

CT Balance of State  
(CT BOS)  
Continuum of Care  
(CoC)  
Steering Committee  
Meeting

July 18, 2025



# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Group Agreements for Meetings
- Adopt June Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- Federal Updates
- CoC Policy Change Proposal
- Data Strategy Board Updates
- 2025 Participant Survey Results
- Break Out Groups
- Partner Announcements & Other Business



# CT BOS Group Agreements for Meetings

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Developed by Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP)

- Be present and listen actively
- Choose courage over comfort
- Participate to the fullest of your ability
- Take space, make space
- Assume good intent, but also acknowledge impact
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Use "I" statements
- Recognize emotional tax, extra labor, and burden that Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPI), Latino/a/x, LGBTQ+, persons with Behavioral Health issues, DV survivors, Veterans and people with lived expertise/experience of homelessness face in some conversations
- Honor the Conflicts of Interest Policy



# Approve June Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

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Draft June 2025 Steering Committee Minutes

# Announcements





Welcome Ernest  
Saunders,  
New CT BOS  
Community Rep!

Welcome  
Jackie Gardner,  
New HMIS  
Director!





## Reminder - HMIS Weekly Office Hours

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- Real time support and guidance on CT HMIS
- Assistance with any questions or challenges

### Office Hours Details:

**Day: Every Thursday**

**Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

### How to Join:

Please [register](#) to receive the Zoom link.

# Reminder: Post Steering Committee Debrief

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- Anyone who has questions or comments about Steering Committee business can stay on at the end of the monthly zoom meeting.
- As always, questions/comments can also be sent [CTBOSCoC@gmail.com](mailto:CTBOSCoC@gmail.com) or call a team member any time!



# Food Resources

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- Mobile pantries throughout the state
  - [Foodshare Mobile Pantry Finder](#)
- CT Summer Meals Program – feeds children during the summer
  - [SUN meals site finder](#)



# Federal Updates

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# FY25 Reconciliation vs. Appropriations Bills

FY25 Reconciliation Bill	FY26 Appropriations Bills
Signed into Law on 7/4/25	President's <u>Proposal Released in May</u> ; <u>House Bill</u> Released 7/14; Senate bill pending
Not subject to filibuster	Subject to filibuster
Deals with Non-Discretionary Spending (e.g., Entitlements)	Deals with Discretionary Spending (e.g., HUD Budget)
Included cuts to Medicaid & SNAP	<u>Will establish budget for CoC program - funds 2026 Competition</u>



# FY26 House HUD Appropriations Bill

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Very early in budget process, but some good news...

- \$4.158 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants
  - ✓ Includes CoC, YHDP, ESG, and HOPWA
- Funding to renew 60,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)
- Full funding to renew all Housing Choice Vouchers contracts
- Continued funding for CDBG

No funding for HOME – notes unspent ARPA funding



## GOOD NEWS - 2025 Budget Reconciliation Law

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### **Low-income Tax Credit (LIHTC) Allocation**

- Includes funding increase for the 9% LIHTC allocation
- Now more tax credits for building or rehabilitating affordable rental housing.

### **Private Activity Bond Threshold Reduction**

- Projects qualify for 4% LIHTC credits with only 25% bond financing (instead of 50%)
- Change will boost development of affordable housing units

# Changes to Medicaid - 2025 Budget Reconciliation Law

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- Aged 19 to 64 insured through Medicaid Expansion:
  - Must prove at least 80 hours in 1 month in past 6 months:
    - ✓ Working, community service, or work training
  - Exemptions include – not a comprehensive list:
    - ✓ Caregivers of children aged 13 and below
    - ✓ Medically frail
    - ✓ Pregnant
    - ✓ Participating in substance use treatment



# Changes to Medicaid (2)

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- Requires states to verify enrollee address
- Co-pays as high as \$35 per service – limited to 5% of family income
- Re-determine eligibility every 6 months (Medicaid Expansion)
- Restricts eligibility to legal permanent residents and US Citizens
  - Disqualifies refugees, parolees, asylees, abused spouses/children, trafficking victims
- Limits federal matching payments for Emergency Medicaid for undocumented
- Limits retroactive Medicaid coverage
  - Reduces period of coverage for expenses incurred before application date

# Medicaid Strategies to Help Clients Retain Coverage

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Recommendations from National Alliance to End Homelessness conference:

- Aged/Blind/Disabled population not subject to work requirements or more frequent eligibility determination
  - ✓ Get people on SSI/SSDI
- Work with State on data matching to identify people eligible for exemptions
- Upload documents to HMIS to prepare for more onerous paperwork requirements



# Changes to SNAP – 2025 Budget

- SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program = Food Stamps
- Expands work requirements (20 hours/week):
  - ✓ Now includes adults aged 55-64
  - ✓ Removes exemptions for People Experiencing Homelessness, Veterans, & Youth Aging out of Foster Care
  - ✓ Narrows definition of caregiver exemption to cover only children under 14.
- Disqualifies refugees, parolees, asylees, abused spouses/children, trafficking victims
- Reduces how often benefits are adjusted to keep pace with inflation
- Increases state cost sharing – puts pressure on state budgets



# 2025 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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- HUD will release a 2025 NOFO
- No timeline provided
- Focus on:
  - treatment & recovery
  - reducing unsheltered homelessness
  - reducing returns to homelessness
  - increasing earned income
- Eligible new projects include:
  - street outreach & transitional housing



## 2025 HUD CoC NOFO (2)

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- Too many unknowns to release RFP (Request for Proposal) for new projects
- Have projects from last year that may be able to move forward in this competition
- Decision on competition for new funds to be made after NOFO release
  - If there is an RFP, will have tight turnaround
- Stay tuned for more information – pending HUD release



# Preparing for CoC Competition

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- Make sure that your E-SNAPS applicant profile is up to date.
- **NEW** indirect cost form in applicant profile - applicant must:
  - Indicate whether you are applying an indirect cost rate
  - If yes – choose 10% de minimis or a negotiated indirect cost rate (NICRA).
  - If using a NICRA - complete the associated chart.
  - Questions? See the following resources:
    - Indirect Costs, Administrative Costs & Matching Funds - slides
    - Recording: <https://youtu.be/YwjZYf7vMyc>
  - If your agency has a NICRA, it must be applied to each federal grant.



## Preparing for CoC Competition (2)

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- **NEW** e-snaps new security measure
  - Makes users inactive after 90 days
  - Log into e-snaps at least every 90 days
- Locked out?
  - Contact the esnaps helpdesk:  
[e-snaps@hud.gov](mailto:e-snaps@hud.gov)

# What can I do? Advocacy

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Advocacy toolkit, [Opposing Cuts to Affordable Housing](#):

- Full funding for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) & Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs).
- Increased funding for public housing
- \$4.922 billion for HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG)
- \$20 million for the Eviction Protection Grant Program (EPGP)
- At least \$1.3 billion for HUD's Tribal housing programs and \$150 million Tribes with the greatest needs

Advocate for HUD to [honor 2-year NOFO](#).



## Advocacy (2)

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- Call congressional members
- Use [NLIHC's Take Action page](#) to make calls
- Share stories of those impacted
- [Learn about how to tell compelling stories](#)





## CoC Policy Proposal

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Proposal to change CAN policies:

Eliminate for Transitional Housing Projects: ***“Projects may serve only participants with income below 30% of area median income (AMI).”***



# 2025 Renewal Evaluation

## DMHAS & CT BOS Participant Survey Results

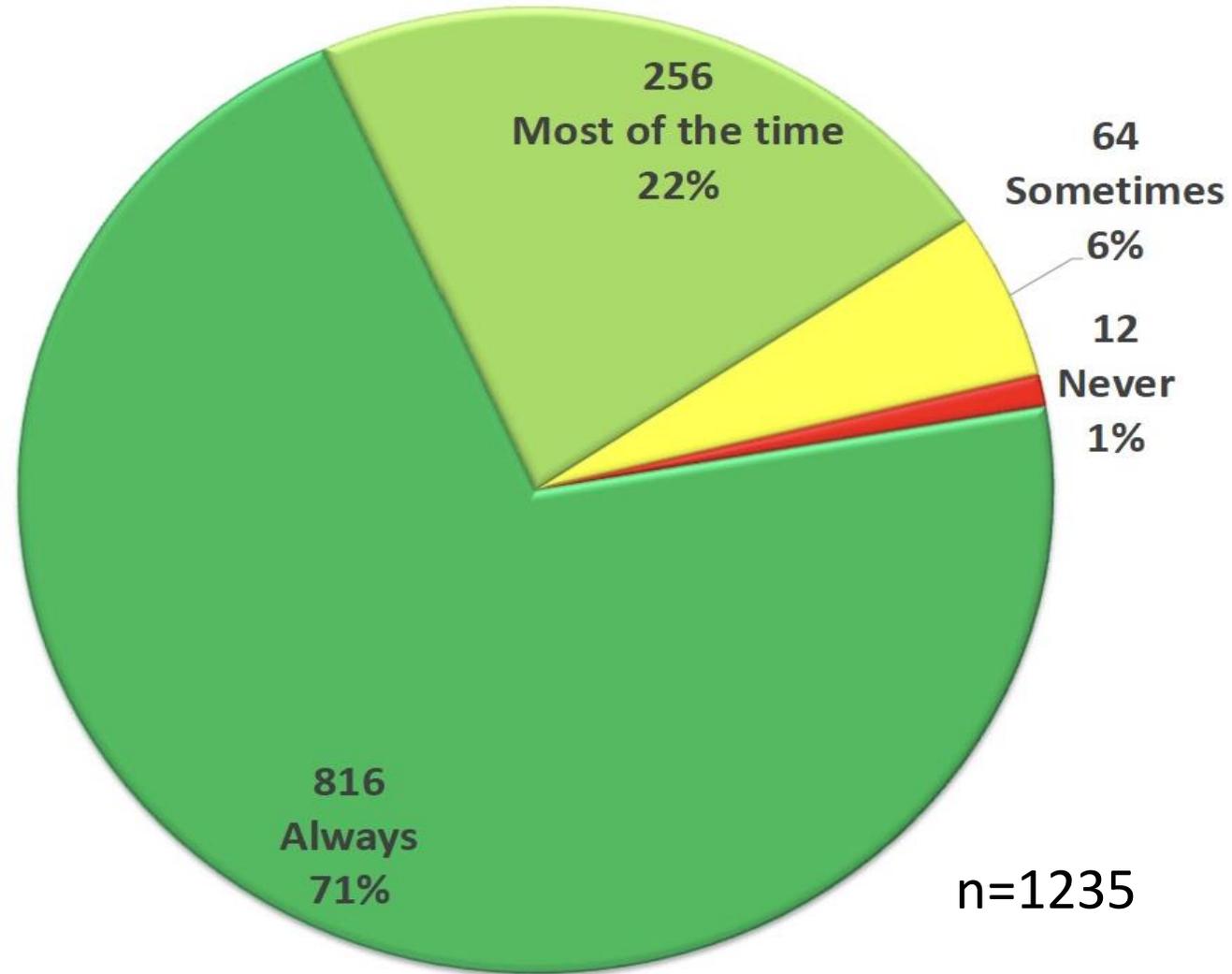


# CT BOS Participant Survey Results

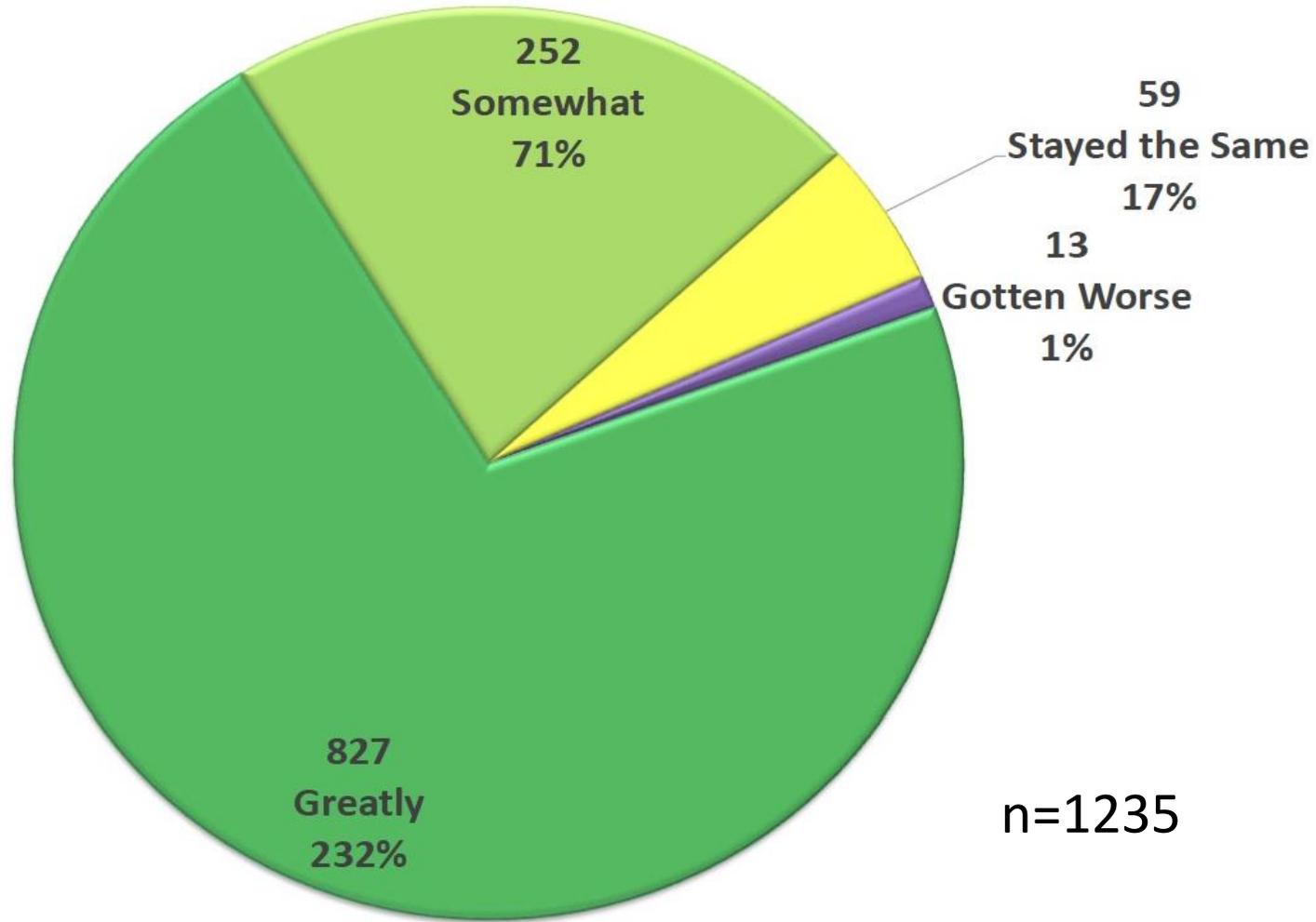
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[CT BOS Participant Survey Report](#)

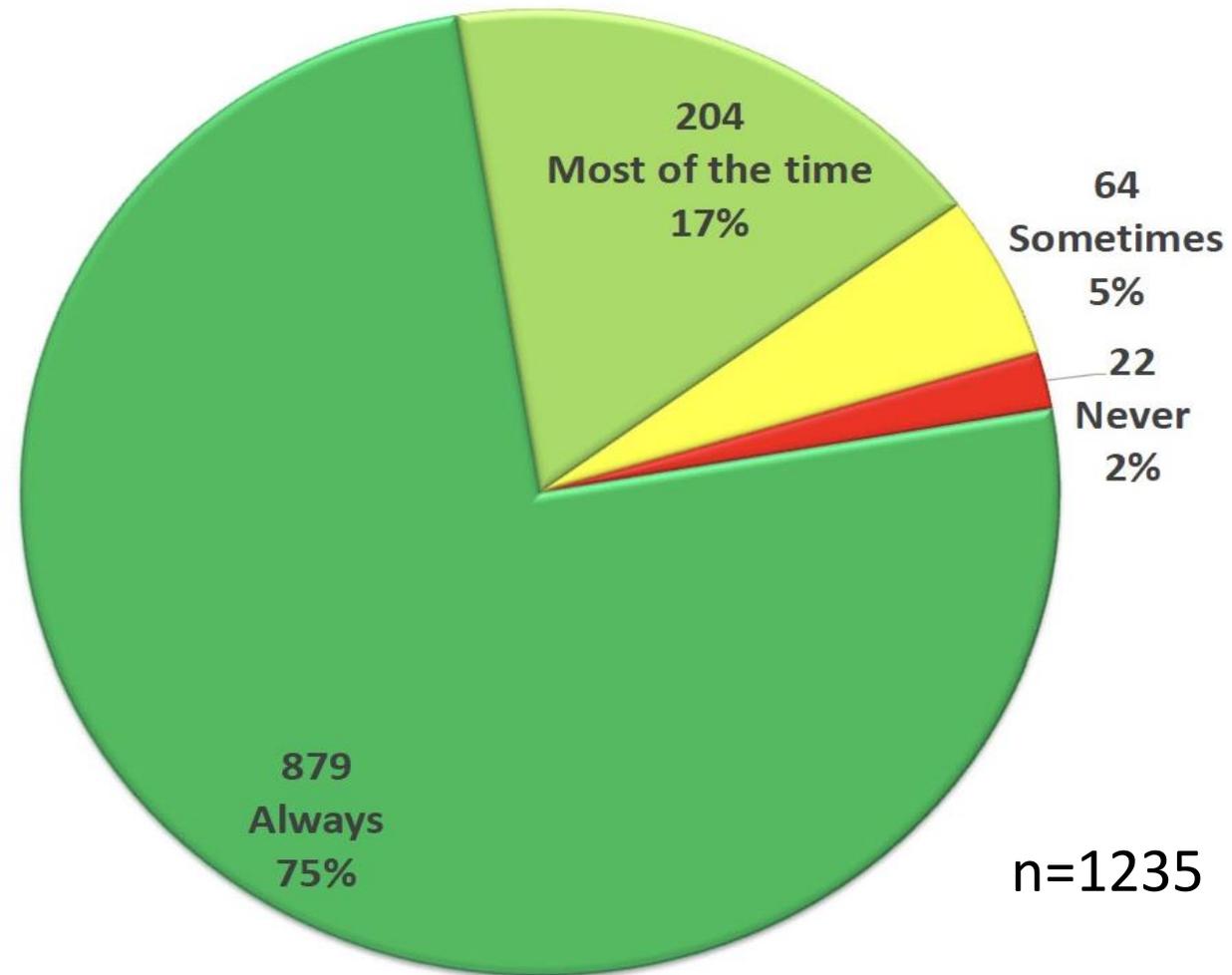
# Are your services needs being met in the program?



# Has the quality of your life improved since you entered this facility or program?

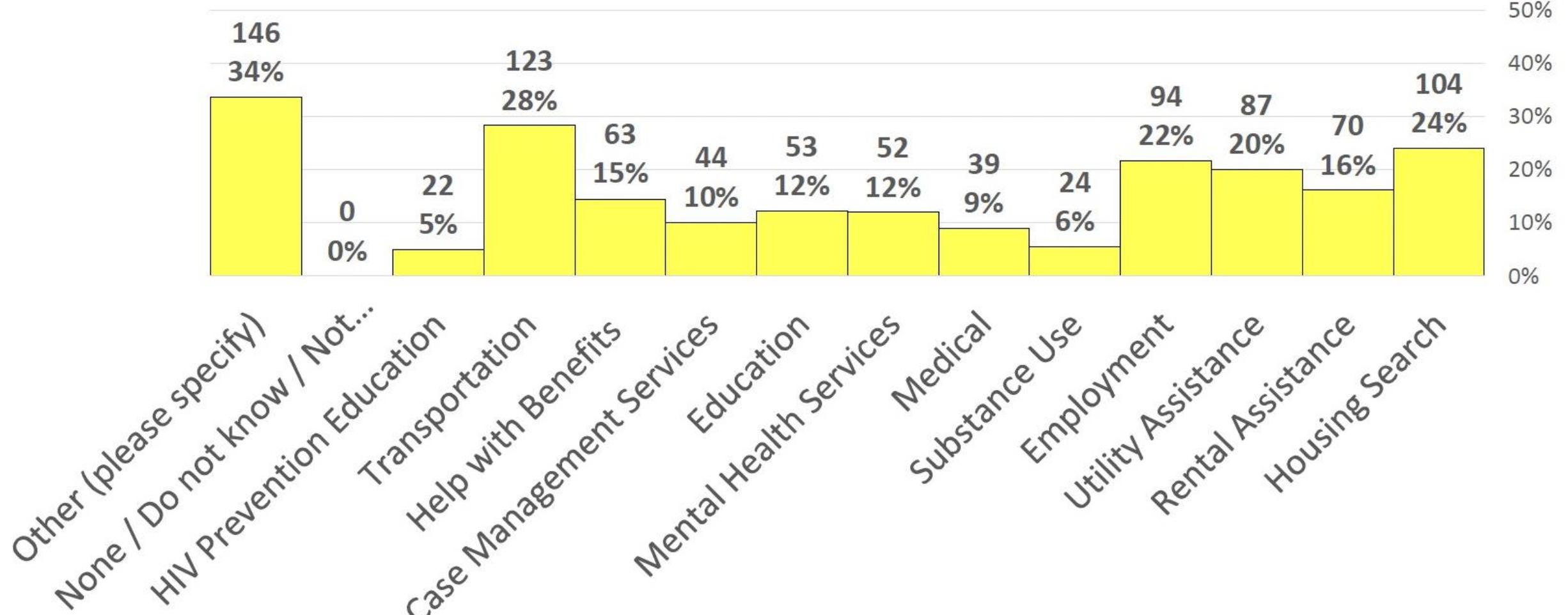


# Do you feel like you can make decisions about what happens to you in this program without facing retaliation?



# These are the Services I Need but I Don't Receive

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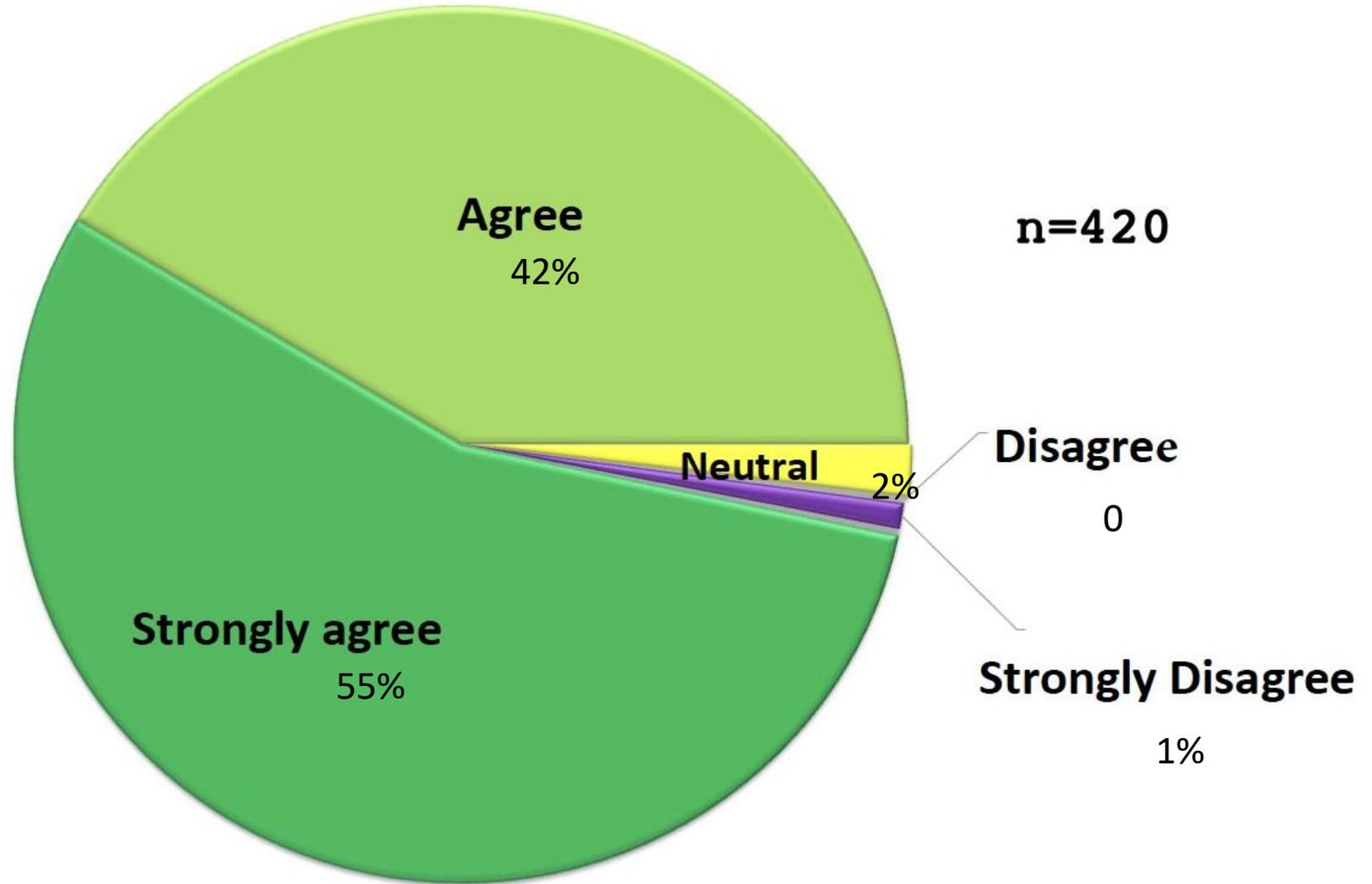




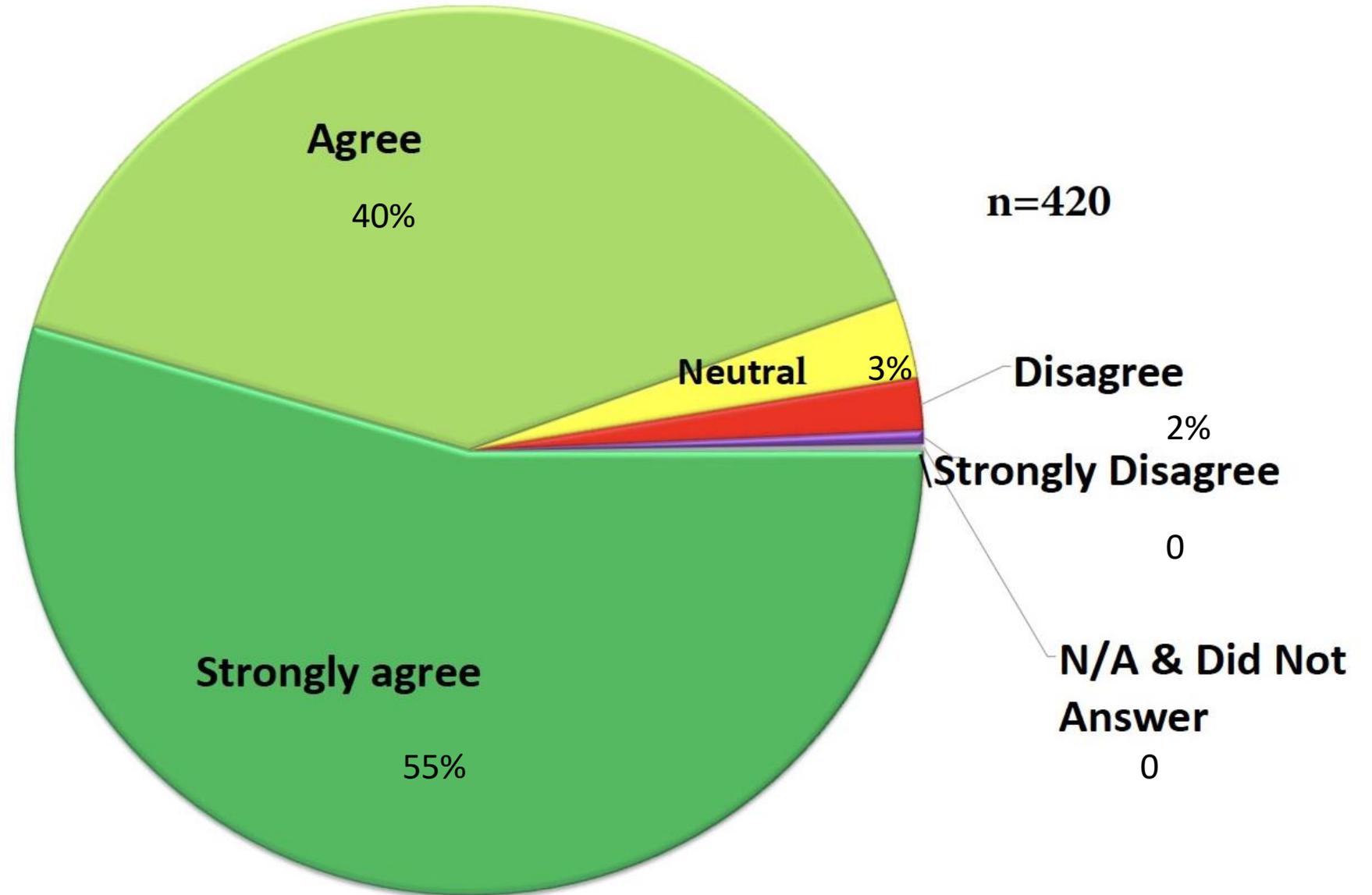
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## DMHAS Survey Report

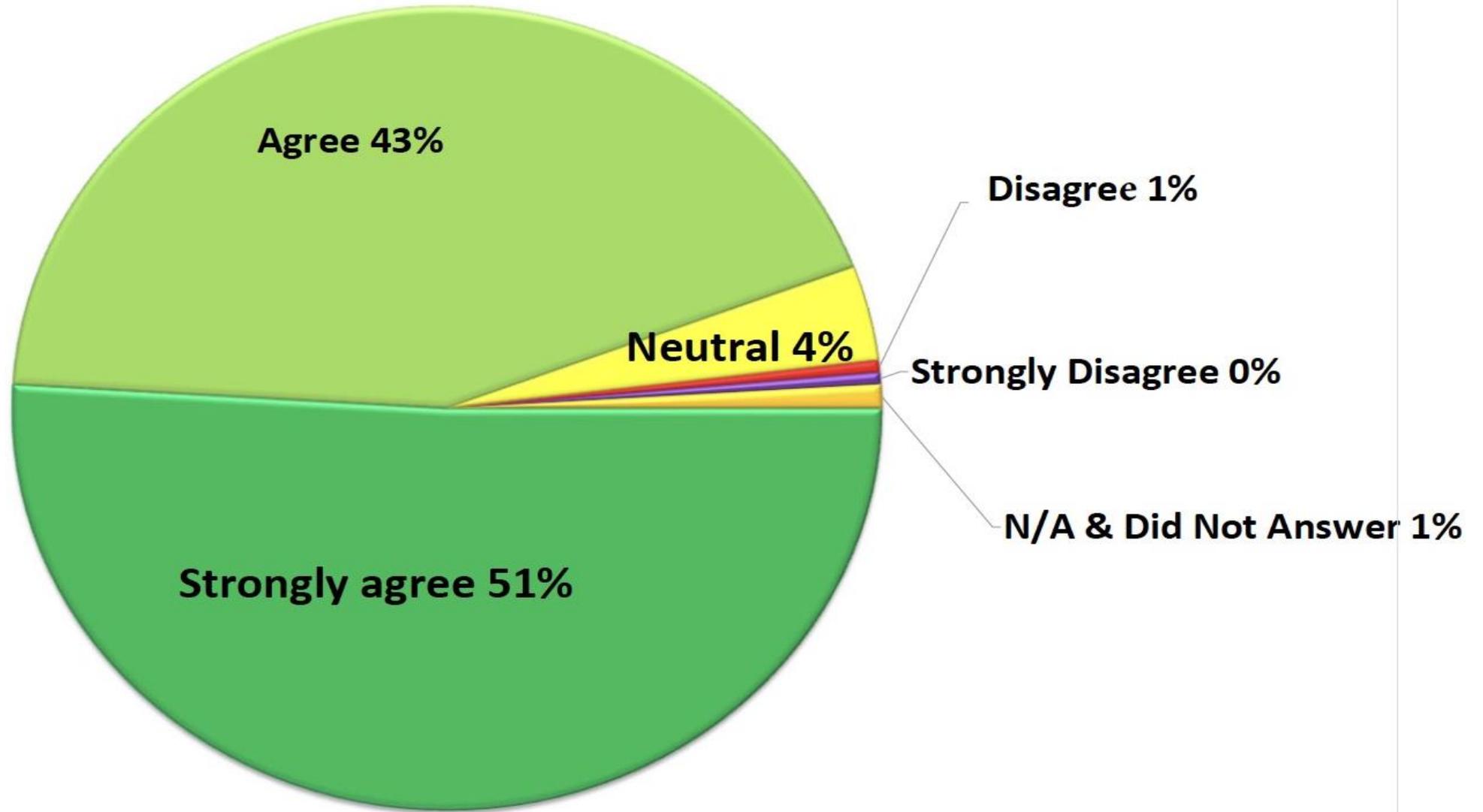
# I like the services that I receive here



# Staff was willing to see me as often as I felt was necessary



Staff here believes that I can grow, change, and recover



# Discussions

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- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion for today:
  - What results are most meaningful to you?
  - What might be done to achieve even greater participant satisfaction?
- Please share suggestions in the chat or email to [ctboscoc@gmail.com](mailto:ctboscoc@gmail.com)

*Reminders: To join a group, accept the invitation. Any issues, return to the main session for assistance.*



# Partner Announcements

# Other Business?

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# Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings



Meetings are from 11:00-12:30 unless otherwise noted

- August 15, 2025
- September 19, 2025
- October 17, 2025
- November 21, 2025
- December 19, 2025
- January 16, 2026
- February 20, 2026
- March 20, 2026
- April 17, 2026
- May 15, 2026
- June 12, 2026

## Zoom Info for all SC meetings:

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 956 4487 8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number: 646-876-9923

# CT BOS Team (Housing Innovations)

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