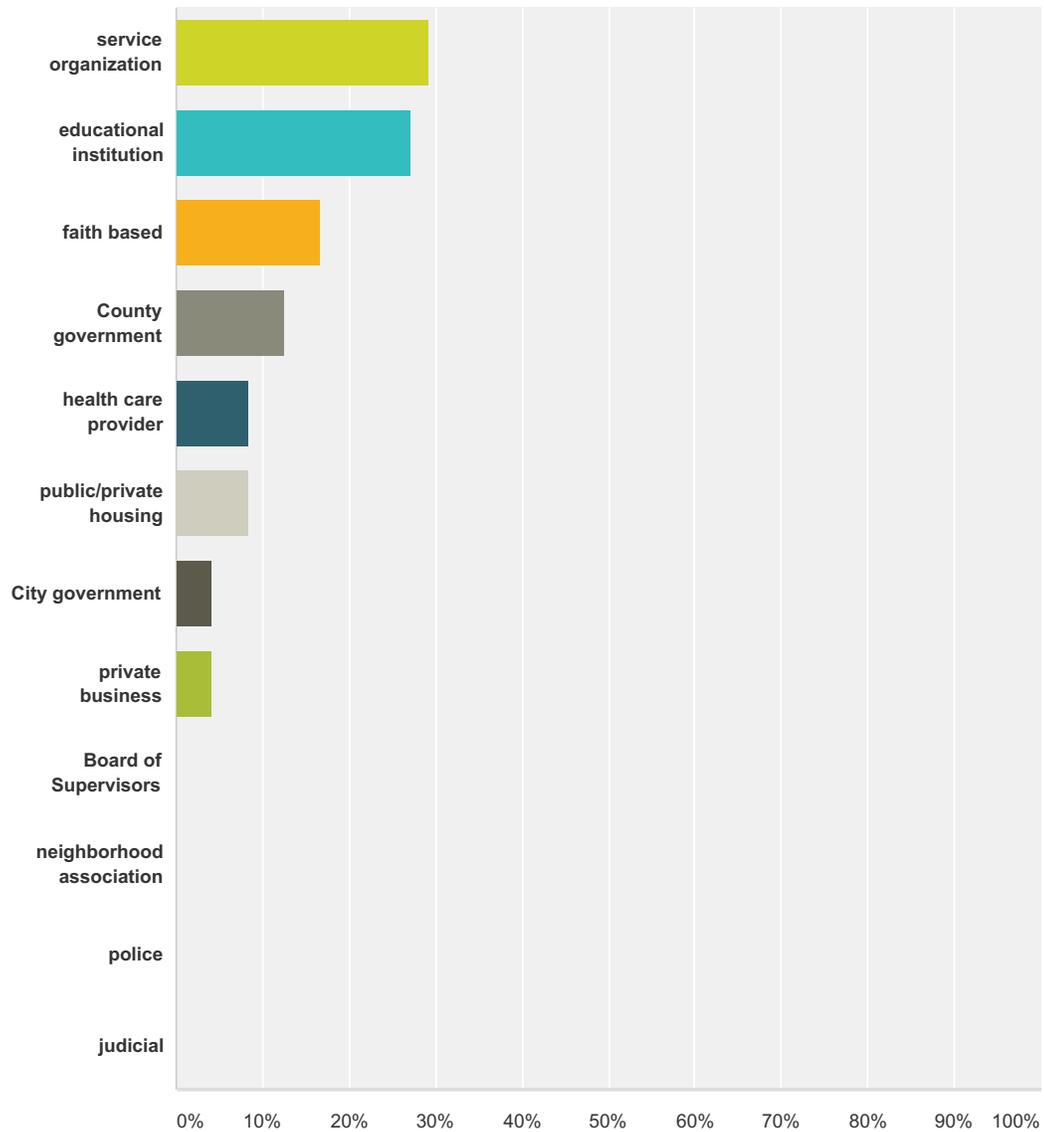


Q1 What community stakeholder group do you belong to? Select the one that best describes your group:

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
service organization	29.17% 14
educational institution	27.08% 13
faith based	16.67% 8
County government	12.50% 6
health care provider	8.33% 4
public/private housing	8.33% 4

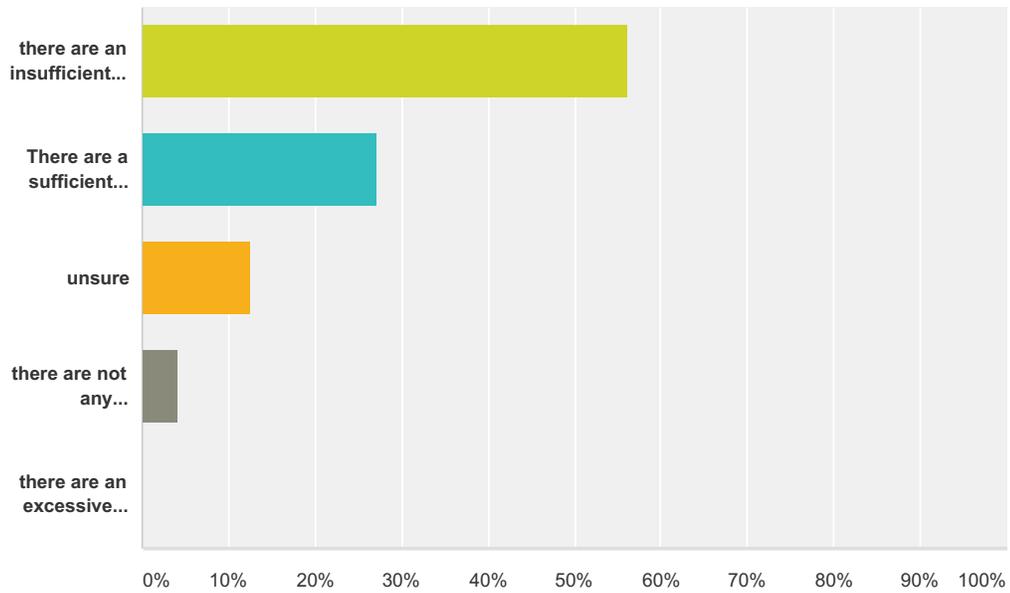
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City government	4.17%	2
private business	4.17%	2
Board of Supervisors	0.00%	0
neighborhood association	0.00%	0
police	0.00%	0
judicial	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 48		

#	other (please specify)	Date
1	youth - out-of-school care & mentorship	3/28/2016 11:54 AM
2	Non-profit organization	3/28/2016 11:11 AM
3	501c3	3/28/2016 10:11 AM
4	retired state employee/community volunteer	3/28/2016 10:07 AM
5	volunteer for homeless shelter	3/15/2016 4:05 PM
6	State Government	3/15/2016 10:46 AM

Q2 Are there full-time living wage employment (\$15 per hour or higher) opportunities available in your community?

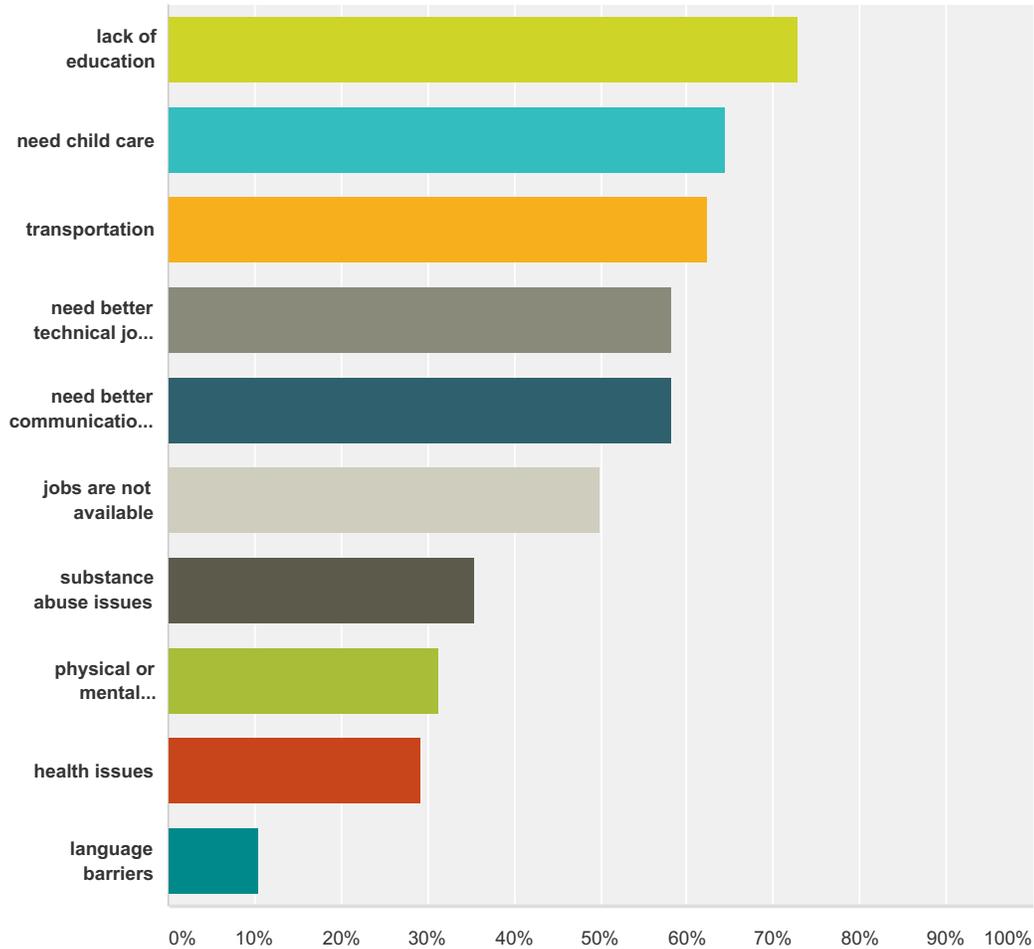
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Answer Choices	Responses
there are an insufficient number of opportunities	56.25% 27
There are a sufficient number of opportunities	27.08% 13
unsure	12.50% 6
there are not any opportunities	4.17% 2
there are an excessive number of opportunities	0.00% 0
Total	48

Q3 Why do you believe people have problems getting or keeping a full-time living wage job? Select all that apply:

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
lack of education	72.92% 35
need child care	64.58% 31
transportation	62.50% 30
need better technical job skills	58.33% 28
need better communication, people/customer job skills	58.33% 28
jobs are not available	50.00% 24
substance abuse issues	35.42% 17
physical or mental disabilities	31.25% 15
health issues	29.17% 14
language barriers	10.42% 5

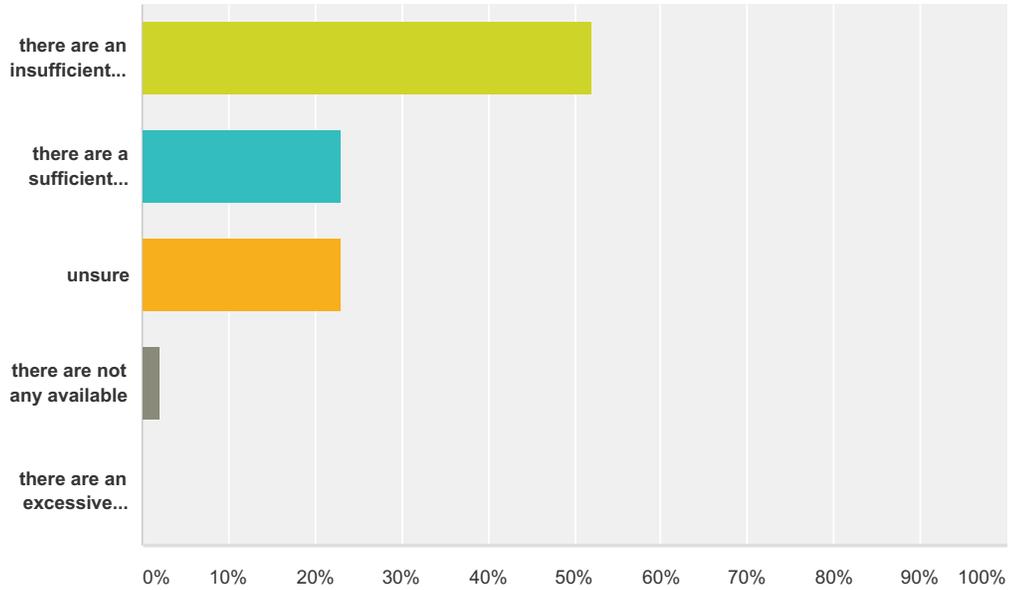
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#	other (please specify)	Date
1	institutional racism that we continue to fail to deal with	4/4/2016 9:44 AM
2	old criminal records	3/28/2016 11:54 AM
3	a healthy life routine and money management skills	3/28/2016 10:11 AM
4	Barriers within systems	3/28/2016 9:09 AM
5	lack of committment on the part of the employee	3/28/2016 8:59 AM
6	broken family structures	3/28/2016 7:50 AM
7	lack of committment to the requirements of a position i.e. weekends, after hours, flexibility	3/28/2016 7:10 AM
8	Lack of valid drivers license	3/19/2016 12:59 PM
9	cuts in our area to State government	3/15/2016 3:54 PM
10	Racial bias can be a hinderance especially for black men.	3/15/2016 11:46 AM

Q4 Are child care programs (during the day, Monday through Friday) for low-income families available in your community?

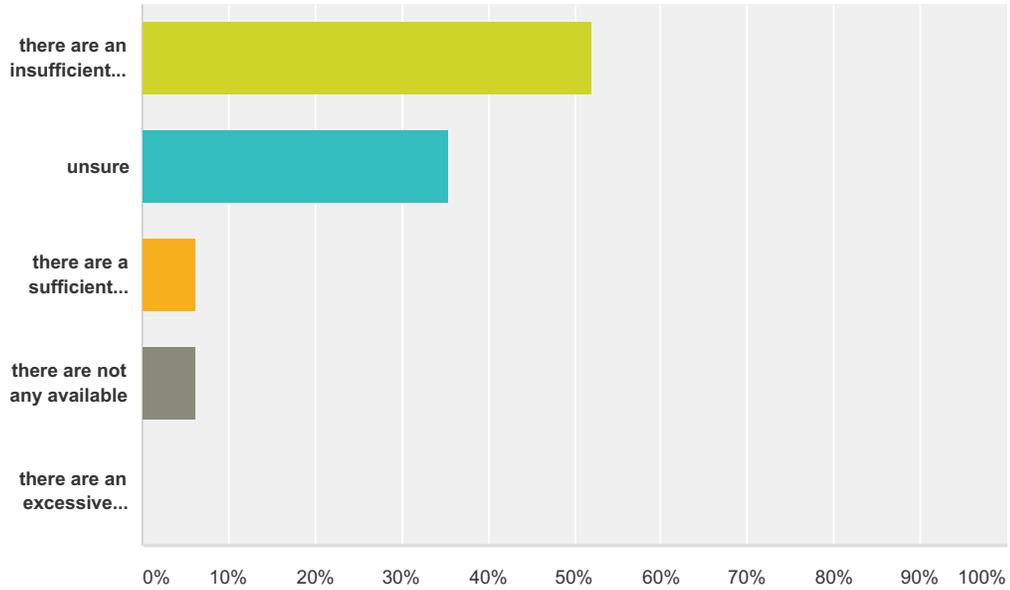
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Answer Choices	Responses	
there are an insufficient number available	52.08%	25
there are a sufficient number available	22.92%	11
unsure	22.92%	11
there are not any available	2.08%	1
there are an excessive number available	0.00%	0
Total		48

Q5 Are child care programs (evenings, nights, and weekends) for low-income families available in your community?

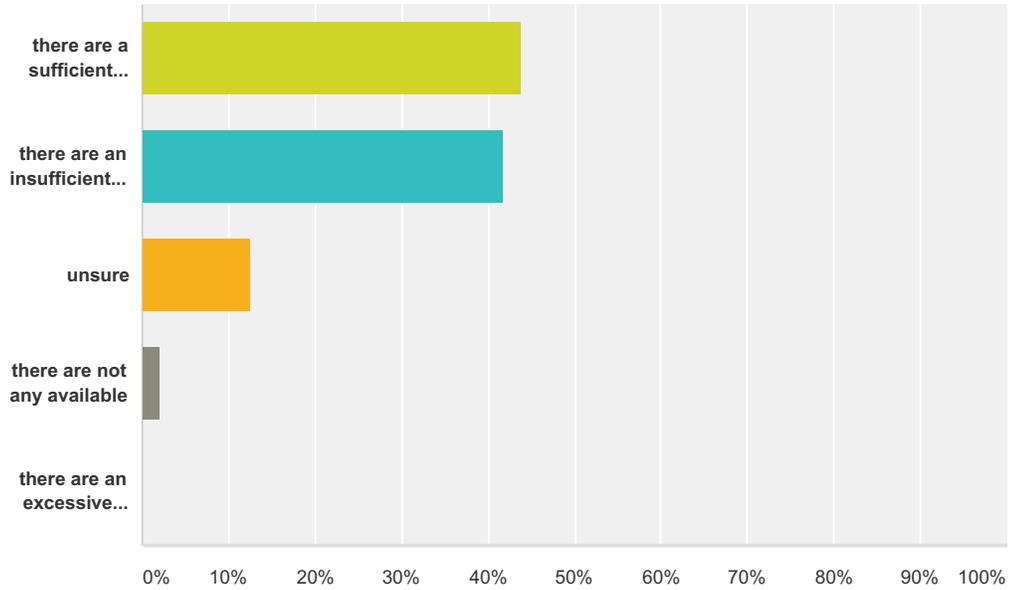
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Answer Choices	Responses	
there are an insufficient number available	52.08%	25
unsure	35.42%	17
there are a sufficient number available	6.25%	3
there are not any available	6.25%	3
there are an excessive number available	0.00%	0
Total		48

Q6 Are pre-school programs (including Head Start programs) for low-income families available in your community?

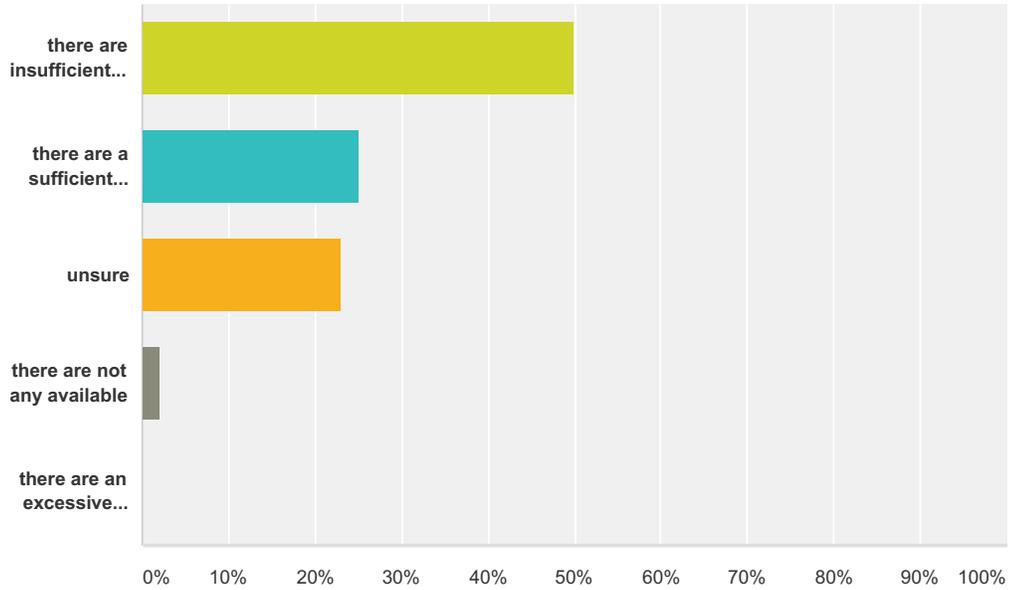
Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
there are a sufficient number available	43.75%	21
there are an insufficient number available	41.67%	20
unsure	12.50%	6
there are not any available	2.08%	1
there are an excessive number available	0.00%	0
Total		48

Q7 Are affordable child and youth (ages 5 to 17) activities or after school programs available in your community?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0

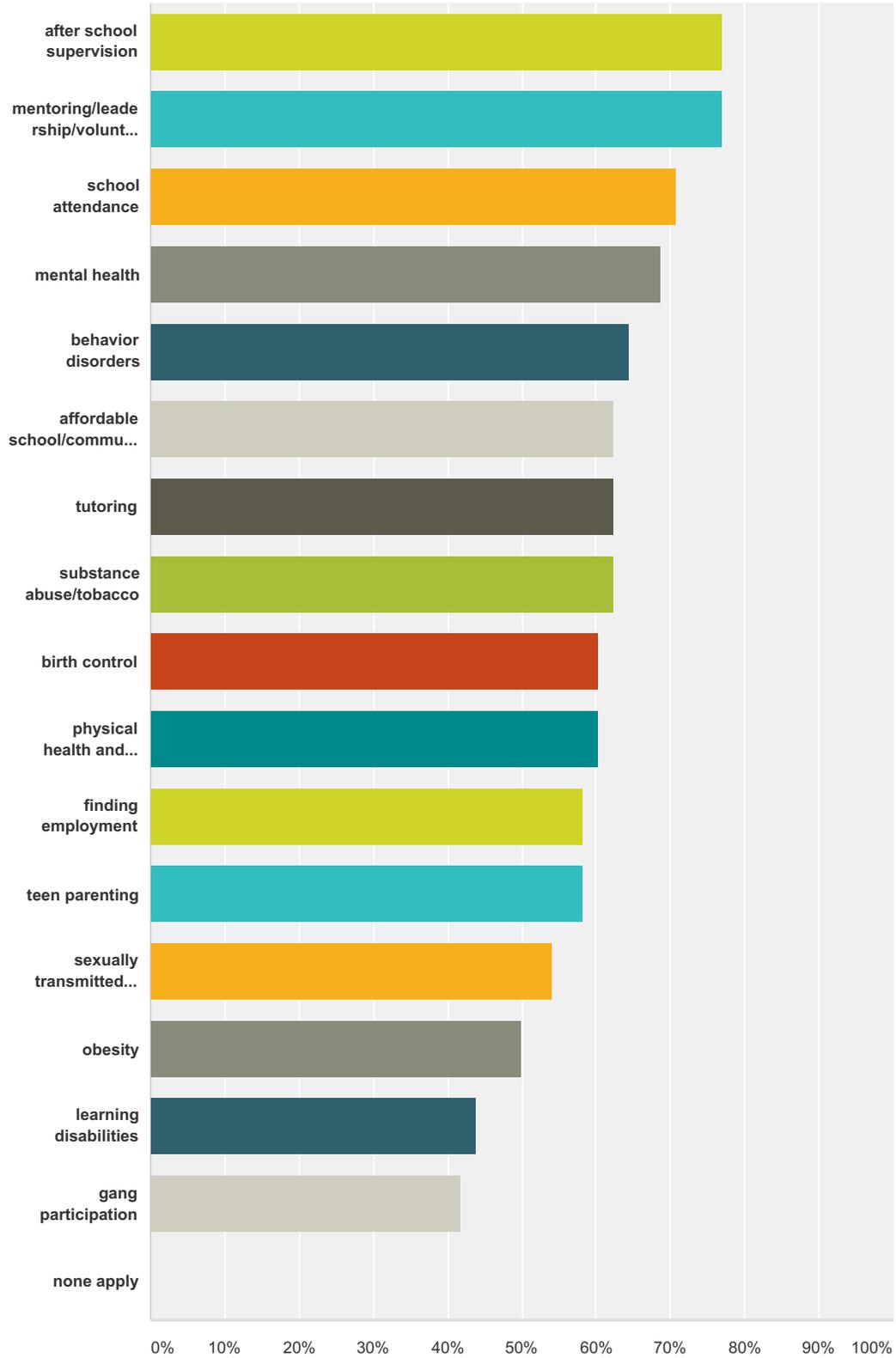


Answer Choices	Responses
there are insufficient number available	50.00% 24
there are a sufficient number available	25.00% 12
unsure	22.92% 11
there are not any available	2.08% 1
there are an excessive number available	0.00% 0
Total	48

Q8 In your community, in which areas do you believe youth (ages 12 to 17) need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance? Select all that apply:

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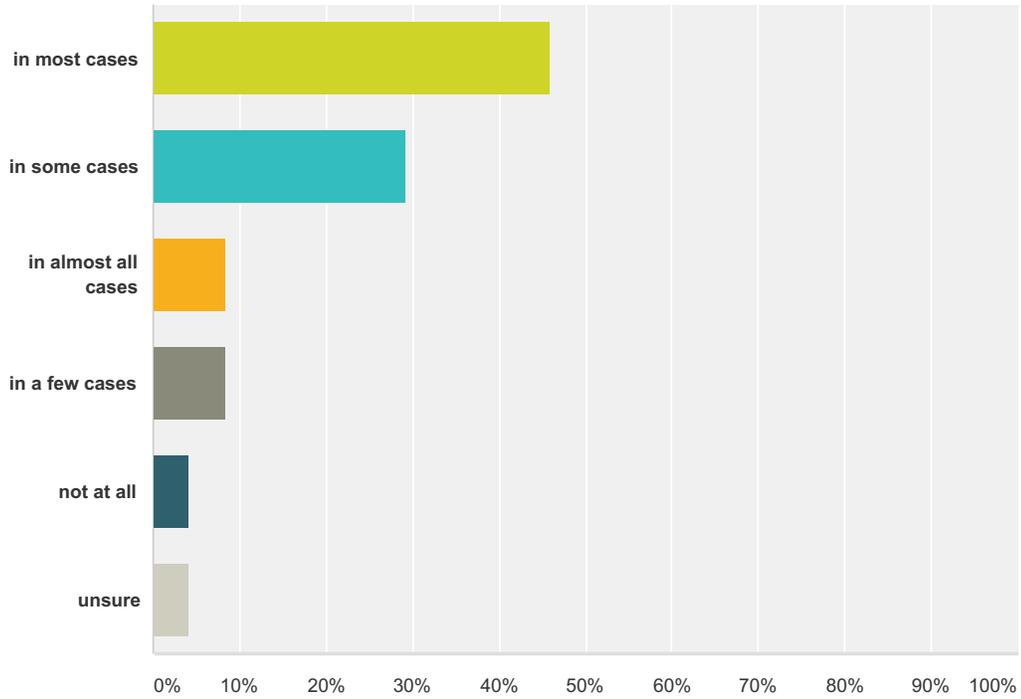
Answer Choices	Responses
after school supervision	77.08% 37
mentoring/leadership/volunteering	77.08% 37

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school attendance	70.83%	34
mental health	68.75%	33
behavior disorders	64.58%	31
affordable school/community activities	62.50%	30
tutoring	62.50%	30
substance abuse/tobacco	62.50%	30
birth control	60.42%	29
physical health and dental issues	60.42%	29
finding employment	58.33%	28
teen parenting	58.33%	28
sexually transmitted diseases	54.17%	26
obesity	50.00%	24
learning disabilities	43.75%	21
gang participation	41.67%	20
none apply	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 48		

Q9 Do you believe the schools in your community meet the educational needs of the children they serve?

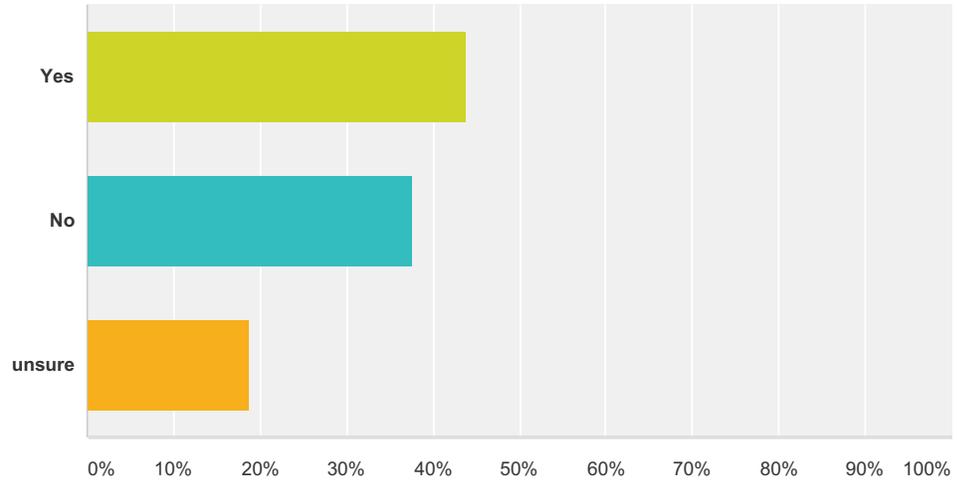
Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
in most cases	45.83%	22
in some cases	29.17%	14
in almost all cases	8.33%	4
in a few cases	8.33%	4
not at all	4.17%	2
unsure	4.17%	2
Total		48

Q10 Are there adequate levels of non-medical emergency services available in your community?

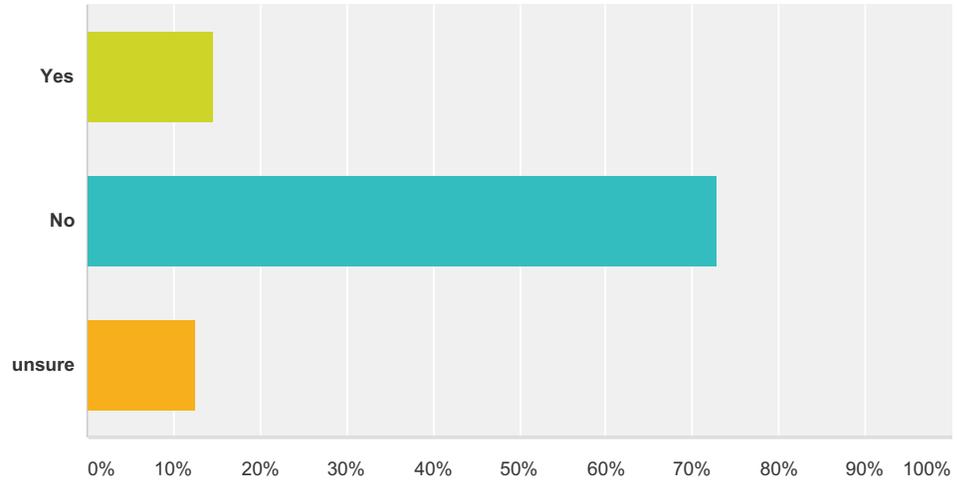
Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	43.75% 21
No	37.50% 18
unsure	18.75% 9
Total	48

Q11 Are there a sufficient number of emergency shelters available in your community?

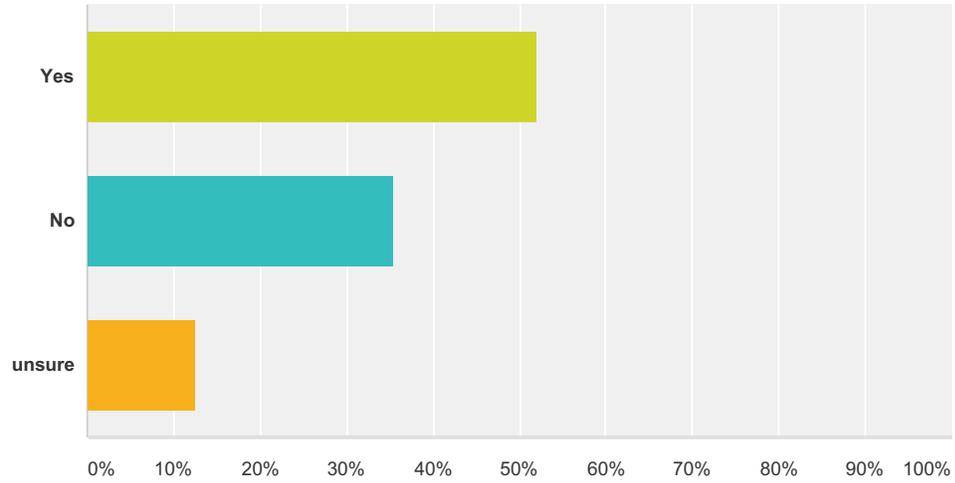
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	14.58% 7
No	72.92% 35
unsure	12.50% 6
Total	48

Q12 Are there adequate levels of medical services available for low-income people in your community?

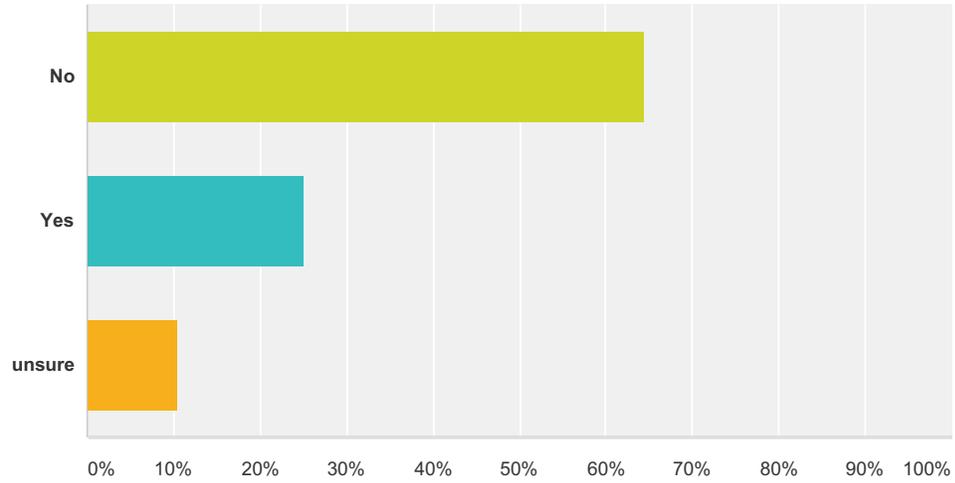
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	52.08%	25
No	35.42%	17
unsure	12.50%	6
Total		48

Q13 Are there adequate levels of dental services available for low-income people in your community?

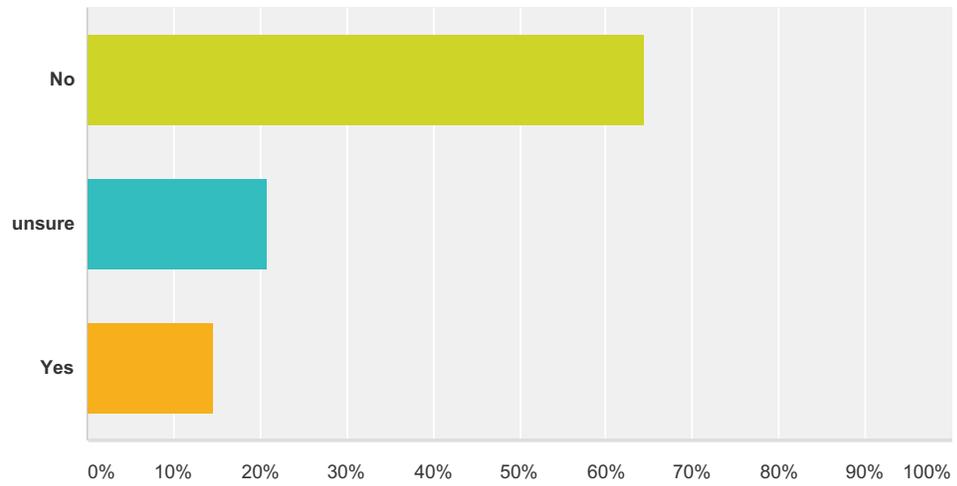
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Answer Choices	Responses
No	64.58% 31
Yes	25.00% 12
unsure	10.42% 5
Total	48

Q14 Are there adequate levels of wellness (nutrition, exercise, etc.) programs available for low-income people in your community?

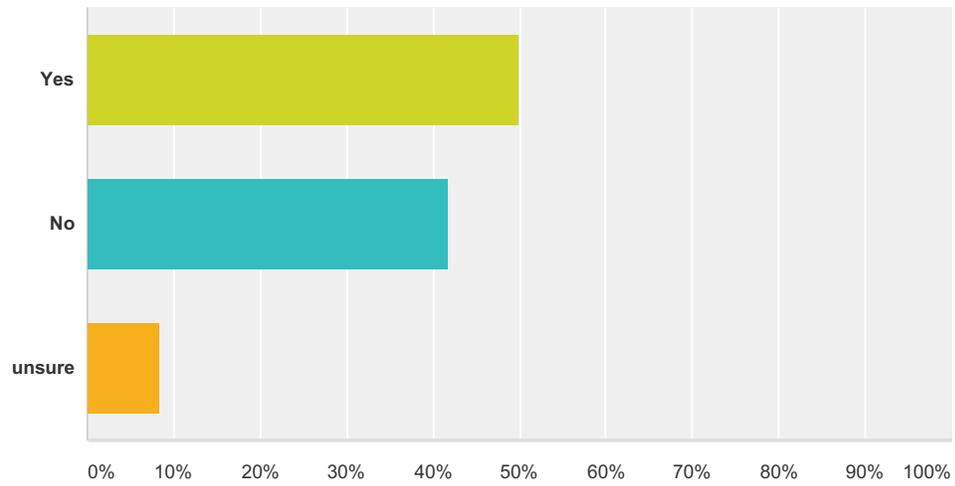
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Answer Choices	Responses
No	64.58% 31
unsure	20.83% 10
Yes	14.58% 7
Total	48

Q15 Are there adequate levels of public transportation options (cabs, taxis, buses, trolleys, etc.) available in your community?

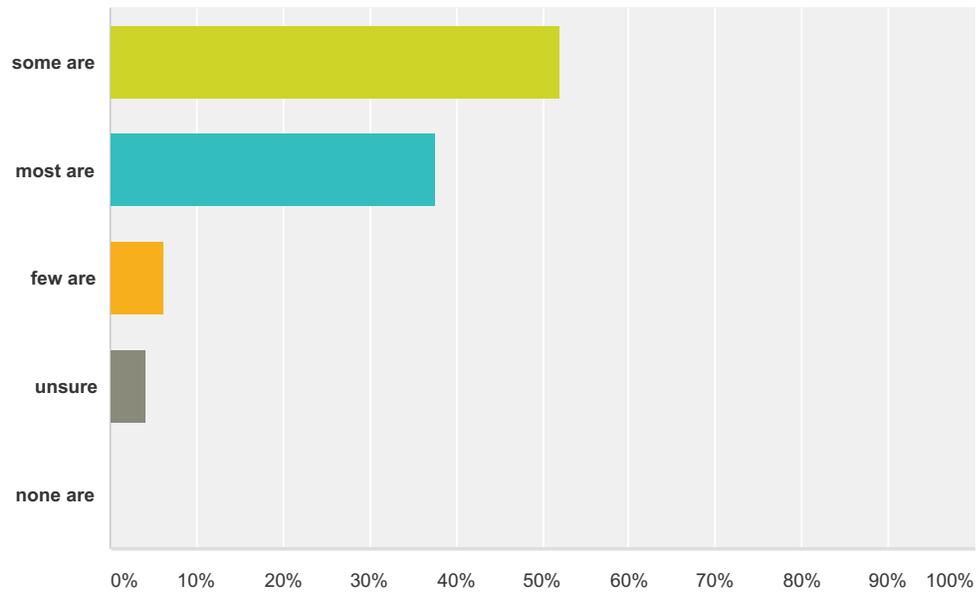
Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	50.00% 24
No	41.67% 20
unsure	8.33% 4
Total	48

Q16 Are the homes in your community in good repair?

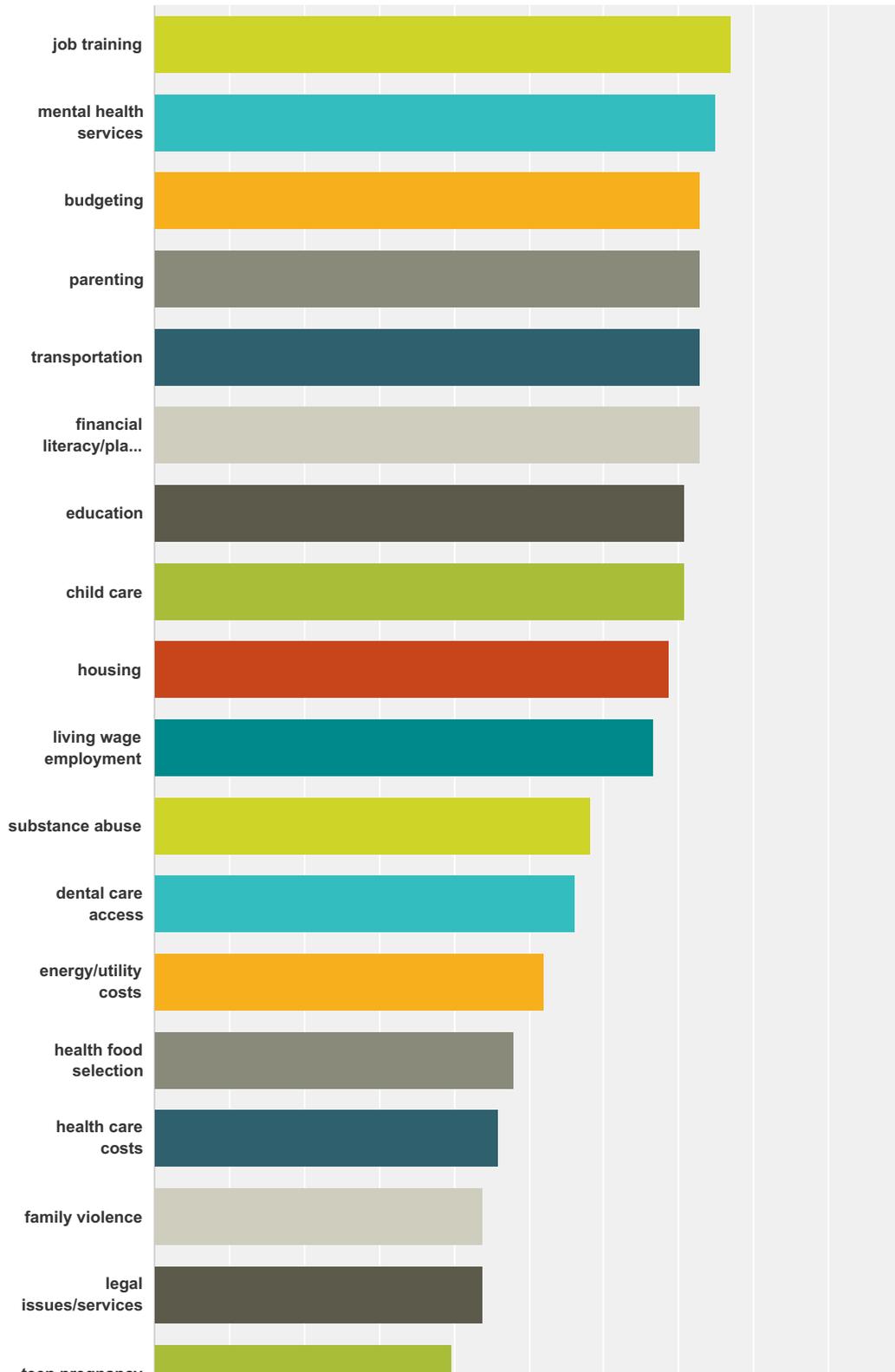
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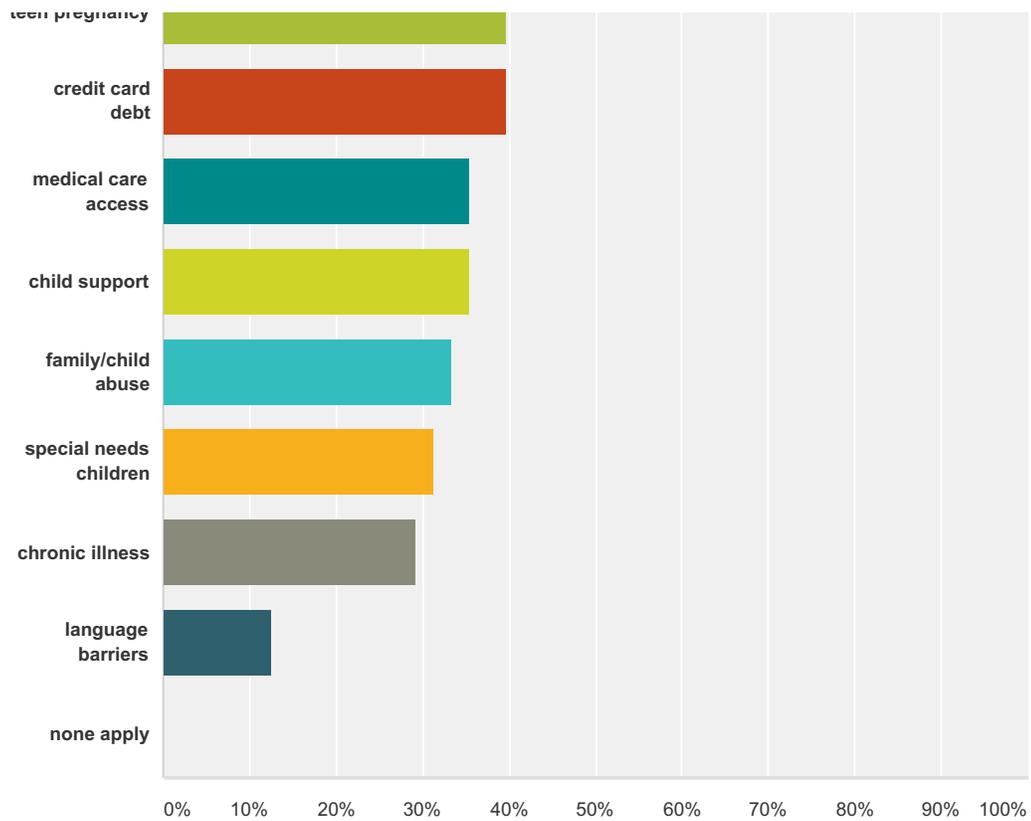
Answer Choices	Responses
some are	52.08% 25
most are	37.50% 18
few are	6.25% 3
unsure	4.17% 2
none are	0.00% 0
Total	48

Q17 Which of the following issues do you believe are the greatest challenges low-income families and individuals are currently facing? Select all that apply:

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
job training	77.08%	37
mental health services	75.00%	36
budgeting	72.92%	35
parenting	72.92%	35
transportation	72.92%	35
financial literacy/planning	72.92%	35
education	70.83%	34
child care	70.83%	34
housing	68.75%	33
living wage employment	66.67%	32
substance abuse	58.33%	28
dental care access	56.25%	27
energy/utility costs	52.08%	25
health food selection	47.92%	23
health care costs	45.83%	22
family violence	43.75%	21
legal issues/services	43.75%	21

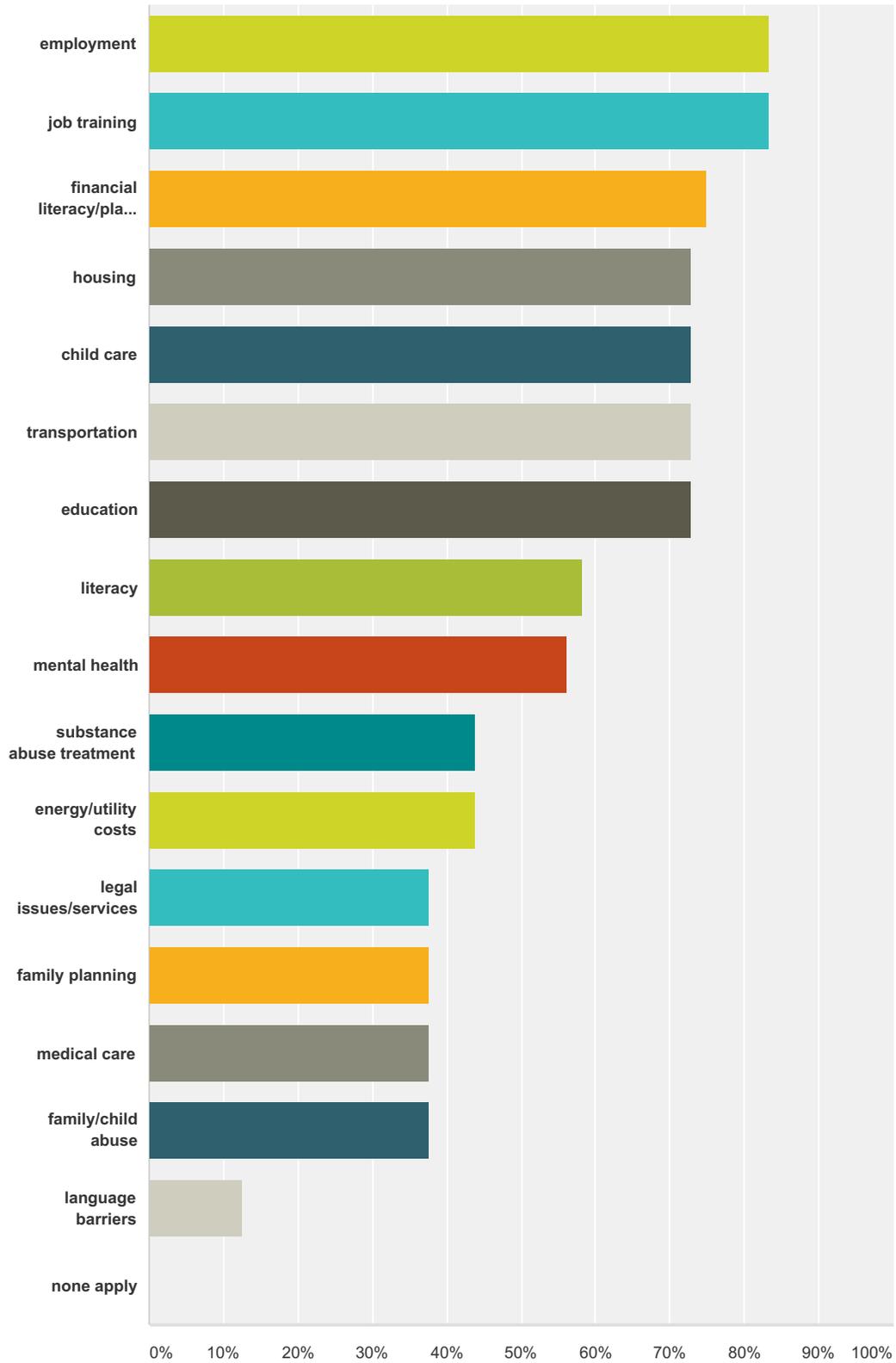
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teen pregnancy	39.58%	19
credit card debt	39.58%	19
medical care access	35.42%	17
child support	35.42%	17
family/child abuse	33.33%	16
special needs children	31.25%	15
chronic illness	29.17%	14
language barriers	12.50%	6
none apply	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 48		

Q18 Which of the following areas do you believe low-income families and individuals need assistance with in order to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency? Select all that apply:

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0

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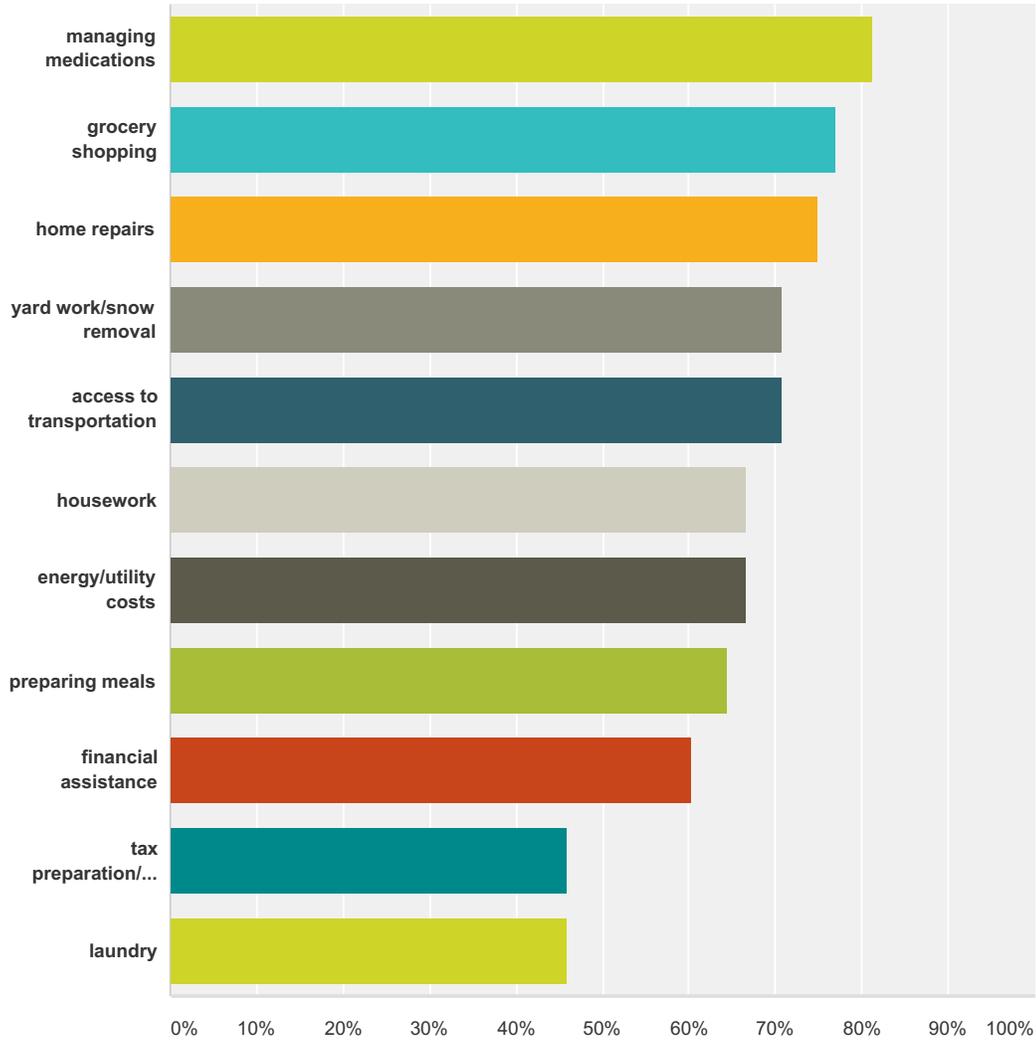
Answer Choices	Responses
employment	83.33% 40
job training	83.33% 40

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financial literacy/planning	75.00%	36
housing	72.92%	35
child care	72.92%	35
transportation	72.92%	35
education	72.92%	35
literacy	58.33%	28
mental health	56.25%	27
substance abuse treatment	43.75%	21
energy/utility costs	43.75%	21
legal issues/services	37.50%	18
family planning	37.50%	18
medical care	37.50%	18
family/child abuse	37.50%	18
language barriers	12.50%	6
none apply	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 48		

Q19 Which of the following areas do you believe the elderly (seniors) in your community need assistance with in order to remain in their home? Select all that apply:

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



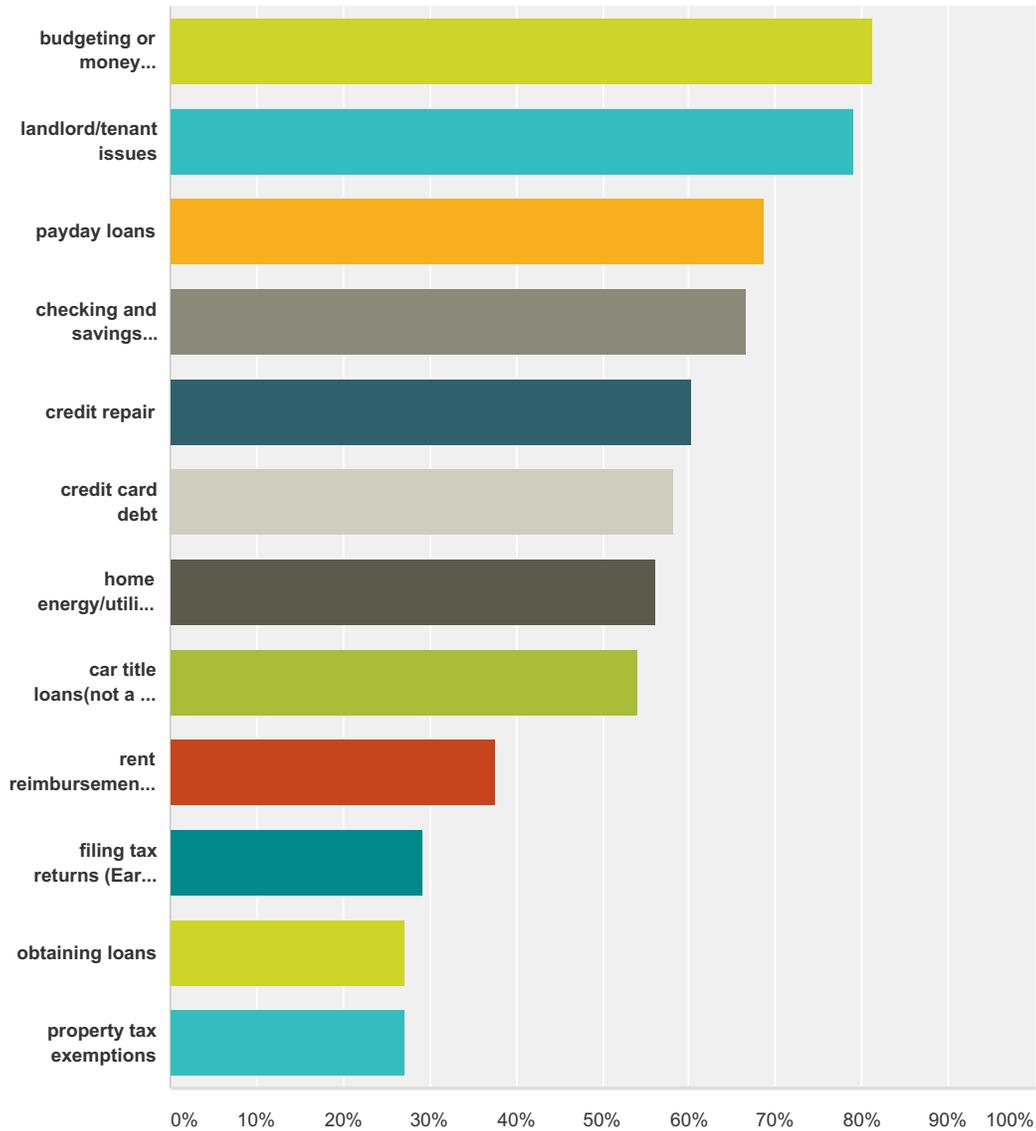
Answer Choices	Responses
managing medications	81.25% 39
grocery shopping	77.08% 37
home repairs	75.00% 36
yard work/snow removal	70.83% 34
access to transportation	70.83% 34
housework	66.67% 32
energy/utility costs	66.67% 32

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preparing meals	64.58%	31
financial assistance	60.42%	29
tax preparation/legal issues	45.83%	22
laundry	45.83%	22
Total Respondents: 48		

Q20 Of the following, which of these do you believe low-income families and individuals need information, education, guidance, and/or assistance: Select all that apply:

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



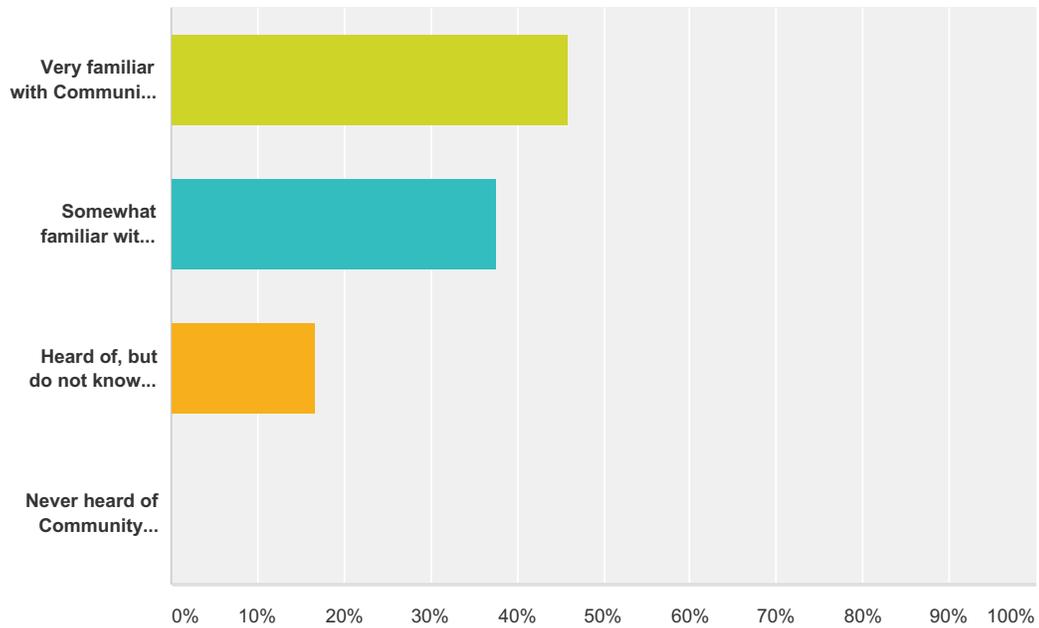
Answer Choices	Responses
budgeting or money management issues	81.25% 39
landlord/tenant issues	79.17% 38
payday loans	68.75% 33
checking and savings accounts	66.67% 32
credit repair	60.42% 29

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credit card debt	58.33%	28
home energy/utility cost issues	56.25%	27
car title loans(not a car purchase loan)	54.17%	26
rent reimbursement claims	37.50%	18
filing tax returns (Earned Income Tax Credit)	29.17%	14
obtaining loans	27.08%	13
property tax exemptions	27.08%	13
Total Respondents: 48		

Q21 What do you know about Sangamon County Department of Community Resources/LIHEAP (SCDCR)?

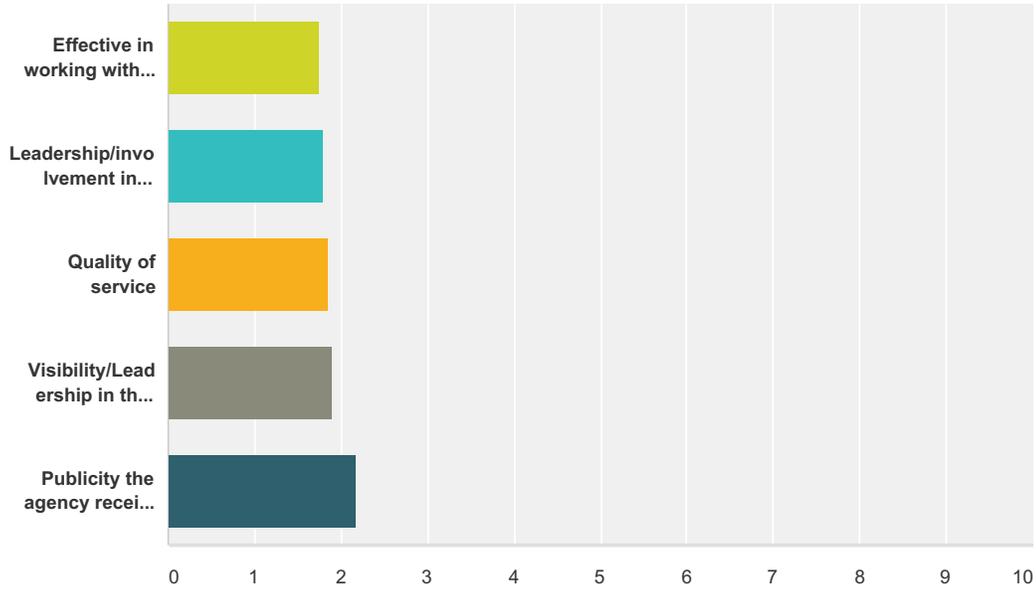
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very familiar with Community Resources/LIHEAP (SCDCR)	45.83% 22
Somewhat familiar with Community Resources/LIHEAP (SCDCR)	37.50% 18
Heard of, but do not know much about Community Resources/LIHEAP (SCDCR) SKIP QUESTION #22	16.67% 8
Never heard of Community Resources/LIHEAP (SCDCR) SKIP QUESTION #22	0.00% 0
Total	48

Q22 If you are familiar with Sangamon County Department of Community Resources/LIHEAP (SCDCR) what do you think about SCDCR in the following areas?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 8



	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor	Total	Weighted Average
Effective in working with others in the community	42.50% 17	40.00% 16	17.50% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	40	1.75
Leadership/involvement in identifying/advocating on community issues	40.00% 16	45.00% 18	10.00% 4	5.00% 2	0.00% 0	40	1.80
Quality of service	33.33% 13	48.72% 19	17.95% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	39	1.85
Visibility/Leadership in the community within the last year	30.77% 12	51.28% 20	15.38% 6	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	39	1.90
Publicity the agency receives for the good work it does in the community	25.00% 10	40.00% 16	27.50% 11	7.50% 3	0.00% 0	40	2.17

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Q23 What do you believe causes poverty?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Lack of education.	4/14/2016 2:53 PM
2	all issues indicated in categories above	4/4/2016 1:07 PM
3	Illiteracy has, and continues, to be the basis for poverty in this country but even more is that we've built institutions that marginalize certain groups in order to keep them out. Poor people cannot get ahead when payday loans shops and food deserts and a poor infrastructure make it impossible for them to get ahead. When poor families are struggling with credit issues and are paying 17%+ interest on furniture that the rest of us who make a living wage pay far less for, then it's an design flaw. People aren't poor because they want to be. They're poor because we consistently allow organizations and policies keep them from getting ahead.	4/4/2016 9:44 AM
4	lack of education and skills	3/31/2016 6:19 PM
5	Some of the causes of poverty is the Lack of money, Education, Cultures, even the weather can cause poverty, and most of all Institutions that have the ability to help, but classify qualifications regarding Race, Income, Background checks, so many stipulations that are required, that so many people do not have. the biggest cause of poverty is the Prison system.	3/29/2016 1:12 PM
6	systemic racial issues, lack of education and lack of opportunity	3/28/2016 11:54 AM
7	insufficient education, laziness, lack of job skills, lack of professionalism	3/28/2016 11:23 AM
8	Equal parts learned helplessness & perfect storm of life events.	3/28/2016 11:16 AM
9	Lack of education and knowledge on the resources that are available within the community.	3/28/2016 11:11 AM
10	Generational poverty is a phenomonon that continues in families in poverty until one person breaks the cycle and serves as a model for other family members. Situational poverty in families can stem from lack of educational and training opportunities in high growth, in-demand sectors to provide employment and alleviate the lack of family income.	3/28/2016 10:43 AM
11	Unrelenting, unavoidable anxiety and stress from which there is no easy healthy escape.	3/28/2016 10:11 AM
12	Lack of education; poor choices; poor family guidance/history;	3/28/2016 10:07 AM
13	Systemic racism and the resistance on the part of those with the power to make any meaningful efforts to dismantle racism	3/28/2016 10:00 AM
14	Poverty is caused by any number of issues. Often times it is environmental, it is all a person knows. Life circumstances like health, minimal education, family loss, job loss, substance use/abuse are all issues that play in part in the lifestyle of poverty.	3/28/2016 9:58 AM
15	A cycle that is hard to break. We as a society just keep putting bandaids on problems rather than trying to solve them. We have to start with the young- feed them at school- educate them INCLUDING financial education, to help them attempt to break the cycle.	3/28/2016 9:41 AM
16	Lack of knowledge and support as well as shame and fear of asking for help.	3/28/2016 9:09 AM
17	Some is cyclical, some is lack of education, some is substance abuse - too many reasons to list	3/28/2016 8:59 AM
18	Generations of families living in poverty continue the cycle. Lack of education, motivation, safe affordable housing and jobs with living wages, drug use and crime	3/28/2016 8:58 AM
19	Lack of parenting skills, education, employment readiness skills.	3/28/2016 8:47 AM
20	Expectations, hope and vision for the future, and lack of successful role models for those now in poverty, combined with less than optimal overall community engagement with the neighborhoods and people who live in poverty.	3/28/2016 8:10 AM
21	lack of sustainable work at a living wage	3/28/2016 8:08 AM
22	Lack of Jobs and education	3/28/2016 7:59 AM
23	Absence, missing or broken relational resoruces.	3/28/2016 7:50 AM
24	A community not committed to each other. Lack of housing, mentoring.	3/28/2016 7:10 AM

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25	Lack of resources, especially relational resources.	3/22/2016 9:41 PM
26	Lack of jobs for blue collar worker, No investment in the community.	3/19/2016 9:53 PM
27	It starts with an acceptance that living in poverty is your only choice. Or that living in poverty is an acceptable choice. Teenagers in a program we hosted stated that their life after high school would be figuring out how to get on public aid and how to stay on public aid. They did see anything wrong with that.	3/19/2016 12:59 PM
28	Causes are multi-faceted. Based on my limited knowledge I add voice to the following causes. changing economy; economic systems; lack of education; high divorce rates; lack of employment opportunities with livable wage; etc.	3/17/2016 4:52 PM
29	Lack of knowledge and Skill sets	3/17/2016 2:15 PM
30	Many Factors such as: Lack of education/training Lack of employment/under-employment Chronic Illness Substance Abuse issues Alcoholism Mental Health issues Lack of motivation to excel/or to reach maximum independence	3/16/2016 4:20 PM
31	I think overwhelmingly the issue is mental health and not preparing youth to become functional adults (i.e. budgeting, credit, household tasks, responsibilities)	3/16/2016 11:18 AM
32	lack of education	3/16/2016 10:15 AM
33	Providing benefits with no investment or return given back to the community. People receiving something for nothing and then expecting they deserve the benefit.	3/16/2016 9:17 AM
34	costs of services and goods exceed income, especially if single adult without a "partner" poor prioritization of expenditures - "bad choices" sudden increase in expenses due to medical care, unemployment, etc.	3/15/2016 4:05 PM
35	some people just get caught in a no win situation that is hard to climb out of; that then leads to toxic stress that stymies people. In addition, the stresses that people have affect the children and then their learning is hampered and their view of the future leads to a feeling of futility.	3/15/2016 3:54 PM
36	Lack of education and family structure.	3/15/2016 3:11 PM
37	Mind set poorly managed funds Not using the available resources to make an informed decision.	3/15/2016 2:26 PM
38	Lack of access, lack of empowerment, lack of resources, inequality, and lack of relationship between those delivering the service and those who need the services.	3/15/2016 1:48 PM
39	Poverty exists because our economic system is organized in ways that encourage the accumulation of wealth at one end and creates conditions of scarcity that make poverty inevitable at the other. Trickle Down Economics got stuck at the top and didn't trickle down. Currently, having a fulltime job is no guarantee of a decent living. Other factors that contribute to the ongoing problem are high divorce rates, single parent families, racism, disappearance of industrial jobs - jobs that once helped people climb out of poverty.	3/15/2016 11:46 AM
40	Some laziness, some not	3/15/2016 11:19 AM
41	Lack of education and training. I see a family cycle that goes on for generations, we need to start with the young and instill better work ethics.	3/15/2016 11:14 AM
42	Lack of education, self and surrounding home barriers.	3/15/2016 10:46 AM
43	Lack of knowledge on how to break the cycle and/or awareness there is an unhealthy cycle. Lack of resources / lack of knowledge of resources. Inadequate resources Social inequalities lack of education health problems Laziness / lack of motivation.	3/15/2016 10:24 AM
44	Lack of a job. Lack of an education. Generational cycle and pull of the neighborhood. Living only for the present and not looking beyond to what could be.	3/15/2016 9:50 AM
45	Not graduating high school with well-grounded education/skills or dropping out so not able to obtain employment or only minimum-wage jobs. Substance abuse issues tear individuals and families apart and weaken communities. Mental health issues affect the ability of people to function. Generational poverty -- Become dependent upon public aid, have no personal example of another way to achieve and live, to parent children, to get an education and job, leading to entrenched cycles of poverty that becomes the norm. Poor job opportunities -- some people trying but cannot possibly make ends meet on low-wage jobs without assistance for childcare, food, etc.	3/15/2016 9:04 AM
46	Lack of living wage jobs	3/15/2016 8:55 AM
47	generational learned behaviors, dysfunctional living environment, lack of education, lack of job training/skills, lack of financial savvy, no vision for life or goals, low self-esteem, lack of medical and dental support, lack of spiritual insight.	3/15/2016 8:51 AM
48	Low education, lack of transportation, parenting issues, couch surfing then having transfer to different schools because of the couch surfing. What we see in our office is most parents do not find school a priority and without an education it makes it difficult for people to get jobs when they have a 6th grade education.	3/15/2016 8:45 AM

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Q24 What community improvement initiative would you like your community to address?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	to increase educational opportunities with childcare availability	4/14/2016 2:53 PM
2	initiatives currently addressed by SCDRC	4/4/2016 1:07 PM
3	To improve the community we need to address things we've previously ignored: institutional and systemic racism and the problems of marginalized communities. We keep trying to address poverty without acknowledging that it goes hand in hand with these things and it's like putting a bandage on a broken arm. Then, we act surprised when communities don't thrive. An initiative that includes their voices, their needs, and support for how the rest of the community can respond would be an exhaustive yet completely new way of trying to improve conditions. When you consider the ties that has to the school-to-prison pipeline for which educational systems are culpable, then you might actually get somewhere. We don't make it easy for people to get out of poverty, but we sure do blame them for generational issues that we helped create in our country.	4/4/2016 9:44 AM
4	homelessness and pan-handlers	3/31/2016 6:19 PM
5	I have prepared a report for Illinois State Board of Education with my Community organization Faith Coalition for the Common Good. I am the Education Task Force Co-Chair The purpose of this plan is to have Clear Book Bags in the School District of 186 this will go for Middle and High school students. There is only 1 school in District 186 that has this policy (FCCG) believes what goes for one, should go for all (Equality). this Initiative will help All students in becoming organized and prepared to learn, this plan will also help eliminate the students' need to make multiple trips to their lockers between classes and decrease the likely hood of tardiness in arriving to class unprepared	3/29/2016 1:12 PM
6	A well funded teen center for low-income young adults that connects them with what may be next after high school.	3/28/2016 11:54 AM
7	none	3/28/2016 11:23 AM
8	LGBTQ equal rights. Restroom access, name change rights on legal documents	3/28/2016 11:16 AM
9	Low cost/free after school activities for children	3/28/2016 11:11 AM
10	Access to health care and better access to training and education for people in poverty.	3/28/2016 10:43 AM
11	How is it possible to live a life as a good citizen that is peaceful, productive, prosperous, safe and healthy?	3/28/2016 10:11 AM
12	Start anywhere	3/28/2016 10:07 AM
13	Acknowledge and address systemic racism	3/28/2016 10:00 AM
14	Housing for homeless pregnant/parenting teens.	3/28/2016 9:58 AM
15	Financial literacy starting in the grade schools and for your state legislatures to quit playing politics and do their job to get funds to the agencies that so desperately need it to survive and help those who truly need it. And mental health issues- we do nothing to help these people	3/28/2016 9:41 AM
16	Look at the barriers within jobs. Even if working as a substitute you should be able to work multiple areas with in a system. If so one might have or find work everyday.	3/28/2016 9:09 AM
17	There are a lot of available programs. Too many times, the same clients are using these programs over and over. We need to address the "how" to get out of poverty alongside the "what it will take from you" mentality. Ownership on the client is as important as the programs being offered. Wrap around services are key.	3/28/2016 8:59 AM
18	literacy - people who cannot read or understand forms and legal documents are severely handicapped in getting help and jobs	3/28/2016 8:58 AM
19	Access to quality child care for all children to ensure kindergarten readiness.	3/28/2016 8:47 AM
20	Assure that all housing is adequate, safe, and healthy for low income Springfield residents.	3/28/2016 8:10 AM
21	trauma	3/28/2016 8:08 AM
22	Reparirs to old houses	3/28/2016 7:59 AM

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23	Stop spending so much time on outcomes of broken family units. Spend more time and resources on providing relational resources in the lives of our children.	3/28/2016 7:50 AM
24	Mentoring for those who want to work. We need more apprenticeship programs. Currently lack of support for these apprenticeship programs.	3/28/2016 7:10 AM
25	repurposing old buildings into community/neighborhood centers	3/22/2016 9:41 PM
26	employment some kind of factories for the community to move forward.	3/19/2016 9:53 PM
27	Long term solutions to community problems. Sustainable employment, home ownership, mental health access.	3/19/2016 12:59 PM
28	Infrastructure issues around the city, especially within the inner city (East Springfield; Southeast portions, etc.) Expanding livable wage employment opportunities Employment program funding/grants for youth -- especially during the summer months (ages 14-21) Increased public/private partnerships in the areas of education, health, housing, income, literacy, etc.	3/17/2016 4:52 PM
29	Low cost after school programs and activities.	3/17/2016 2:15 PM
30	**** See Answer 25*****	3/16/2016 4:20 PM
31	Assistance with housing, rent, and utility costs	3/16/2016 11:18 AM
32	I would like to see section 8 open up. More affordable housing.	3/16/2016 10:15 AM
33	transportation and job training	3/16/2016 9:17 AM
34	require persons receiving aid (LIHEAP, rent subsidies, etc.) to learn how to prioritize and budget before receiving such aid more than one time in five year period (I realize this is being done to a certain extent now....) access to transportation at no/low cost for two weeks when first employed (then should have income to buy bus pass, etc.)	3/15/2016 4:05 PM
35	When TIF money is used to put in nice bricks and landscaping while residents go without and the TIF diverts money from education, priorities are wrong. Start real recycling program - get people jobs doing so.	3/15/2016 3:54 PM
36	Mental health issue with k-12 population.	3/15/2016 3:11 PM
37	Neighborhood beautification Supervised Recreational Centers for Kids / Safe Haven within the neighborhood A free center for the arts in the community Parent empowerment center Tools for homemakers, parenting, and social development Seniors activity center	3/15/2016 2:26 PM
38	Systemic approach to change. (Programs do not make sustainable change in our communities).	3/15/2016 1:48 PM
39	Create a jobs program that can immediately offer a LIVABLE wage while receiving on-the-job training and mentoring. Businesses can be linked with specific employees (one or two) through interview processes that can assist with linking the more appropriate person to the more appropriate job. These jobs should not be limited to janitorial or other menial positions, they should be focused on increasing a person's ability to meet (or rise to) mid-level skills.	3/15/2016 11:46 AM
40	Cleanup - neighborhoods.	3/15/2016 11:19 AM
41	Work programs with education	3/15/2016 11:14 AM
42	Springfield needs its GARBAGE throughout this community, it has declined.	3/15/2016 10:46 AM
43	Build a substance abuse treatment facility. Improve access to mental health services. Safer neighborhoods.	3/15/2016 10:24 AM
44	Job training Literacy Education	3/15/2016 9:50 AM
45	Increase high school graduation rates and graduate youth who are prepared to get additional education to learn a trade or attend college. Offer more trade education opportunities. Address violence and gangs affecting lives of low income youth and reduce violence/shootings/substance abuse in the community.	3/15/2016 9:04 AM
46	Poverty simulations to be expanded to government employees and elected officials.	3/15/2016 8:55 AM
47	Homelessness	3/15/2016 8:51 AM
48	to put more of an emphasis on schooling, parenting, budgeting money	3/15/2016 8:45 AM

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Q25 If you had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue, what would you solve?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 6

#	Responses	Date
1	free or nearly free childcare for single parents furthering their education	4/14/2016 2:53 PM
2	shelter providing services for families of male/female head of household as well as caring for those with mental health issues.	4/4/2016 1:07 PM
3	Dismantling the system that keeps poor people poor. Ensuring that predatory services are no longer allowed to operate in poor communities (payday loans, currency exchanges, etc...) and real education on systemic racism that continues to keep these things in place. We need to break down these systems but everyone is so involved in them they don't want to see them go. I'd use the money to ensure that the system is rebuilt and an open sourcing of ideas (community gardens, health care initiatives, etc...) would involve the very people we're trying to help. Don't shut them out of the conversation and assume we know better than them what would work for them.	4/4/2016 9:44 AM
4	lack of knowledge and access to community services	3/31/2016 6:19 PM
5	If I had \$1,000,000 to solve a community issue. As the plan I have mentioned above, it will not be eradicated for at least 3-5 years, due to the fact that we would have to have buyers for the Clear book bags to store them in Springfield Illinois. Most importantly District 186 and the School Board will have to comply with this new initiative. Once this is done in our Education System, then and only then it will be solved with Complete Participation.	3/29/2016 1:12 PM
6	build a teen center	3/28/2016 11:54 AM
7	Homelessness	3/28/2016 11:16 AM
8	Short-term education and training for suitable low-income individuals.	3/28/2016 10:43 AM
9	Employment with living wages and generous benefits.	3/28/2016 10:11 AM
10	There are several good programs already in existence that are addressing the issue of systemic racism. I would use the money to expand these efforts to promote greater visibility and much broader participation in these efforts. Until systemic racism is acknowledged and addressed, other efforts are more band-aid approaches that are not real solutions. This is not denying the wonderful services being provided to low-income families. I would like to think the time will come when such services are needed to a far lesser degree, when the services now available are "enough."	3/28/2016 10:00 AM
11	Low literacy is a huge issue for some students in my community. Testing for reading delays, dyslexia, vision, processing should be done on each child not reading at grade level to determine the problem and set up to receive services. Another community issue is pregnant or parenting teens. As a social service worker, there are limited spots available for a pregnant or parenting teen to live after being put out of their home or not feeling safe in their home environment.	3/28/2016 9:58 AM
12	My gut says mental health- but \$1,000,000 would be a drop in the bucket. To have the greatest impact with \$1,000,000, I would put it into financial literacy education in the schools starting at a young age and make it part of the curriculum each year	3/28/2016 9:41 AM
13	Youth or Workkeys Test Prep, Accuplacer testing, GED testing or something for kids of parents that have been incarcerated.	3/28/2016 9:09 AM
14	I don't think \$1,000,000 is enough.....	3/28/2016 8:59 AM
15	Parenting and child development.	3/28/2016 8:47 AM
16	Implement a system to assure that housing in Springfield is not a risk to the health of children and adults, is affordable, is of reasonable quality, and safe.	3/28/2016 8:10 AM
17	truancy--educational attainment for all children	3/28/2016 8:08 AM
18	More Jobs	3/28/2016 7:59 AM
19	I would solve chronic homelessness in five years.	3/28/2016 7:50 AM
20	Housing tied to apprenticeship/job	3/28/2016 7:10 AM
21	family engagement with public schools	3/22/2016 9:41 PM

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22	the unemployment!!!!!!!!!!!!	3/19/2016 9:53 PM
23	I would require everyone on any sort of aid to do something to make their life better. Volunteer, go to school, so on. The money would go for the infrastructure needed to keep everyone accountable.	3/19/2016 12:59 PM
24	Economic Development & Financial Stability	3/17/2016 4:52 PM
25	Updating programs for school that kids can get involved in at the school or with the community.	3/17/2016 2:15 PM
26	Implement a program to allow homeless/disabled people to work for the day through a county or city program. Include consumers with disabilities from Centers for Independent Living who have an open vocational rehabilitation case and are actively seeking training or employment. Purchase a wheelchair accessible van and drive around the city during the summer months and winter months asking the homeless/disabled if they want to work or train for the day? Also stopping at local Vocational rehabilitation Office and local Center for Independent Living to pick up consumers. Pay homeless/disabled minimum wage for work and a higher wage for training. Working for the day might include doing jobs like cleaning up the community, planting flowers, tearing down blighted or abandoned properties. During the winter months perhaps clearing snow from curb cuts, shoveling snow for elderly or disabled. Provide training in construction type jobs such as building wheelchair ramps, installing roll-in-showers, grab bars , roofing, window installation, etc. Also provide paid computer training at a higher wage to consumers who want to work in an office setting teach them to type, filing, etc. Network with non-profit human service agencies who need office work done for the day and pay the consumer with program funds. Provide lunch to all participants.	3/16/2016 4:20 PM
27	I would first and foremost address the issue of mental health as I believe that so many issues stem from the mental health issues not being addressed	3/16/2016 11:18 AM
28	increase capacity for homeless shelter participants and provide life skills training and mental health assistance.	3/16/2016 9:17 AM
29	support staff for homeless shelters and staff for "at risk" population to receive social services/counseling perhaps financial counseling for parents of "at risk" kids in schools	3/15/2016 4:05 PM
30	Coordination of all the services offered by many groups - end duplication and review areas needed. Use money to provide resources for education and job training with mentors, etc. for people to advance and improve their status.	3/15/2016 3:54 PM
31	Provide mental health training and services to K-12 school districts.	3/15/2016 3:11 PM
32	A safe haven for children Teaching youth how to manage money and invest	3/15/2016 2:26 PM
33	Get the decision makers and the investors closer to the causes they believe in. Allow those receiving the services to have a voice around the table and them be trained and empowered as change agents.	3/15/2016 1:48 PM
34	See above.	3/15/2016 11:46 AM
35	education	3/15/2016 11:14 AM
36	Early education and after-school tutoring and mentoring programs for youth.	3/15/2016 10:46 AM
37	Help fund the answers in #24.	3/15/2016 10:24 AM
38	In the perfect world, everyone would have at least a high school diploma and some type of post secondary education, whether it be academic or vocational.	3/15/2016 9:50 AM
39	Target at-risk youth for intensive mentoring programs -- encourage completing education and identifying job/career opportunities and how to be responsible to themselves, their family, and their employer	3/15/2016 9:04 AM
40	Open a business providing living wages jobs to approx 25 people. Not sure that is what you mean by the question though, so ensure the shelters downtown are still operational - that situation is disturbing.	3/15/2016 8:55 AM
41	I would build a facilities that would be a supporting community to help an individual or family be educated and supported to become self-sufficient. In this community would be energy efficient housing, education support, medical support, goal setting, family support, and the list goes on.	3/15/2016 8:51 AM
42	I would like to have more affordable housing for low income families but that are not old, dilapidated homes.	3/15/2016 8:45 AM