifestyle changer<br>Life coaching-self referred<br>Counseling<br>Medication-primary doctor referred<br>Grief counseling |

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| <b>45-54 years responses:</b><br>responded<br><b>Trend:</b><br>Grief Counseling<br><br>Individual therapy<br><br>Doctor referral   | 4county for mental health services disabled<br>Therapy, probation referred<br>Grief Share on internet<br>Individual therapy and ALANON  |
| <b>55-64 years responses:</b><br><b>Trend:</b><br>Faith Based Counseling<br><br>Individual Therapy<br><br>Grief Counseling   | Disability due to severe mental, physical abuse-Four County<br>Therapy and medication for depression- self referred<br>Biblical counseling<br>Adult with ADHD<br>Personal counseling through church<br>Crisis pregnancy center counselor<br>Grief support group- later facilitated grief support groups<br>I am a counselor-certified<br>Have been involved in almost every program that 4 county has to offer, except substance abuse.<br>Doctor referred<br>Faith biblical counseling, Lafayette IN.- employee referral<br>Grief share after my husband’s death<br>Anger management- part of divorce proceedings<br>VA Hosp.<br>4-County individual therapy for work. Individual therapy for addiction after my rehab |
| <b>65+ year’s responses:</b><br><b>Trend:</b> None   | Home healthcare-hospice<br>Grief share- as both a participant and later a facilitator- church referred<br>I don't think that I should have to tell you but ok<br>Grandchildren had parents with addiction<br>Family member referred   |

Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 9- section 1.**

**“Do you feel the community provides effective treatment for individuals with mental health needs? If you answered ‘No’ what would you like to see improved or made available for those participating in mental health treatment?”**



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| <b>Under 18 responses:</b>      | I don't know<br>More counseling, specifically at churches or conducted by them                            |
| <b>Trend:</b> Lack of knowledge | I don't know<br>I would like to see more support groups for participants of mental health treatment       |
| Lack of empathy                 | I feel as if we should create a building for special needs people so they can enjoy the community like us |
| Lack of access                  | We can always improve. We need to be understanding and loving   |

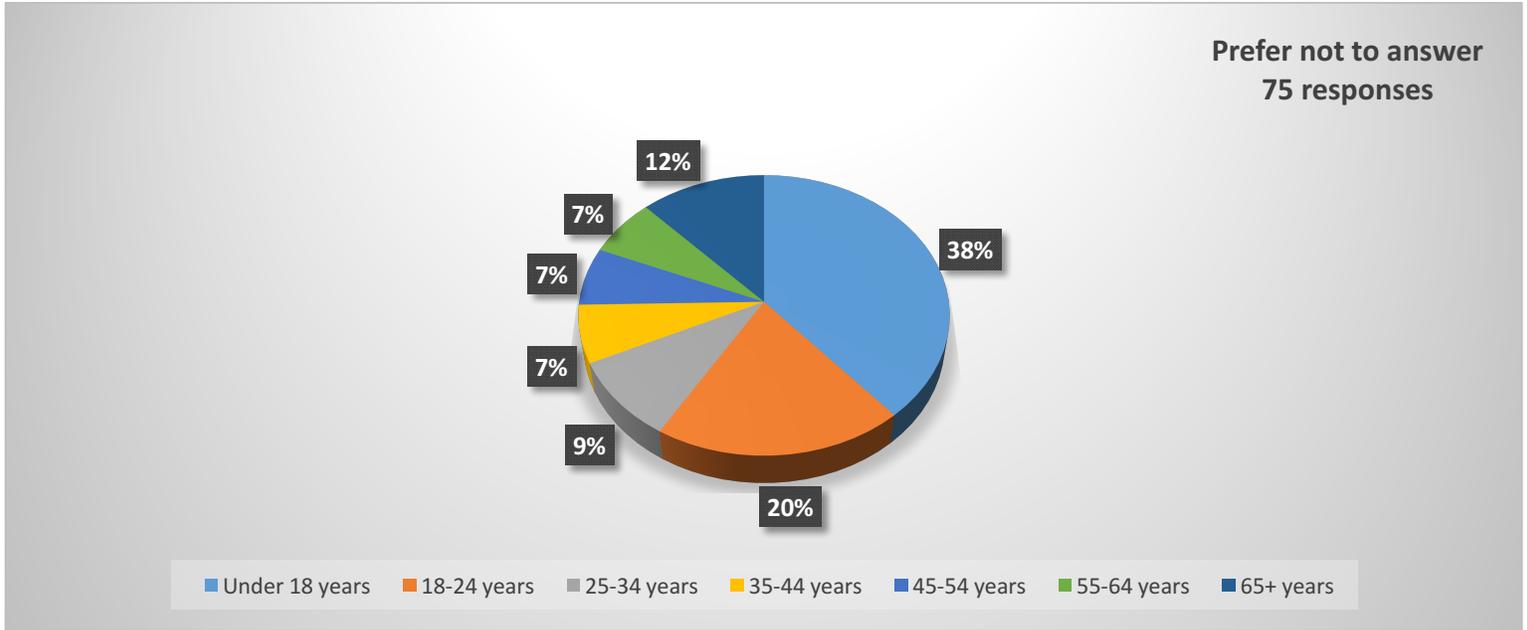
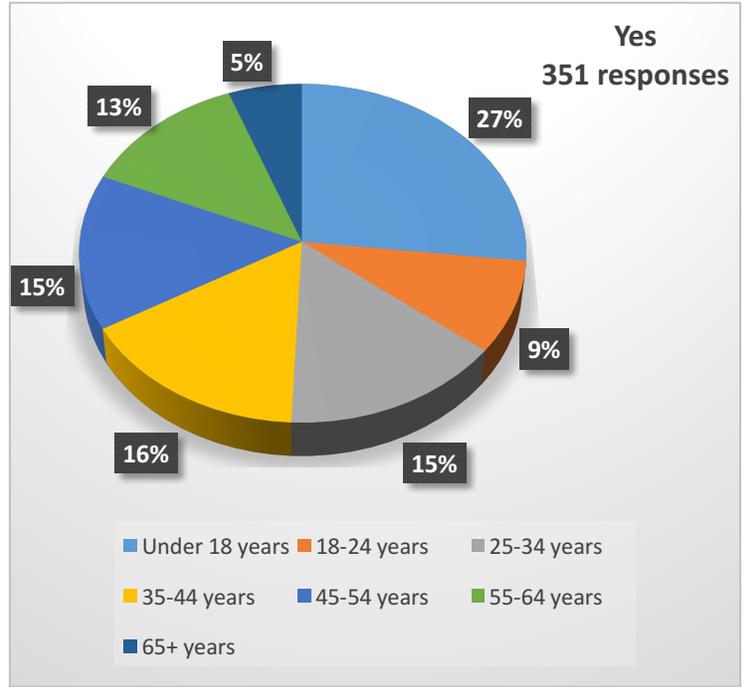
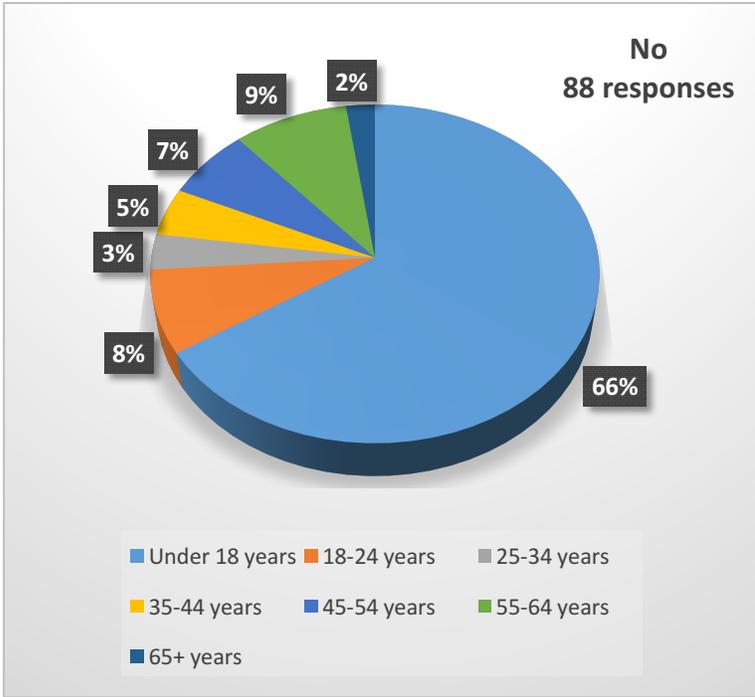
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| <p><b>Under 18 years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend:</b> Lack of knowledge</p> <p>Lack of empathy</p> <p>Lack of access</p>  | <p>If people are getting help then I have no idea about it. I would like there to be a place for people to go or if there is then I would like to see some type of advertisement.</p> <p>People with mental health issues are treated poorly, and their emotions are treated as if they were being childish. I would like to see better therapists who are serious about helping others instead of doing it for the high pay.</p> <p>Needs to be a group that's free to help them as they need.</p> <p>Is this even a question? Our mental health system is grossly underfunded and not many people have access to it.</p> <p>There is not enough individualized care and enough people to provide proper care.<br/>a better area for counseling</p>  |
| <p><b>18-24 years responses:</b></p> <p><b>Trend:</b> Lack of empathy</p> <p>Stigma reduction</p>   | <p>They need to work better with people instead of just medicating them up</p> <p>I would like to see them help and not give up on people</p> <p>More medical help and supervision given</p> <p>Less of a stigma around being mentally ill/ getting help</p> <p>The community as a whole needs more chances or buildings for mental health care. It should also be talked about more often.</p> <p>There is very little acknowledgement of mental health problems in the community. Awareness is what I'd like to see improved.</p> <p>More help to addicts instead of just throwing us in jail</p> <p>I just feel like they should give more help because I don't know anywhere in Peru to go for help.</p> <p>Getting people to accept the help.</p>  |
| <p><b>25-34 years responses:</b></p> <p><b>Trend:</b> Lack of knowledge on resources available</p> <p>Stigma reduction</p> <p>Lack of support from community and providers</p> <p>Affordability</p>   | <p>The community offers no help to those who choose change. The outlets are all judgmental and very unprofessional especially for mothers who can't find sitters.</p> <p>More religious venues-too many times counseling is seen as “take the pill and it all will be better”</p> <p>A lot of people do not have support or money to seek help</p> <p>I'm not sure what's being done entirely, but I know there are still significant problems in our community</p> <p>Evening activities-free meals-transportation-shopping trips</p> <p>We have some outpatient options but it is hard to provide all services and there are no inpatient options</p> <p>More proactive approach and more resources, accountability, follow-up for those involved</p> <p>Less judgement from caregivers</p> <p>Drug issues that pertain to mental health</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>There is not enough support for mental health issues</p> <p>I don't know</p> <p>More affordable treatment provided by caring staff who blanket- don't prescribe Prozac/latuda. Serious problems in this town and people are talking about it negatively in meetings. No detox centers here.</p> <p>More options for counseling and diagnostic centers</p> <p>People with mental problems need to go to mental hospitals not jail.</p> |
| <p><b>35-44 years responses:</b></p> <p><b>Trend:</b> lack of Knowledge on services available</p>   | <p>Unsure, I am not a Miami Co. resident</p> <p>I feel that there needs to be a better way to help those in need instead of living in fear</p> <p>It's just that they choose not to seek treatment or cannot afford it</p> <p>Funds provided for those unable to seek treatment or meds to assess their current need</p> <p>4-county uses meds but doesn't help resolve the issue if it can be resolved</p> <p>Not enough access to Christian counseling. Too much medication “band aide”</p>   |

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| <p><b>35-44 Years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend:</b> Lack of Knowledge on services available</p> <p>Affordability/ access</p> <p>Minimal options to treatment</p>   | <p>Long-term treatment<br/>?</p> <p>Have a daughter (7) who needs counseling and they drew pictures with her. She has a lot of anger</p> <p>I don’t know</p> <p>More awareness</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>More options for counseling than Four County Counseling Center</p> <p>More support groups/one counseling center is not enough</p> <p>So many/so few helpers. Seem to put on medication and not always get to the root of the problem</p> <p>Unknown to the adequacy</p> <p>I do feel that it would be nice for people to know all of the options-more publicized.</p> <p>Not familiar with what is available</p> <p>I don’t know</p> <p>Help that doesn’t require a criminal case or poor as dirt to get</p> <p>Absolutely</p>  |
| <p><b>45-54 years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend:</b> Lack in treatment access/ affordability</p> <p>Lack of knowledge on services available</p> <p>Lack of faith based services</p>   | <p>I just think there is a lot of unmet need. It could be that people don’t seek assistance or don’t even consider it as an option due to the stigma of the mental health label</p> <p>Need more options. Less wait time to get into programs</p> <p>Don’t know</p> <p>Need more hands on</p> <p>We need more counseling/ therapy providers in our community</p> <p>Better doctors, more info should be given when admin. Meds, better counseling</p> <p>Outreach</p> <p>Our local court system has repeat offenders that were mental patients until all these facilities shut down</p> <p>Unsure, just feel more services are needed</p> <p>I feel the resources is limited as well as inpatient facilities. I also feel for children they are few and far between as well.</p> <p>I'm not sure but I have heard that it is difficult to find info on help available. Make the info more readily available.</p> <p>need access or knowledge of services available.</p> <p>Access to care to number of providers and quick responses for those struggling w/suicidal tendencies.</p> <p>More available/less expensive</p> <p>More church based counseling</p> <p>4-county not effective, gives no hope for solutions. Biblical counseling</p> <p>Need more female/male biblical counselors</p> <p>More services for people with little/no income- by licensed professionals</p> <p>Help for children</p> <p>New to community-unaware</p> <p>If you have no insurance or income you cannot get mental health</p> <p>Community doesn’t realize how many suffer.</p> <p>More programs</p> <p>Cost is the problem for many</p> <p>Better facility care and proper diagnosis</p> <p>More programing</p> |

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| <p><b>55-64 years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend:</b> Lack of knowledge on services available</p> <p>Lack of workforce</p> <p>Affordability/ access</p>   | <p>They need to pay the employees better so there is less turn over. They need groups and curriculum for higher functioning adults.<br/>                 I don't know<br/>                 Depression<br/>                 Questionable<br/>                 I believe no permanent hope or help can be given without directing to Jesus Christ<br/>                 Need better insurance for poor-middle class who still can't afford it.<br/>                 Don't know<br/>                 More available<br/>                 Don't know<br/>                 Trained personnel to help them with mental problems- not jail<br/>                 Availability of free services<br/>                 Accessible, affordable, not stigmatized<br/>                 I honestly don't know<br/>                 God's word<br/>                 I don't know<br/>                 Things like bowling or something to do<br/>                 Many people lack adequate mental health care due to not enough health care providers available. Many of my students could do well with care, but the waiting list is long due to the overextended schedules of the current providers.<br/>                 Substance abuse programs for younger kids- more mentoring programs</p> |
| <p><b>65+ years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend:</b> None</p>  | <p>Unsure<br/>                 I'd like to see more faith based support and help for family members dealing with seriously ill members<br/>                 y'all know you don't help lmao<br/>                 half-way houses<br/>                 Community needs a larger choice in the mental health treatment area.</p>  |

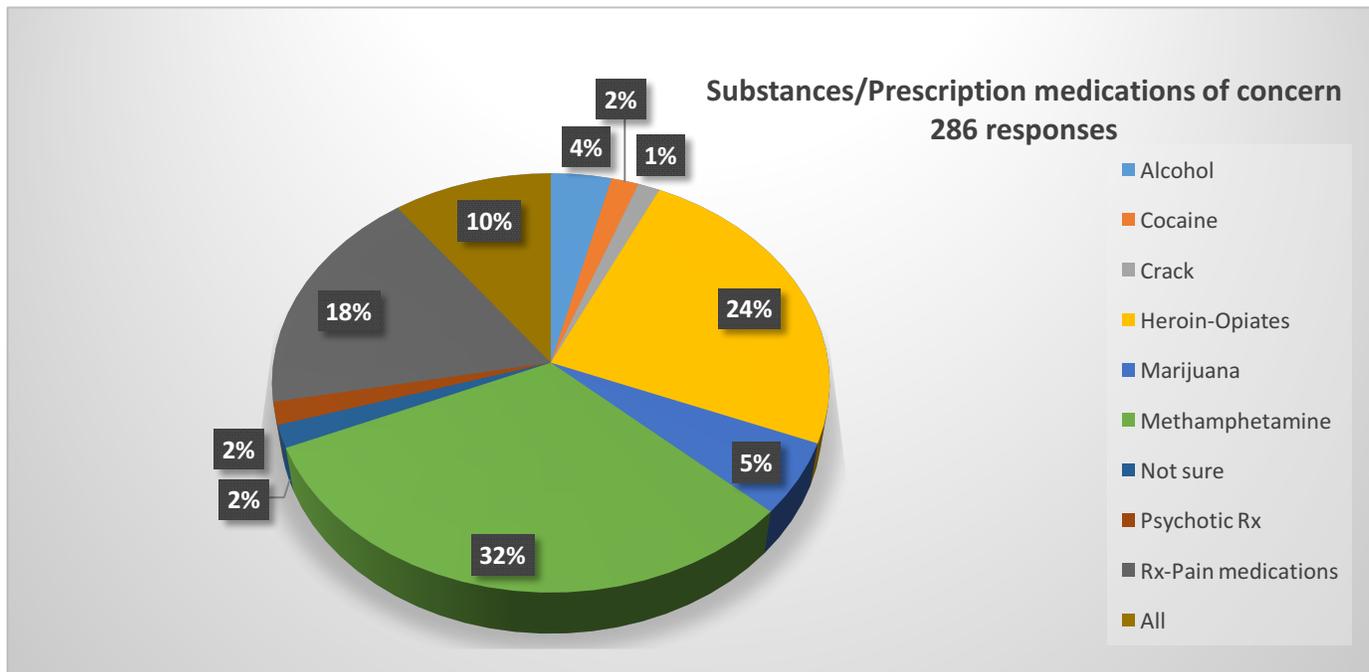
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**“Do you feel as though there is a substance or prescription medication use/abuse issue in Miami County? If you answered ‘Yes’ which substance(s) or prescription medication(s) do you feel are of most concern?”**



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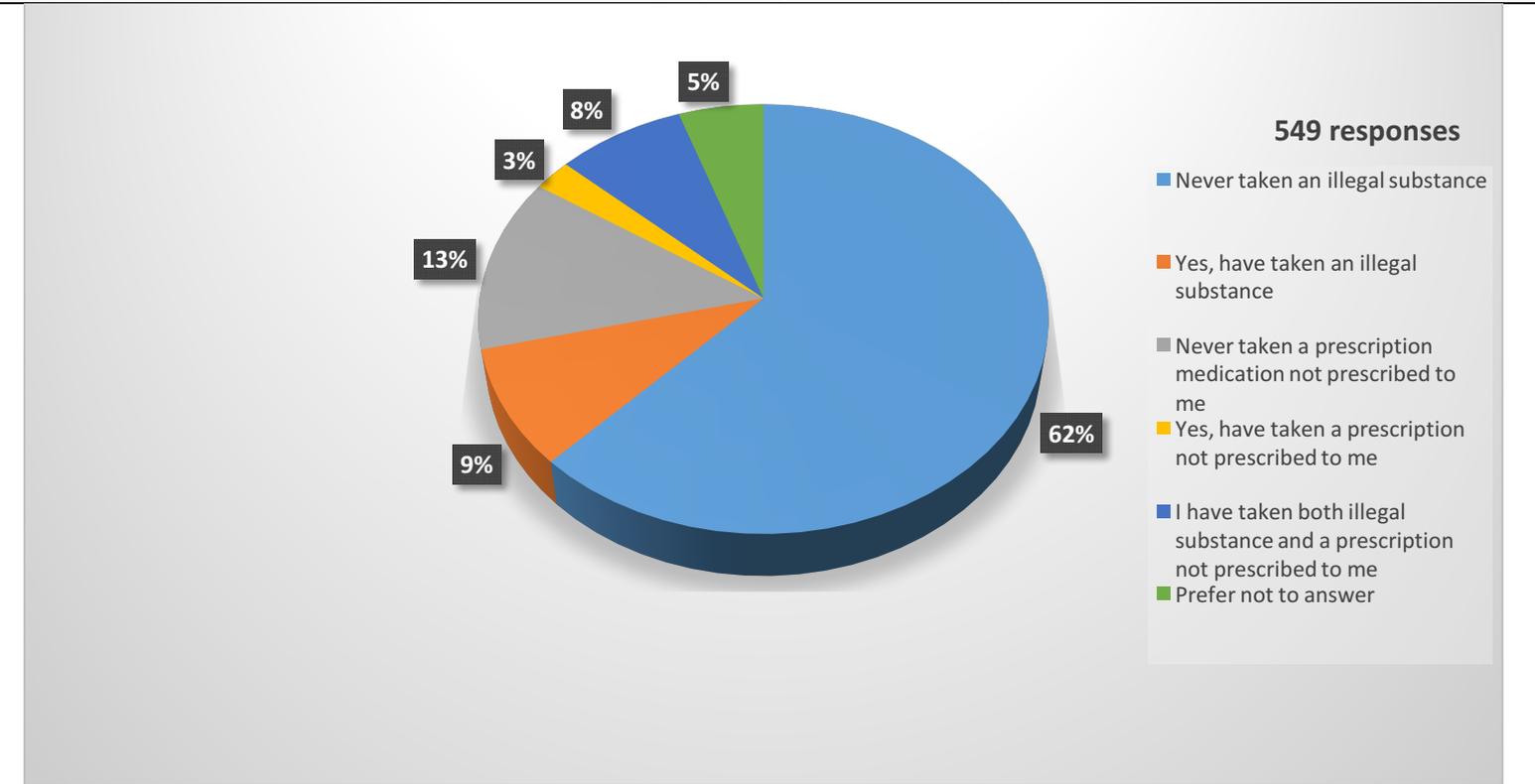
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| Age            | Alcohol | Cocaine | Crack | Heroin Or similar | Marijuana | Methamphetamine | Not sure | Psychotic Rx | Rx –pain medication | ALL |
|----------------|---------|---------|-------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|-----|
| Under 18 years | 1       | 0       | 1     | 6                 | 5         | 12              | 2        | 1            | 4                   | 4   |
| 18-24 years    | 2       | 0       | 0     | 7                 | 1         | 5               | 0        | 0            | 5                   | 3   |
| 25-34 years    | 1       | 0       | 0     | 16                | 1         | 15              | 0        | 2            | 11                  | 7   |
| 35-44 years    | 2       | 0       | 0     | 14                | 2         | 21              | 2        | 0            | 12                  | 3   |
| 45-54 years    | 2       | 1       | 0     | 14                | 3         | 19              | 3        | 0            | 10                  | 5   |
| 55-64 years    | 3       | 4       | 3     | 9                 | 4         | 13              | 1        | 2            | 6                   | 6   |
| 65+ years      | 0       | 1       | 0     | 3                 | 0         | 6               | 0        | 0            | 3                   | 1   |

Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 11- section 1.**

**“Have you ever used an illegal substance or a prescription medication not prescribed to you? If you answered ‘Yes’ please list the illegal substances and/or prescription medications you have used”**



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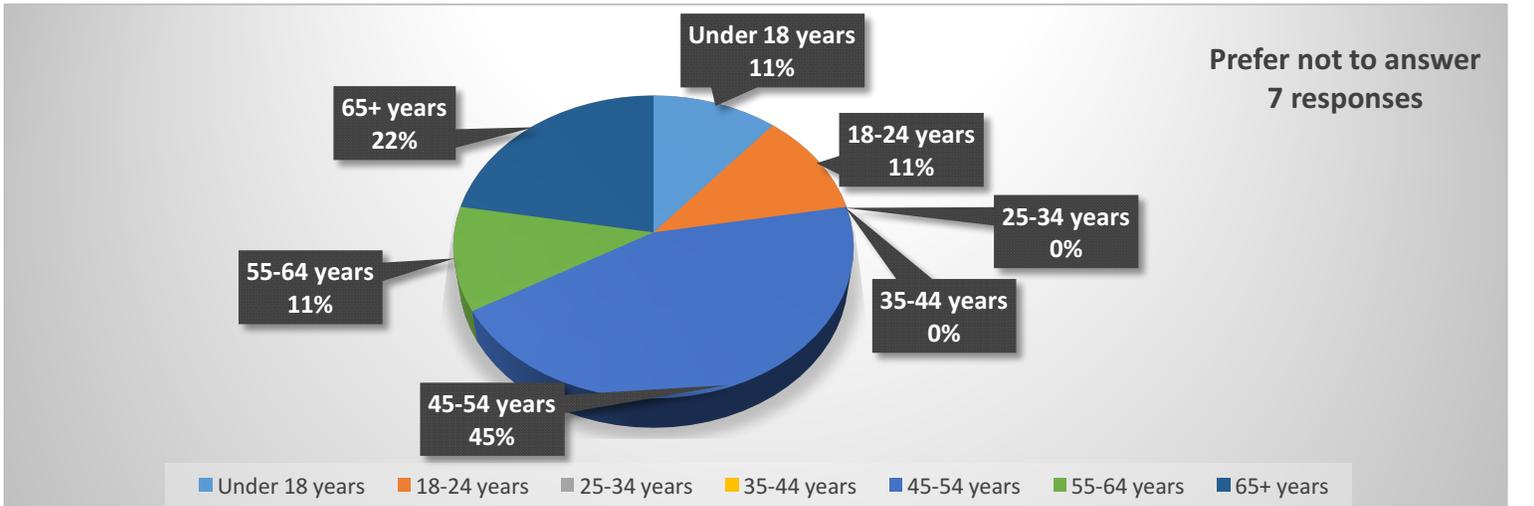
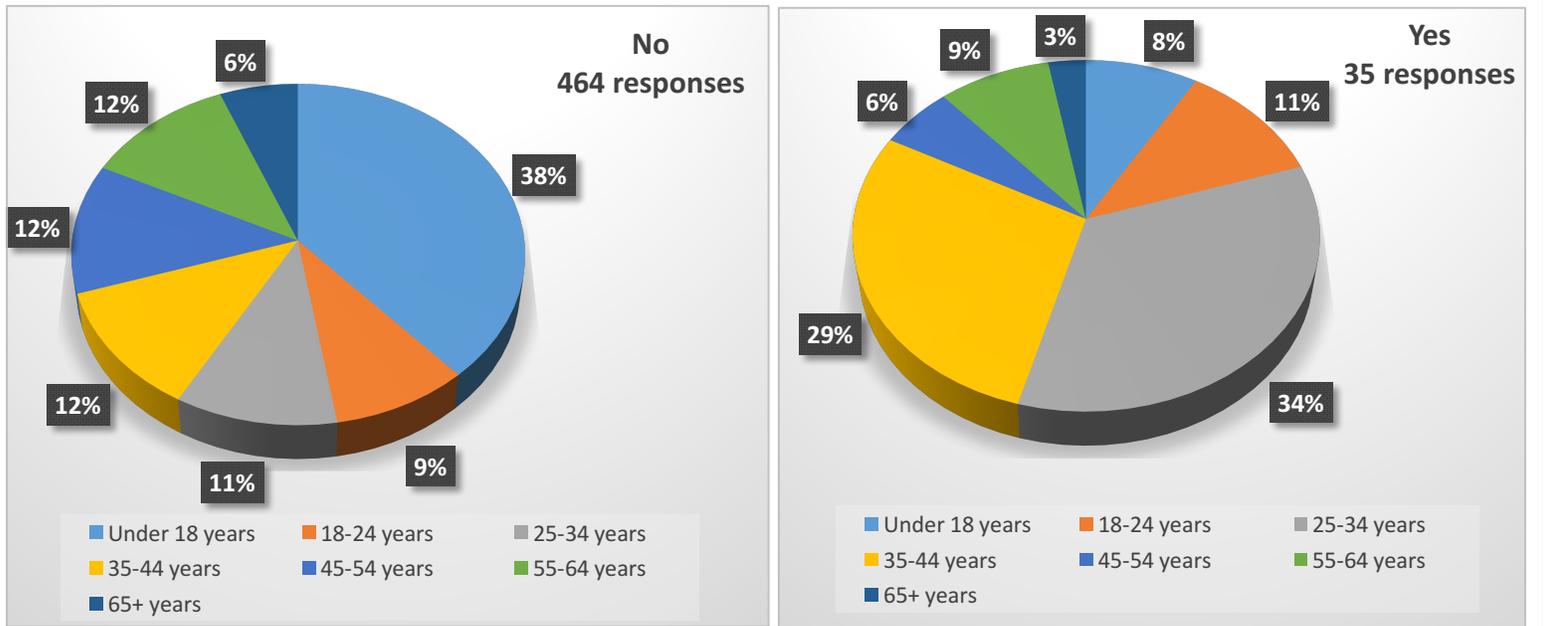
\*\*Substances not included due to under reporting include: Mushrooms, LSD, Opium, Ice, Spice, Nicotine, Bath Salts.

\*\*\*“All” category includes those who listed doing each of the substances included in chart, individually, in their answer or answered similar to the following: “All”, “Too many to list”, “Everything”

| Age   | Antibiotics | Cocaine | Heroin | Marijuana | Methamphetamine | Rx. Medication | All   |
|---|-------------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| Under 18 years left no written responses related to this question |             |         |        |           |                 |                |       |
| <b>18-24 years</b>  | 0           | 0       | 1      | 5         | 1               | 4              | 3     |
| <b>25-34 years</b>  | 1           | 0       | 2      | 3         | 0               | 2              | 5     |
| <b>35-44 years</b>  | 1           | 1       | 0      | 3         | 0               | 2              | 5     |
| <b>45-54 years</b>  | 0           | 1       | 1      | 6         | 1               | 3              | 3     |
| <b>55-64 years</b>  | 1           | 1       | 1      | 5         | 1               | 4              | 1     |
| <b>65+ years</b>  | 1           | 0       | 0      | 2         | 1               | 1              | 0     |
| <b>Totals</b>   | 4           | 3       | 5      | 24        | 4               | 16             | 17    |
| <b>Percentages</b>  | 5.5%        | 4.1%    | 6.8%   | 32.9%     | 5.5%            | 22%            | 23.2% |

Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 12- section 1.**

**“Have you ever become addicted to a prescription medication that was prescribed to you for short term pain management of an injury or surgery? If you answered ‘Yes’ did you ever purchase this medication illegally once your prescription expired?”**



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**“Have you ever become addicted to a prescription medication that was prescribed to you for short term pain management of an injury or surgery?” If you answered ‘Yes’ did you ever purchase this medication illegally once your prescription expired?”**

**Under 18 years left no written responses related to this question**

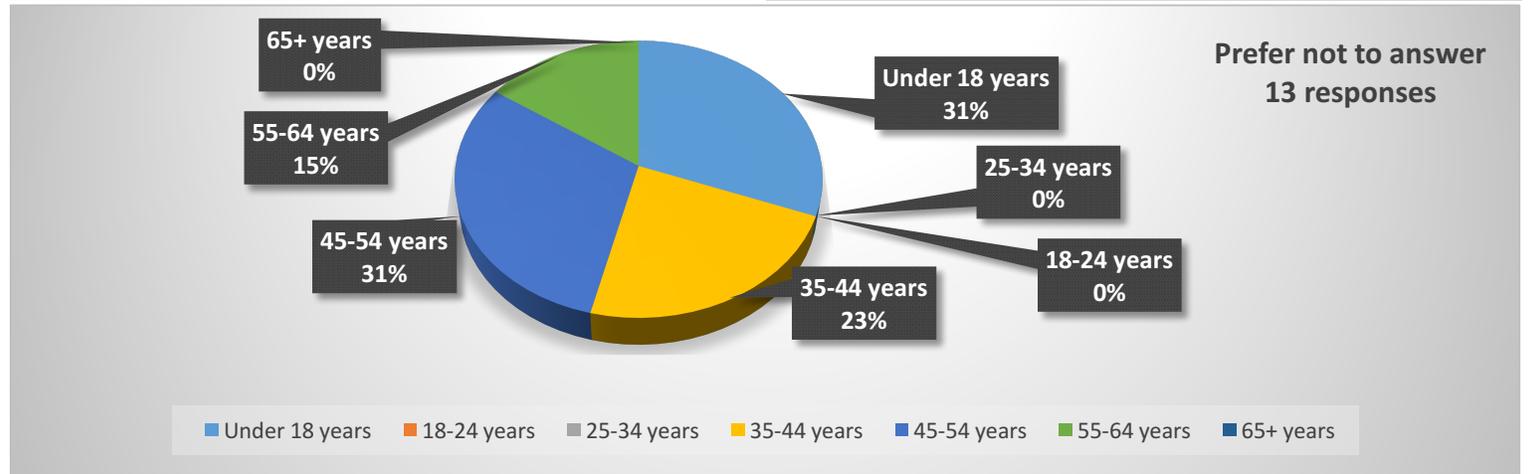
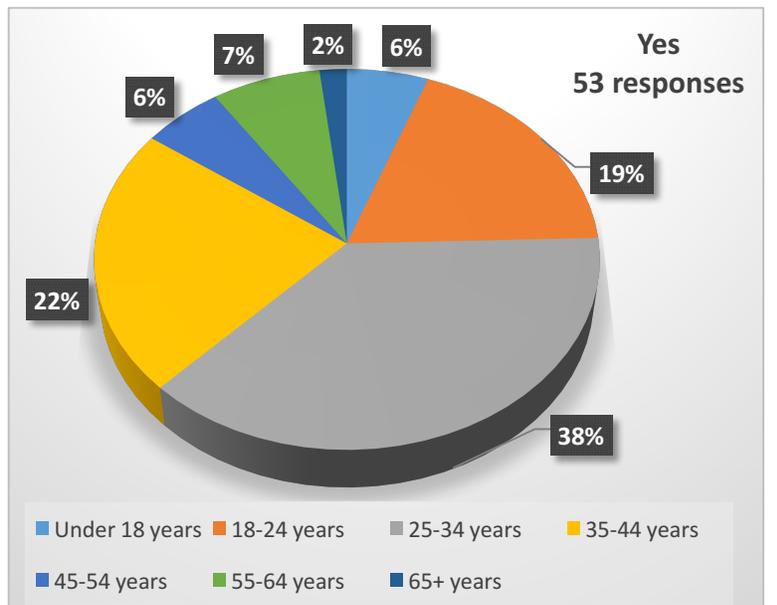
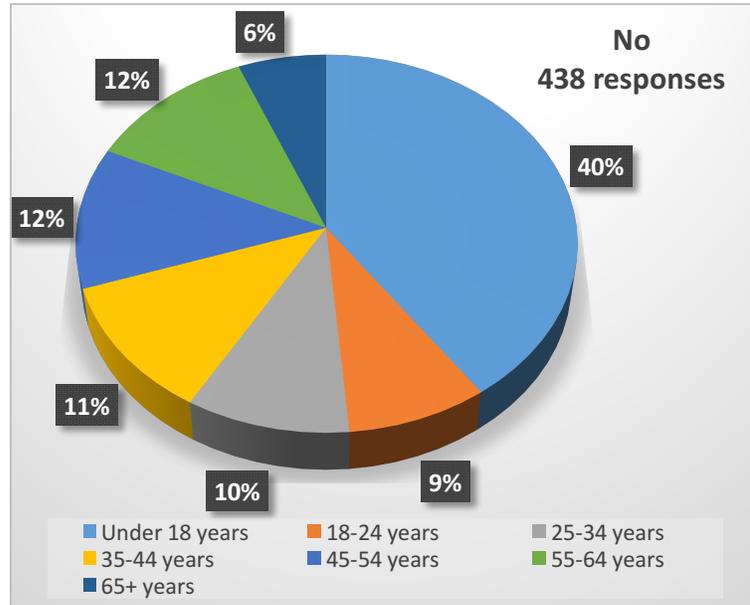
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| <b>18-24 years</b>           | Yes   |
| <b>25-34 years responses</b> | Xanax<br>Yes, when I still had “pain”<br>Yes<br>Yes, all of them<br>Yes |

Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 12- section 2.**  
 “Have you ever become addicted to a prescription medication that was prescribed to you for short term pain management of an injury or surgery?” **If you answered ‘Yes’ did you ever purchase this medication illegally once your prescription expired?”**

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| <b>25-34 years responses</b>  | Yes<br>Yes, I did.<br>Yes   |
| <b>35-44 years responses</b>  | Yes<br>Mobic? Prescribed for back/spine injury-Naproxen<br>Norco and Vicodin<br>Yes, I purchased them illegally<br>Stole it |
| <b>45-54 years responses</b>  | Yes<br>Marijuana after hydrocodone  |
| <b>55-64 years responses</b>  | Yes   |
| <b>65+ Years left no written responses related to this question</b> |   |

Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 13- section 1.**

**“Have you ever participated in a substance use/abuse treatment program?”** If you answered ‘Yes’ please specify below which program and how you were referred to services”



Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 13- section 2.**

**“Have you ever participated in a substance use/abuse treatment program?”** If you answered ‘Yes’ please specify below which program and how you were referred to services”

**Under 18 years left no written responses related to this question**

**18-24 years responses**  
 Friends and Family Church- probation referred  
 I went to rehab in California in July

**25-34 years responses**  
 AA/NA  
 Wasn't referred, sought out myself when I was pregnant  
 Had to when I got arrested

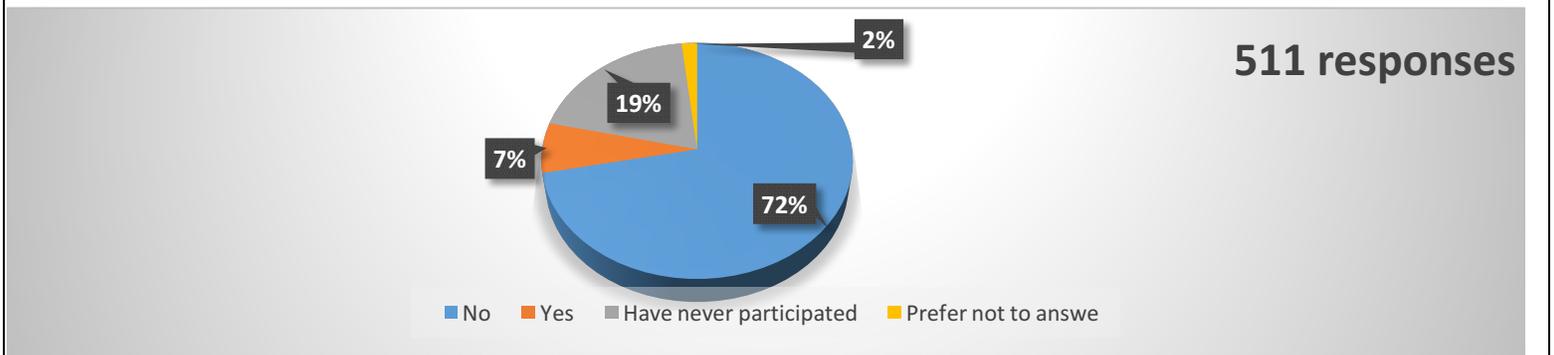
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“Have you ever become addicted to a prescription medication that was prescribed to you for short term pain management of an injury or surgery?” **If you answered ‘Yes’ did you ever purchase this medication illegally once your prescription expired?”**

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| <b>25-34 years responses</b> | Court referred- residential rehab out of Miami Co. b/c they do not offer anything like that<br>Probation referred- Four County<br>Regional mental Health, east of Chicago-Four County- DCS referred, Bowen Center- probation referred;<br>Tara treatment- DCS referred; Trinity- probation referred.<br>IOP; Rehab, AA/NA, Outpatient, in-patient (trinity), Miami County Community based treatment program, community corrections, probation referred.<br>Therapeutic program-WCC<br>IOP |
| <b>35-44 years responses</b> | Court/self-referred- Four County<br>DCS court order<br>I was pulled over for OWI. Had to attend drug and alcohol classes<br>I used to have a drinking problem<br>I participated as the therapist<br>Bowen Center<br>IOP and Trinity<br>Child services<br>Probation/court referred- IOP and relapse prevention   |
| <b>45-54 years responses</b> | On probation ps. of meth- Four County<br>Trinity in/out patient- self referred<br>Fairbanks<br>Alcohol<br>Court referred- Alcohol abuse<br>Court/self-referred Four County<br>Charter/drug treatment personnel; 4-county, court referred, 12- step programs   |
| <b>55-64 years responses</b> | St. Vincent stress center- family referred<br>I was 30 yrs. Old in Jeffersonville, IN,<br>RAJ Clinic, Kokomo from friend. Sycamore Springs, Lafayette through work  |
| <b>65+ years responses</b>   | I have attended Adult Children of Alcohol (ACOA)<br>In Howard and Miami for both my husband (deceased) and daughter who has addiction issues.   |

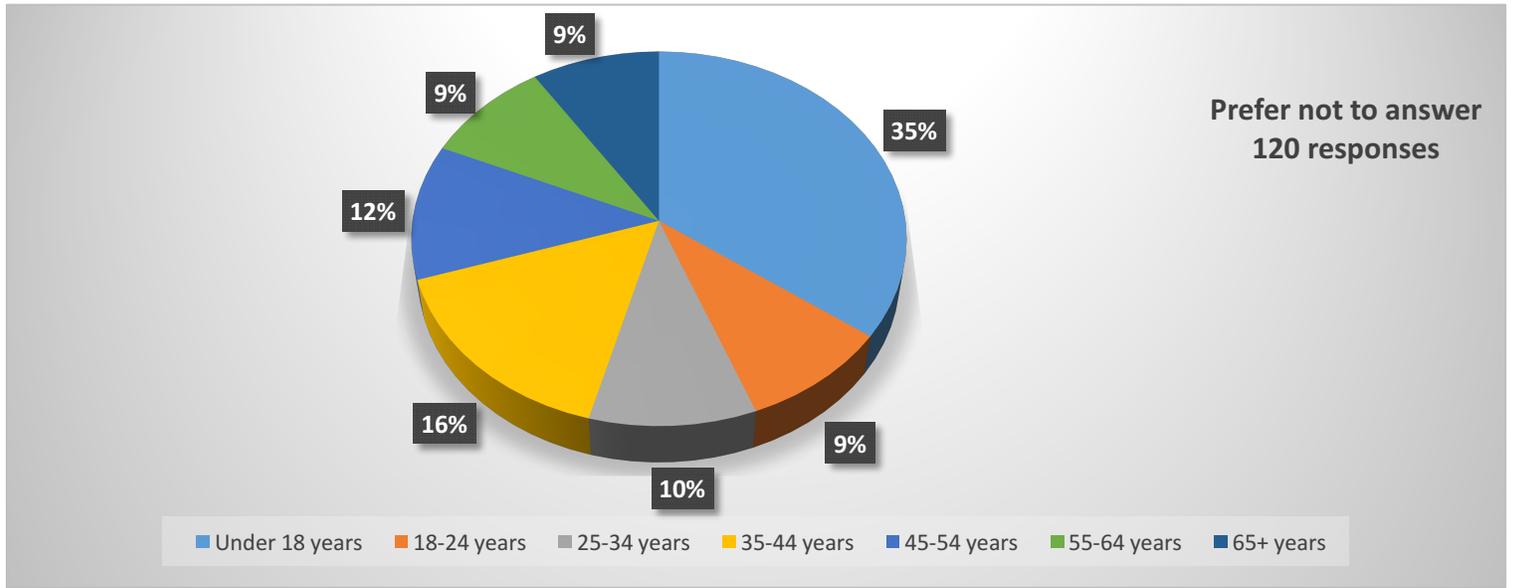
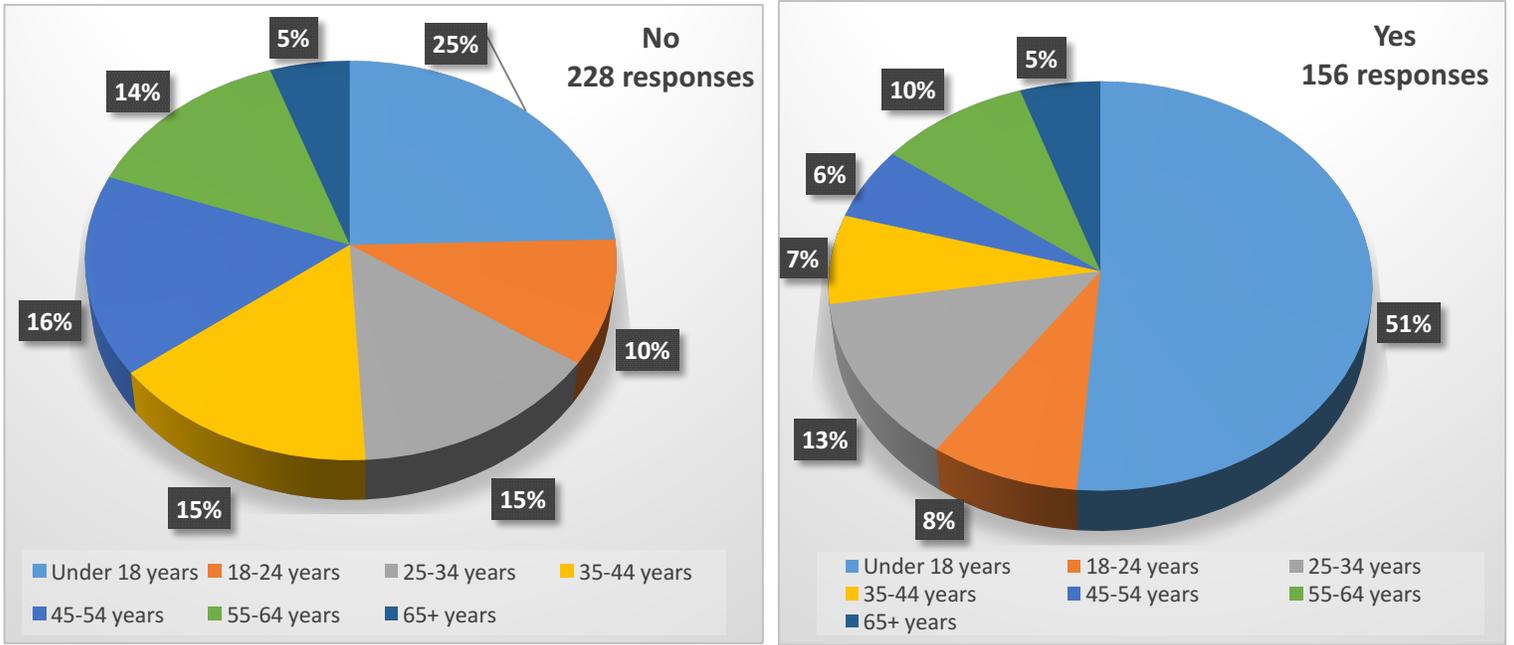
Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment question 14.

“Have you participated in more than one (1) substance use/abuse treatment program over your life span?”



Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 15- section 1.**

**“Do you feel the community provides effective treatment for individuals with substance use/abuse needs? If you answered ‘No’ please explain below what you would like to see improved or made available when participating in substance use/abuse treatment”**



Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 15- section 2.**

**“Do you feel the community provides effective treatment for individuals with substance use/abuse needs? If you answered ‘No’ please explain below what you would like to see improved or made available when participating in substance use/abuse treatment”**

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| <b>Under 18 responses</b> | I don't know<br>Active participation of churches |
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| <p>Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment <b>question 15- section 2.</b><br/>                 “Do you feel the community provides effective treatment for individuals with substance use/abuse needs? <b>If you answered ‘No’ please explain below what you would like to see improved or made available when participating in substance use/abuse treatment”</b></p> |  |
| <p><b>Under 18 responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend: Lack of Awareness</b></p> <p><b>Stigma reduction</b></p>   | <p>Think they're worthless druggies when really they're people who are struggling. They're looked down on, and so that makes them not want to receive help. I think a more social awareness would be nice.</p> <p>I would like to see more effort by the community to treat and prevent substance abuse</p> <p>no treatment center</p> <p>Everyone just goes back to their old ways. I think people need to stay in a group house for a while. they revive them and that's it</p> <p>Instead of helping the small group of addicts, the State would rather throw you in a cell for having some Pot instead of treating the addiction.</p> <p>The people only care about their paychecks. They want people to do it so they can keep their jobs.</p> <p>Peru sucks either way you can't help it</p>   |
| <p><b>18-24 years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend: Lack of awareness</b></p>   | <p>They need to feel that this stuff helps and is around when needed</p> <p>If a person comes to you with a substance problem what makes you think they can pay for help-it's always about money</p> <p>There should be more programs advertised for help.</p> <p>There needs to be less 'sweeping under the rug' and more addressing the issue directly</p> <p>I would like to see more effort being made to prevent substance abuse and treat those affected.</p> <p>More help less jail</p> <p>That's why I went to another state</p>   |
| <p><b>25-34 years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend: Lack of jail rehabilitation services</b></p> <p><b>Lack of awareness</b></p> <p><b>Transitional programing</b></p> <p><b>Local treatment facility</b></p>   | <p>Our substance abuse programs are a joke-MOST use as a supplement income to support habit</p> <p>Because it's just getting worse- We're in an epidemic</p> <p>Not dealing with the issues-masking the symptoms</p> <p>Not enough treatment options-just mask issues</p> <p>Instead of throwing them in jail, we need to rehabilitate them</p> <p>Problems are still persisting</p> <p>Follow up programs</p> <p>Accountability</p> <p>Follow-up services</p> <p>Help with relapse</p> <p>Depends on who you are as to how they help you</p> <p>We have no programs or homes for people. We have Four County who sees you with insurance/only offers therapy. What about cleaning up your life after you are sober. Do you know how hard it is to reset your life-all the triggers every day that cause relapse.</p> <p>Yes and No. Some people need more extensive help to stay/remain sober. Some need rehab help which we need closer to home or longer/stronger NA/AA treatment classes.</p> <p>Could use a local rehab facility</p> <p>Criminals for substance abuse go to jail but are not rehabilitated. They are released and go back to their old ways. They need help, support and proper care to deter future use/abuse</p> <p>Need more rehab close by</p> <p>Brother was turned away because there was not currently high and his addiction wasn't "bad enough" I just don't like four county.</p> |

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| <p><b>25-34 years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend: Lack of jail rehabilitation services</b></p> <p><b>Transitional programing</b></p>    | <p>They just want to lock us up<br/>                 More buildings and campus counseling- half-way houses<br/>                 They don't care they just put people in jail<br/>                 They just put people in jail with no help or programs<br/>                 More programs that are affordable<br/>                 NA/AA meetings in jail/literature, treatment for addicts who seek it rather than punishment. Cognitive therapy will not work for an addict. Four County is a joke. Addicts want support from other addicts, not doctors. Individual based treatment rather than blanket treatments. More than I can fit in this box.</p>  |
| <p><b>35-44 years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend: Lack of knowledge on treatment options</b></p> <p><b>Local treatment facility</b></p> | <p>Unsure<br/>                 Help centers and homeless centers and soup kitchens are a desperate need<br/>                 I don't know<br/>                 A better inpatient treatment plan and outpatient. I had to go out of town to do treatment<br/>                 Again they don't want to seek help or can't afford it<br/>                 Facilities not provided locally or not qualified staff<br/>                 Long-term help<br/>                 Enforcement of jail time if not seeking change. Help to overcome if abuser is willing to repent<br/>                 Unknown<br/>                 I don't know what it provides<br/>                 I don't know<br/>                 I don't know what they offer<br/>                 Be able to treat them emotionally and be more stern on discipline<br/>                 I don't know<br/>                 ?<br/>                 I don't know<br/>                 Be able to treat them emotionally and be more stern on discipline<br/>                 Need suboxone dr/methadone clinic<br/>                 There is no emergency inpatient facility for detox<br/>                 I don't know<br/>                 Instead of the county profiting from sentencing people to prison, more rehabilitation<br/>                 Not sure<br/>                 More programs that treat specific things<br/>                 I wish there was a behavior modification program here<br/>                 They need to stop turning people down for treatment because they cannot pay for it<br/>                 I feel we use addicts and support their habit by trying to get to others, you see the same people arrested and released with no help<br/>                 Local treatment facility more people sent to 12 step programs</p> |

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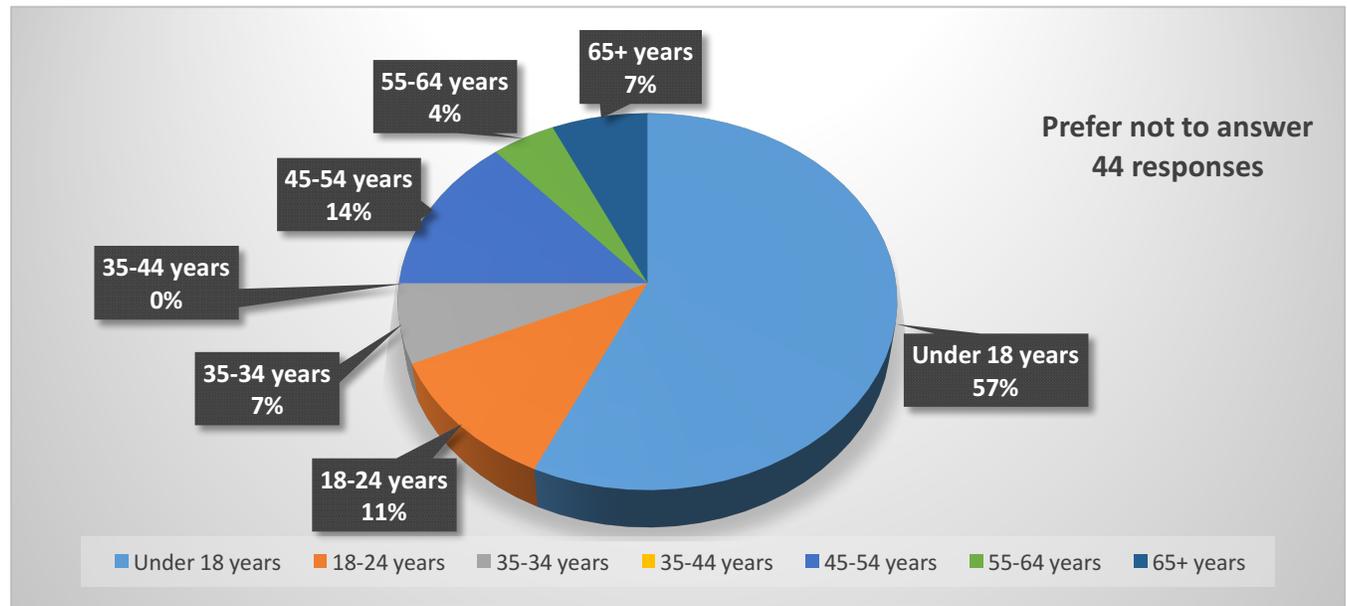
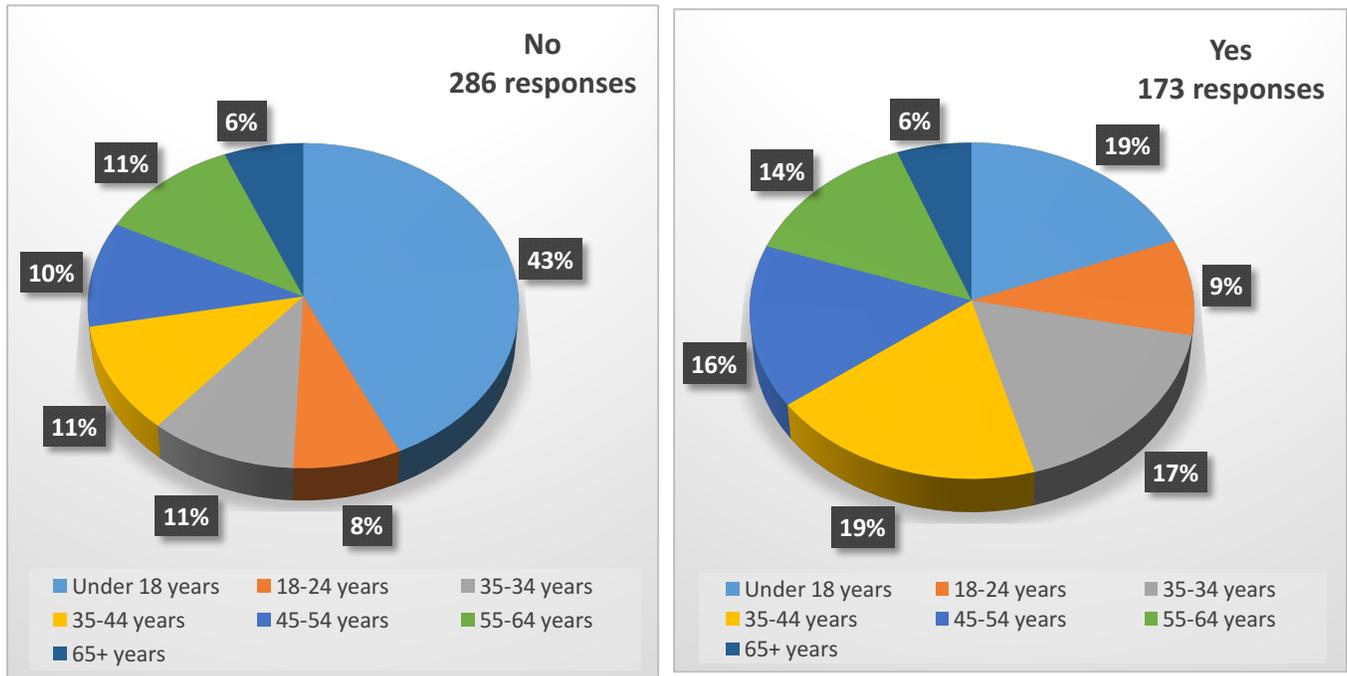
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| <p><b>45-54 years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend: Lack of knowledge of treatment options</b></p> | <p>A half-way house type of treatment that serves people after detox/jail and keeps them in a safe environment until other treatment is available.</p> <p>Need more immediate help for those with substance abuse issues</p> <p>Jail does not help with addiction nor addressing the issues nor treatment involved with addicts</p> <p>They need more programs that help get drug abuse out of our county</p> <p>Education-physical help</p> <p>Unsure but due to high rate of abuse, I’m sure more services are needed</p> <p>I am not sure as I don’t have or know anyone in Miami County trying to access services</p> <p>Don’t know</p> <p>I don’t know of any-advertisement could improve</p> <p>Addressing more than just substance abuse</p> <p>There is more incarceration than treatment so a temporary “band aide” until another arrest</p> <p>More resources and treatment rather than jail</p> <p>Four County is awesome</p> <p>Counseling for people without insurance</p> <p>They provide classes that are too long, during working hours and it makes it hard to keep an 8hr. shift.</p> <p>They try to keep you busy when you are already busy and struggling</p> <p>I am unsure and don't know</p> <p>More pubic info, billboards, public service announcements, school programs, narcan training at hospitals.</p> |
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| <p><b>55-64 Years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend: Lack of knowledge of treatment options</b></p> <p><b>Accessibility</b></p> <p><b>Workforce development and policy change</b></p> | <p>Don’t know</p> <p>Resources limited-4CCC overtaxed</p> <p>Needs to be more programing available</p> <p>Questionable</p> <p>Court ordered counseling, education classes, NA meetings, ACOA meetings</p> <p>Tougher laws and penalties</p> <p>Great efforts!</p> <p>Identification and aggressive social work on their behalf</p> <p>Don’t know for sure</p> <p>Most I’ve met are not really wanting to end their substance abuse. I think resources are available their just not motivated.</p> <p>I am not aware of what they have to offer</p> <p>Free services</p> <p>Identifiable that you have a problem</p> <p>I don’t know</p> <p>Jesus is the answer</p> <p>Never enough programs</p> <p>If people were honest, there are many more addicted people in this community than what you see week to week at the local AA or NA meetings. Unfortunately, too many do not think they have a problem, so they do not seek help or treatment.</p> <p>Don’t know</p> |
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| <p><b>55-64 years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend: Lack of knowledge of treatment options</b></p> <p><b>Accessibility</b></p> <p><b>Workforce development and policy change</b></p> | <p>More half-way housing</p> <p>More police presence at apartment complexes</p> <p>Emergency clinic for old’s</p>   |
| <p><b>65+ years responses</b></p> <p><b>Trend: Collaboration among service agencies</b></p>   | <p>Unsure</p> <p>They try to</p> <p>Civilian doctors and veteran doctors need a combined program to better deal with mental health issues. Simple medications or two week programs do not work. Most mental health issues are long term and require long observation before a valid determination of the patients health can be made.</p> <p>When the county had something at the hospital that helped- add two big half-way houses</p> <p>In light of growing substance abuse/mental health issues, and the families involved-something needs to change.</p> |

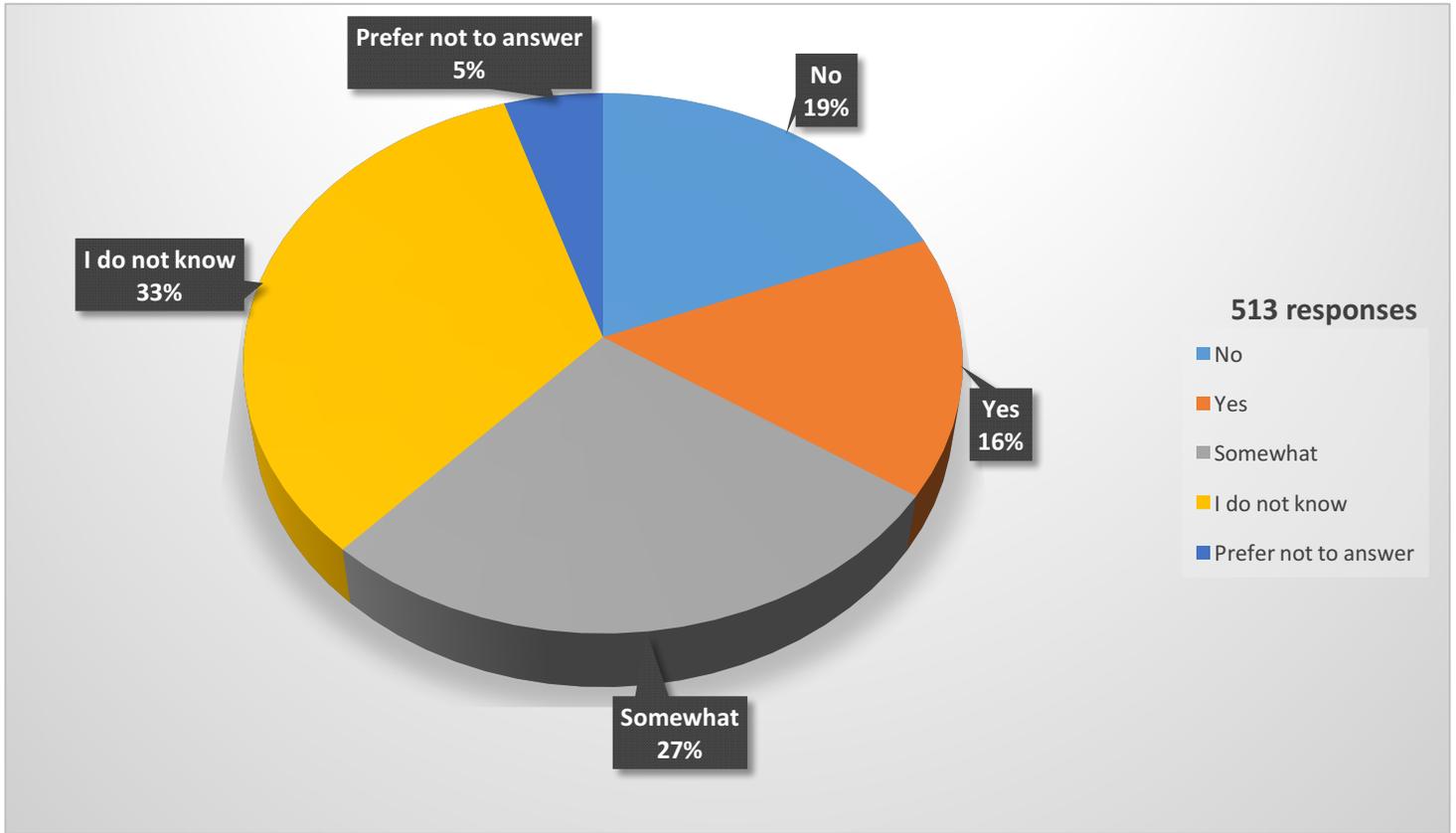
Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 16- section 1.**  
**“Have you ever been exposed to traumatic events in your lifetime?”** If you answered ‘Yes’ please describe below”



| Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment <b>question 16- section 2.</b><br><b>“Have you ever been exposed to traumatic events in your lifetime?” If you answered ‘Yes’ please describe below”</b> |  |
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| <b>Under 18 responses</b><br><br><b>Trend:</b><br><b>Substance Use</b>   | My dad was an alcoholic<br>I have been physically and sexually abused and more<br>Family substance abuse<br>Abuse<br>My father was addicted to meth<br>Neighbor died from Heroine od a week ago.   |
| <b>18-24 years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend:</b><br><b>Substance Use</b>  | Mother passed away at a young age<br>Abuse, sexual abuse, family substance abuse-etc.<br>Some family members abuse drugs<br>Abuse/neglect<br>My ex-husband...<br>Alcoholism  |
| <b>25-34 years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend:</b><br><b>Substance use</b><br><br><b>Sexual abuse</b><br><br><b>Physical abuse</b><br><br><b>Domestic violence</b>  | I was in an abusive relationship. Childhood cut short due to my “love” taking advantage of me at a young age.<br>Abuse<br>Neglect<br>trauma<br>Abuse<br>Alcoholism<br>I was abused sexually-physically and mentally<br>Mother and her boyfriend drank.<br>Sexual abuse as a child and domestic abuse as an adult<br>Mental, Physical, Sexual, Verbal abuse-Neglect<br>Physical, Mental, Emotional abuse<br>My son passing away!<br>Dad was an alcoholic, step-dad abused me and my mom, family death, overdose fo friend, jailed away from family.<br>Neglect, sexual abuse, drug abuse<br>Abuse and death |
| <b>35-44 years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend:</b><br><b>Substance abuse</b>  | Family substance abuse<br>Grandfather was an alcoholic Sexual, physical, psychological trauma<br>Abuse, neglect, and family substance abuse<br>As a foster child I dealt with abuse, neglect, and family issues<br>Abuse and rape<br>Abuse<br>Mental abuse; father is alcoholic  |
| <b>45-54 years responses</b>   | Too many to answer<br>Loss of my son<br>Parental abandonment<br>Physical, mental, substance abuse<br>Deaths in family (sister, father, nephew)   |

| Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment <b>question 16- section 2.</b><br>“Have you ever been exposed to traumatic events in your lifetime?” <b>If you answered ‘Yes’ please describe below”</b> |   |
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| <b>45-54 years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend: Death</b><br><br><b>Domestic violence</b>  | Rape, abusive ex-husband, and lost a child by suicide<br>Yes was physically abused by my ex-spouse as well as my children.  |
| <b>55-64 Years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend: Domestic violence</b><br><br><b>Death</b><br><br><b>Substance Use</b>  | Murder, divorce, death<br>Sexual, verbal, physical abuse-substance abuse in family<br>My addiction<br>Childhood molest-date rape<br>Death of family members and found brothers body when I was 13<br>Death of family members<br>PTSD issues from past<br>Mental, physical 17 years ex-marriage<br>Spousal abuse<br>Father beating my mother |
| <b>65+ years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend: Domestic violence</b>  | Death of spouse<br>Adopted. Adoptive family dysfunctional due to PTSD and abusive wife. Mother became addicted to Rx. Meds.<br>Husband abuse<br>Not effective<br>Vietnam vet<br>From my deceased husband and daughter   |

Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 17- section 1.**  
**“Do you feel as though trauma is understood by service providers within the community? If you answered ‘No’ or ‘Somewhat’, what do you feel could help service providers better understand trauma?”**



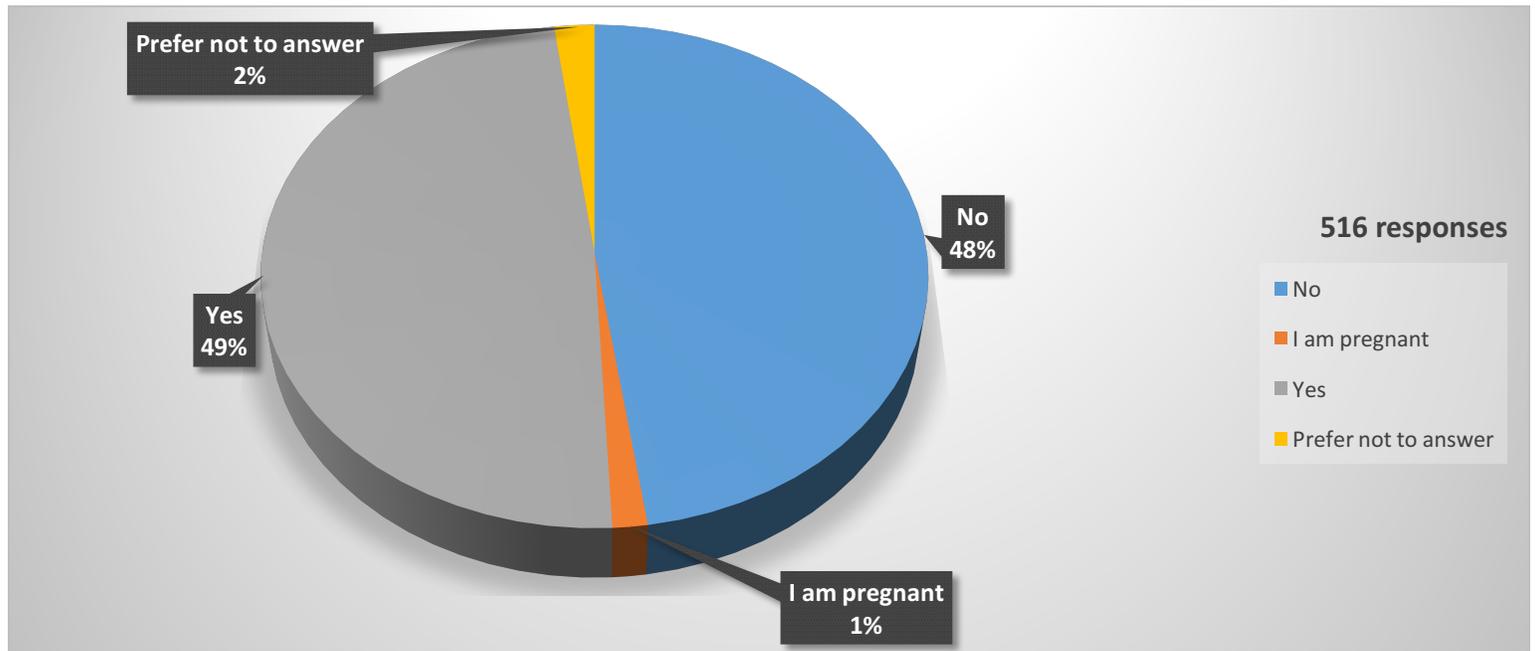
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| <p><b>Under 18 years responses</b><br/>Trend:<br/>Compassion</p>    | <p>I think love and compassion and a desire to understand and help is very important and can always improve.<br/>I know people who have experienced it before and the people you "talk" to didn't help</p>  |
| <p><b>18-24 years responses</b><br/>Trend:<br/>Stigma reduction</p> | <p>Not sure how they could better understand unless they went through it<br/>Instead of outputting people they should try better to listen and help<br/>More one on one time with victims to better understand.<br/>Chill out and validate people. Not ridicule them for feeling the way they do.<br/>Have the people teaching the classes actually have experience in the field<br/>Practicing mindfulness every day</p> |
| <p><b>25-34 years responses</b><br/>Trend:<br/>Compassion</p>       | <p>Need more concern not just a paycheck<br/>I feel mental professionals need to help and understand all underlying causes big or small that lead people to abuse the substance, then seek proper help and medication for the person.</p>   |

| Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment <b>question 17- section 2.</b><br><b>“Do you feel as though trauma is understood by service providers within the community? If you answered ‘No’ or ‘Somewhat’, what do you feel could help service providers better understand trauma?”</b> |  |
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| <b>25-34 years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend:</b>  | I think we need the community to really look as what trauma does overall to a person, and why trauma leads to addiction to escape reality. This is something we really need to work hard on to prevent less users/addiction.<br>They just want you to talk about it they never work up to it<br>Info from professionals on effects made more available<br>PTSD-long term care<br>They really don’t care if you don’t wanna take medication or “visit” them.<br>All about money and a quota to arrest people<br>Experience in understanding. Making a wage to hear others experience doesn’t make you an expert or an experienced consultant.<br>People who have gone through the same thing<br>People who have gone through something similar themselves |
| <b>35-44 years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend:</b>  | More help<br>I don’t know<br>Need more training probably<br>Need more therapeutic people that truly care and show it<br>There could be training available for those service providers who aren’t familiar with it so they can refer others/clients when necessary.<br>I don’t see the help. I have a family member who needs help and I don’t see any<br>Better training   |
| <b>44-54 years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend:</b>  | They do not listen<br>I think this community need to be better informed on trauma informed care. Providers need to be educated @ the culture of lower income individuals who are victimized because of poor life choices.<br>They want to categorize it all in one and treat as soon as they cannot do that and succeed.<br>Listening isn’t enough<br>Usually the provider learns by textbook and not personal experience.<br>There is if you have money or insurance<br>More training on a variety of levels. We need more people who work with trauma issues that are not associated with substance abuse<br>By therapists etc. but not the average person.<br>Unsure<br>More time spent with individuals with traumas                                 |
| <b>55-64 years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend:</b>  | More education and training<br>Others would understand better what the problems our citizens face are.<br>More training<br>Training and experience listening to those who have<br>Jesus is the answer<br>More education<br>Don’t know how to answer  |
| <b>65+ years responses</b><br><br><b>Trend:</b>  | I don’t know what kind of training they get but “book learning” isn’t enough. Many of us got through out trauma and could speak intelligently to those traumas if they would hear us.<br>New vets have faced trauma that can only be understood by those that have been there. We do not prepare our children for the horrors of war.  |

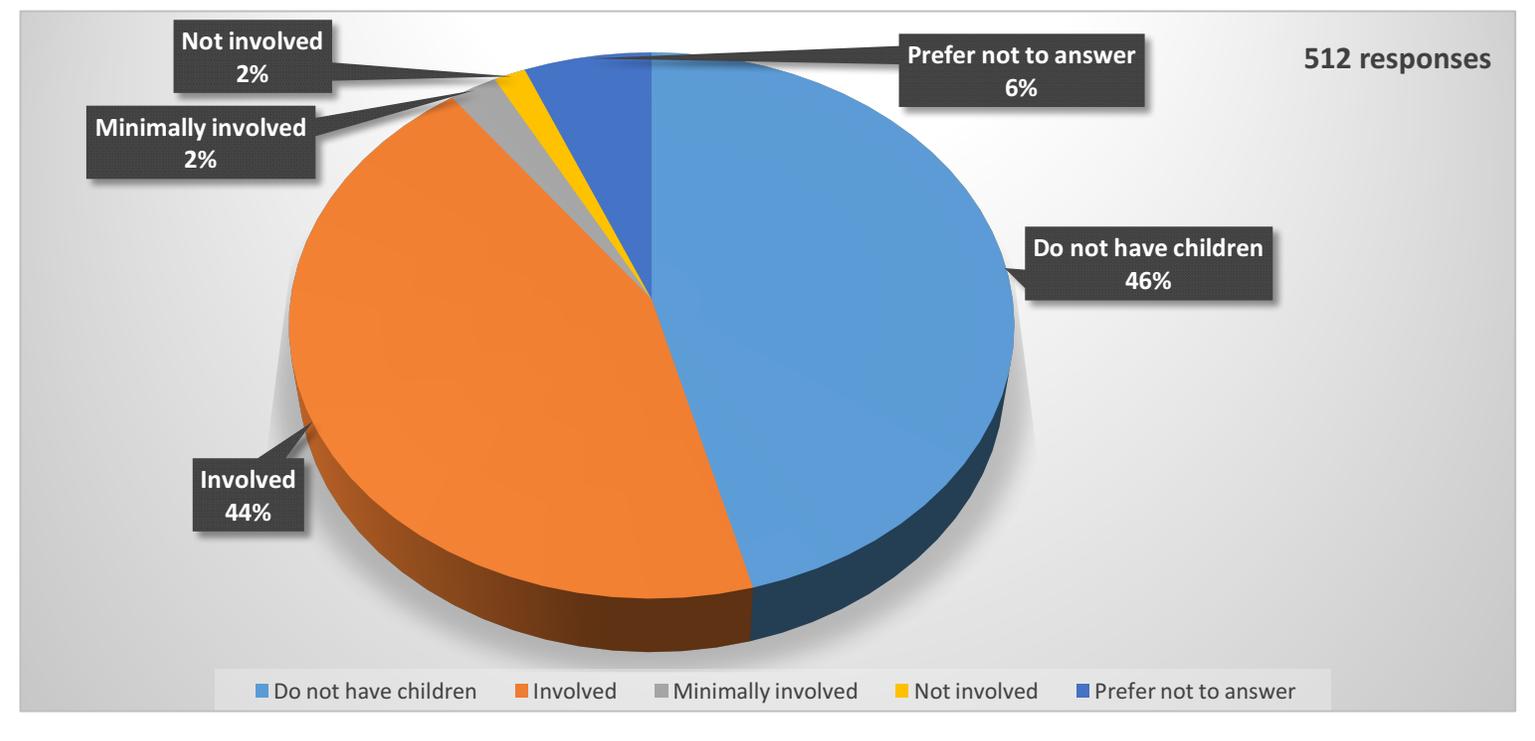
Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment question 18.

**“Do you have children?”**



Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment question 19.

**“If you answered ‘Yes’ to having children, which answer best describes your participation level in your child (rens) lives?”**



Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 20.**

**“If you could create a program within the community of Miami County, based off of an original idea or current program in another area, what would it be?”**

**Under 18 years responses**

I could create a place I would create a place for teenagers to hang out. There is only fast food here with bars and churches on every corner. I have heard multiple people say that there are more churches and bars in Peru than there is anywhere else.

I would like a place like a roller skating rink or another bowling alley so teenagers get exercise, instead of fast food. They have some where to go instead of just staying at home doing nothing at all.

Pancake appreciation group. A group dedicated to the creation of the perfect pancake.

The group's secondary goal is to inform and help people on how to make pancakes.

I would make a community event to increase awareness and raise funds for the treatment and prevention of substance abuse.

Community awareness events, recovery homes, Emergency room intervention after Narcan administering, treatment options.

If I will create a program created by me, I'll choose the food program. Food program where the government can pay or we can earn donations or maybe we can pay it every month; where people who are malnourished can it. Old people can eat, civilians can eat.

If I could create a program within the community, it would be something like a community even just so people could get together and just spend time with each other, like a social event.

I think we should have a free clinic because so many people won't go to the hospital because they can't afford it. Maybe this can save somebody's life.

I think a youth group would be effective, because it would be good fellowship, and a good way for the gospel to be spread.

Youth group

I can't think of anything specific. Anything that offers the truth and hope of Jesus to broken people.

Driver's ed and better youth center than the YMCA

More centers where all types of people can hang out

Create a community event to raise awareness and funds for substance abuse prevention

I don't know enough to answer

Youth group

Youth group

I don't know

I'm not sure, maybe just a good environment where kids could come and make friends

Youth group

Youth group

**18-24 years responses**

Classes that help students better discover what it is they want to do with their lives.

I would make a community event to increase awareness and raise funds for the treatment and prevention of substance abuse.

there's too many people on meth and heroin crashing into trees. someone might get hit.

Community music night with bands from all schools and music groups within the community!

I would create mental health association groups for those who have loved ones with mental illnesses

People should better understand how to help someone having panic/anxiety attacks or other problems like that

Raise awareness of substance abuse and mental illness

Provide sponsors and a safe place to go when you feel like using to keep your mind off it.

Meth and heroin rehab place, more than 90 days. Methadone clinic

Not sure but I think there needs to be more advertising. A lot of people don't know about the resources.

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| <p><b>18-24 years responses</b></p> | <p>Treatment ideas/substance abuse<br/>                 Original substance abuse classes<br/>                 Housing shelters for people in need<br/>                 “Normal” people meet with mentally ill to learn they are not dangerous or bad<br/>                 Substance help because everybody just needs that little push<br/>                 Something different with a substance abuse program<br/>                 More things for youth, more 18+ so less trouble is made<br/>                 Should do good with what you get<br/>                 Community event<br/>                 Substance abuse treatment, I feel as though addicts cannot get the help they need<br/>                 After school/Summer youth groups-camps<br/>                 Youth event<br/>                 Substance abuse treatment, community events geared to unify<br/>                 Youth group<br/>                 Young adult program 18-25 years.</p>   |
| <p><b>25-34 years responses</b></p> | <p>A group that would visit the elderly in nursing homes<br/>                 Almond Tree substance abuse<br/>                 Substance abuse program<br/>                 Residential rehab and transportation<br/>                 Rehab program<br/>                 “Living Free” through Calvary Temple Church<br/>                 Rehab<br/>                 One focused on drugs and sexual abuse<br/>                 One to help people with their drug problem only<br/>                 Detox facility that provides outpatient therapy- NO SUBOXONE<br/>                 Experienced staff with past addicts involved, NA/AA in the jail-literature and opportunity for meetings, Less sentencing/repeat offenders, more treatment, Understanding in the legal system that addiction is a disease not a life choice that can be taught to avoid.<br/>                 Residential rehab, transportation<br/>                 Substance abuse<br/>                 I would want to start a program for teens/young adults to help them find things to do. Volunteer/side jobs, arts/crafts, something to get them from being bored. Boredom creates issues in some people.<br/>                 All need, this town needs it<br/>                 Transportation made easier, a free group for anyone to talk and spend time- More AA/NA groups<br/>                 I would start a living unit in which people could go to get proper assessments, meds and help. And then could rehabilitate, get medical insurance, and work. They would be in a positive environment so they can feel confident enough to move forward and be productive.<br/>                 Local rehab facility, I see so many people wanting help with no transportation, etc.<br/>                 Substance abuse treatment, meth and heroin are a major subject that needs help. Ways-steps to stay clean after you are clean.<br/>                 Toddlers<br/>                 Youth group activities, cooking classes, craft-art<br/>                 Helping law enforcement Providing love for those with addictions<br/>                 Classes, transportation, meals @ community center, work for vouchers for meals, clothes, shelter, etc.</p> |

Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 20.**

**“If you could create a program within the community of Miami County, based off of an original idea or current program in another area, what would it be?”**

**25-34 years responses**

Mentoring programs for at risk youth, abused young woman/mothers, a safe house for victims of abuse.  
 Youth group  
 "Circles" program of support operating in other communities such as Evansville, IN.  
 Celebrate recovery program in Crawfordsville, IN at Rock Pointe Bible Church, classes, faith based programs  
 Faith based program to help overcome addictions  
 Community event-classes teaching people life skills and personal responsibility  
 Single parenting classes  
 Rehab, trauma counseling place for community. Clothes/food for those in need.  
 Not sure  
 A community center at no cost to counselors with treatment therapy for substance abusers.  
 Treatment program for addicts because jail isn't the place.  
 Angel services need to be in Miami County

**35-44 years responses**

Drug clinics- suboxone/methadone  
 Long-term treatment facility for addicts run by addicts  
 Classes, training non-addicts like ALAMON detox  
 I would open and run a kitchen and homeless shelter  
 New schools and playgrounds  
 Women’s shelter, child abuse center  
 Abuse, compassion instead of judgment  
 Mentoring for those willing to make changes  
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 Youth group-community event  
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 A place for foster families and biological families to meet and get biblical counsel.  
 Career training- plumbing, electrical, computers  
 Support groups for special needs  
 Substance abuse education, more counseling, single mom programs  
 People need to feel safe and that they won’t be judged. This town is dying from substance use  
 Florida State has RTU behavior Modification program; retrain thinking  
 Help for people who are not receiving child support, other than pantry  
 A group for adult and youth about the drug epidemic  
 Work skills training, hands on experience for teenagers that will give them the know-how skills to be prepared for work or ordinary around the house chore. A program that has someone to help the sick/shut-ins. Home care  
 Youth group  
 Youth group- substance abuse treatment centers (inpatient)  
 Addicts and addiction needs to be evaluated individually  
 Homeless shelter-non religious center  
 Homeless people need homes- children need more places to go for activities  
 Youth group- transportation ideas

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**“If you could create a program within the community of Miami County, based off of an original idea or current program in another area, what would it be?”**

**45-54 years responses**

- In-patient short term treatment facility that transitions to 12 step recovery programs
- Community events
- Transportation circuit (bus route) so people can complete several errands in different locations.
- Residential facility to assist with substance abuse recovery.
- Youth group for multiple churches participating
- More hands on/listening
- Food banks/transportation
- Youth group
- Court, law enforcement, and local churches working together to create a physical location for diagnosis, treatment and ongoing support.
- Unsure, but data would help
- I am a financial advisor so I'd probably want to help young people and families understand the importance and how to plan for their finances and future.
- Not sure
- Classes/community events for youth
- Tutoring
- Accountability groups-relationship teaching about how to handle trauma, emotional needs, relationships....
- Programs for women who have been abused in all different ways
- Not heard from counselors about traumatic events
- Youth group that brings all the churches together
- Homeless shelter, halfway house, free mental and substance abuse help
- Faith based programing to help people who are in denial about their addictions
- More on hand programing that will work
- Need more NA meetings and cheaper help
- We need a residential program in Miami County
- Yes, stop this face to face then see a doctor then get scripts. If you are out of meds that's stupid for those who can't go without. Bowen Center is not that way, it's much better.
- Group counseling for grief where it doesn't cost to attend, and it doesn't have a start and end day.
- Education info and more resources for mental health issues and abuse
- Community event
- Classes, transportation and community events

**55-64 years responses**

- Program run by recovering addicts for addicts
- Boys club- awareness event
- Not sure, but needs to be long term
- Youth programs are needed, reach them when they are young
- Give them the gospel of Jesus
- Teach the Bible
- Housing for homeless
- Homeless shelter and place for drug abuse people to stay
- All of the above
- A dance center for kids, indoor parks, paints/crafts
- Place for under 21 kids to go
- Mentoring, accountability, buddy system, classes/seminars and those listed above as discipline

Individual responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 20.**  
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| <p><b>55-64 years responses</b></p> | <p>Community resource center that is both attractive socially and helpful in counseling and assisting needy individuals and families.<br/>                 A hospital addiction program<br/>                 Don't know<br/>                 Something for the handicap<br/>                 Instead of enabling legal or illegal drug use by just trading one for the other find ways to get them off completely.<br/>                 Mentoring<br/>                 GED programing in the jail for females- program for inmates coming out of Miami County Jail/half-way house<br/>                 All of the above<br/>                 Community event<br/>                 Health and wellness programing for all ages, Christian based counseling and rehabilitation help<br/>                 Program in another area, youth group, classes<br/>                 Someone other than Four County Counseling Center to talk to<br/>                 More support groups</p> |
| <p><b>65+ years responses</b></p>   | <p>Big half-way houses<br/>                 Youth group sponsored by churches<br/>                 ACOA, NAMI, I don't think there is any help of domestic abuse, especially kids who witness it even if they aren't being hit. And Salvation Army is closing, who's going to feed the hungry?<br/>                 More clothing for lower income families<br/>                 Don't know enough about this to offer ideas<br/>                 “Most excellent way”<br/>                 Youth group/substance abuse classes<br/>                 More things for teens to do<br/>                 Activities and programs for high schoolers<br/>                 Help for elderly</p>   |

Charted responses to Miami County community needs assessment **question 21.**  
**“Please specify your zip code”**

