

## 2021 Regional Priorities

Community stakeholders updated Regional Criminal Justice Priorities through participation in the survey and meeting discussions on available resources and knowledge. Stakeholders were completely voluntary in both survey and meeting participation, lending to how the priorities were determined by active community agencies and organizations.

## 2021 Regional Priorities

### Juvenile Justice

- Priority 1: Mental Health
- Priority 2: Family Stability
- Priority 3: Truancy
- Priority 4: Improving School Climate
- Priority 5: Adult life-skills

### Law Enforcement

- Priority 1: Personnel
- Priority 2: Equipment
- Priority 3: Training
- Priority 4: Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Priority 5: Family Violence

### Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention

- Priority 1: Access to & Funding to Treatment & Prevention Programs for Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- Priority 2: Access to screening and referral to psychiatric and substance abuse services and therapy
- Priority 3: Access to & Funding for Technology Based Services

### Victim Issues

- Priority 1: Comprehensive Victim Support Services
- Priority 2: Victim Advocacy
- Priority 3: Accessible and Affordable
- Priority 4: Restoration Services
- Priority 5: Professional Development and Training

## Juvenile Justice Priorities

### Priority 1: Mental Health

- Substance abuse/prevention services
- Substance Misuse Prevention – Youth
- Targeted case management
- Counseling/therapy services
- Wrap around services
- Accessible/affordable mental health care
- Trauma informed practices
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Awareness
- Tele counseling services

### Priority 2: Family Stability

- Violence prevention
- Life skills
- Parenting skills
- Teen pregnancy/prevention
- Gang prevention
- Mentoring
- Victim advocacy
- Family preservation
- Healthy relationships/dating violence
- Truancy prevention
- Wrap around services
- Trauma informed practices
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Awareness

### Priority 3: Truancy

- Prevention
- Intervention
- Academic Failure
- Leaver re-engagement
- Opportunity youth re-engagement
- Afterschool programs

### Priority 4: Improving School Climate

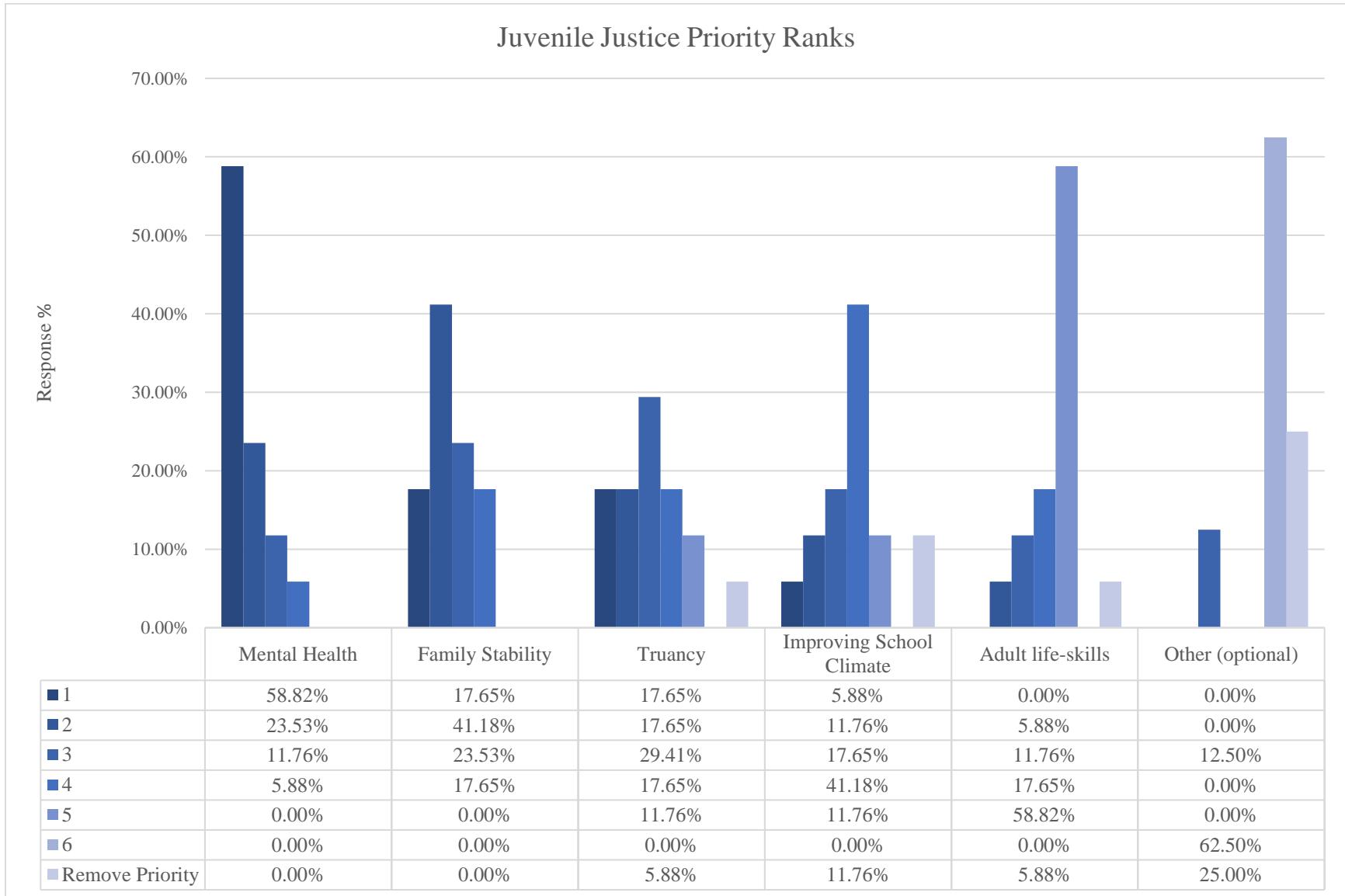
- School safety/district wide safety
- Bullying prevention
- Cyber safety
- Community education
- Suicide prevention
- Social and Emotional learning at school/district levels

- Restorative discipline practices
- Trauma informed practices
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Awareness

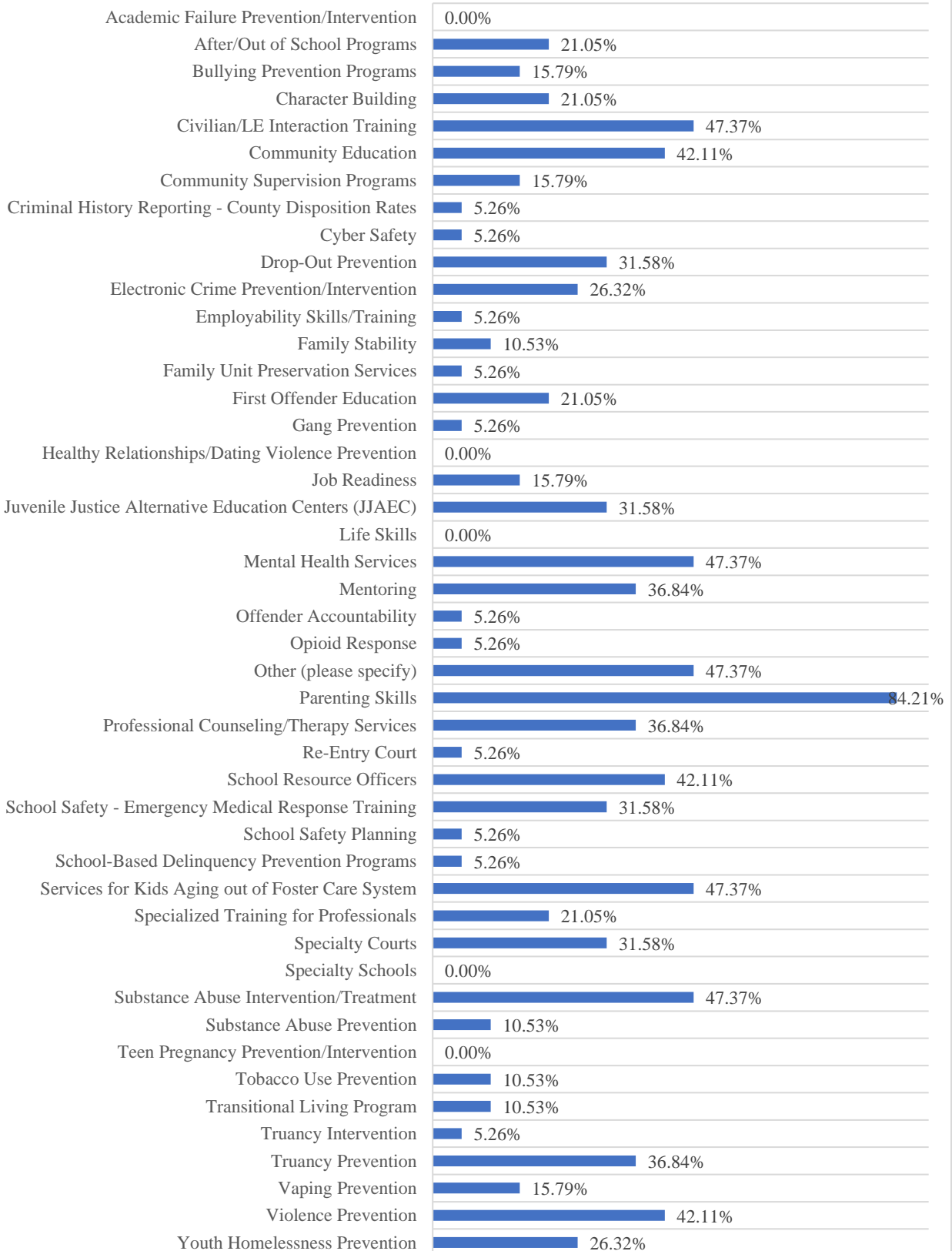
Priority 5: Adult life-skills

- Job readiness/employability skills/training/literacy skills
- Life skills/character building
- Mental health/substance abuse services
- Transitional housing
- Mentoring

Juvenile Justice Data (17 survey participants, 11 meeting participants)



## Juvenile Justice Regional Gaps



## Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement Priorities

### Priority 1: Personnel

- Vicarious Trauma Services
- Recruitment and Retention
- Personnel Costs
- Pay and Benefits

### Priority 2: Equipment

- Technology
  - Rapidly Changing
  - Personnel for Technology Equipment
  - State, Local, and Federal Requirements
  - Investigative Supplies & Equipment

### Priority 3: Training

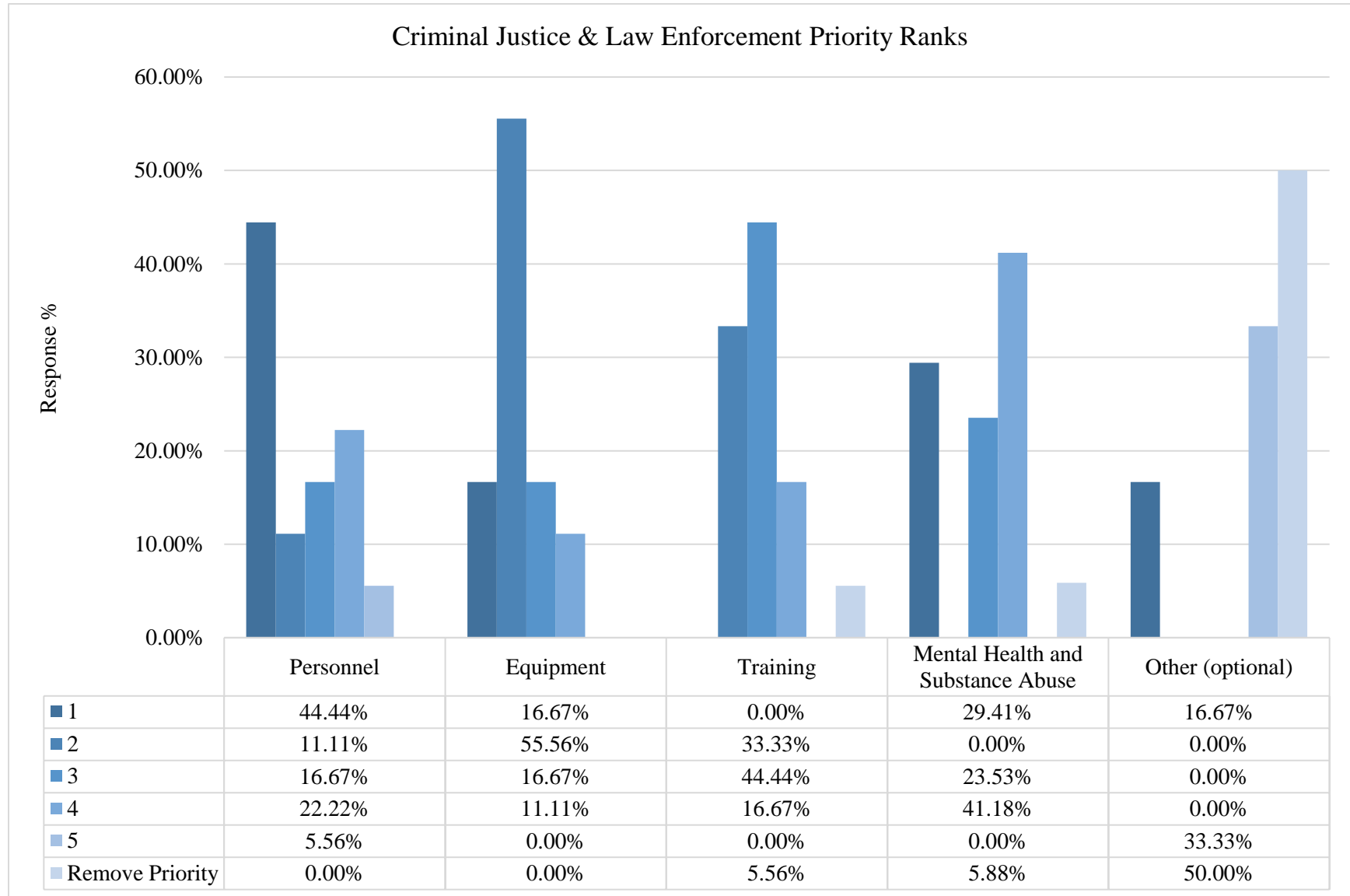
- Training on New Equipment (Technology)
- Training Personnel for Retention/ State Mandated Requirements
- Specialized Training all personnel
  - Law Enforcement, Judicial, Jailers, Dispatches

### Priority 4: Mental Health and Substance Abuse

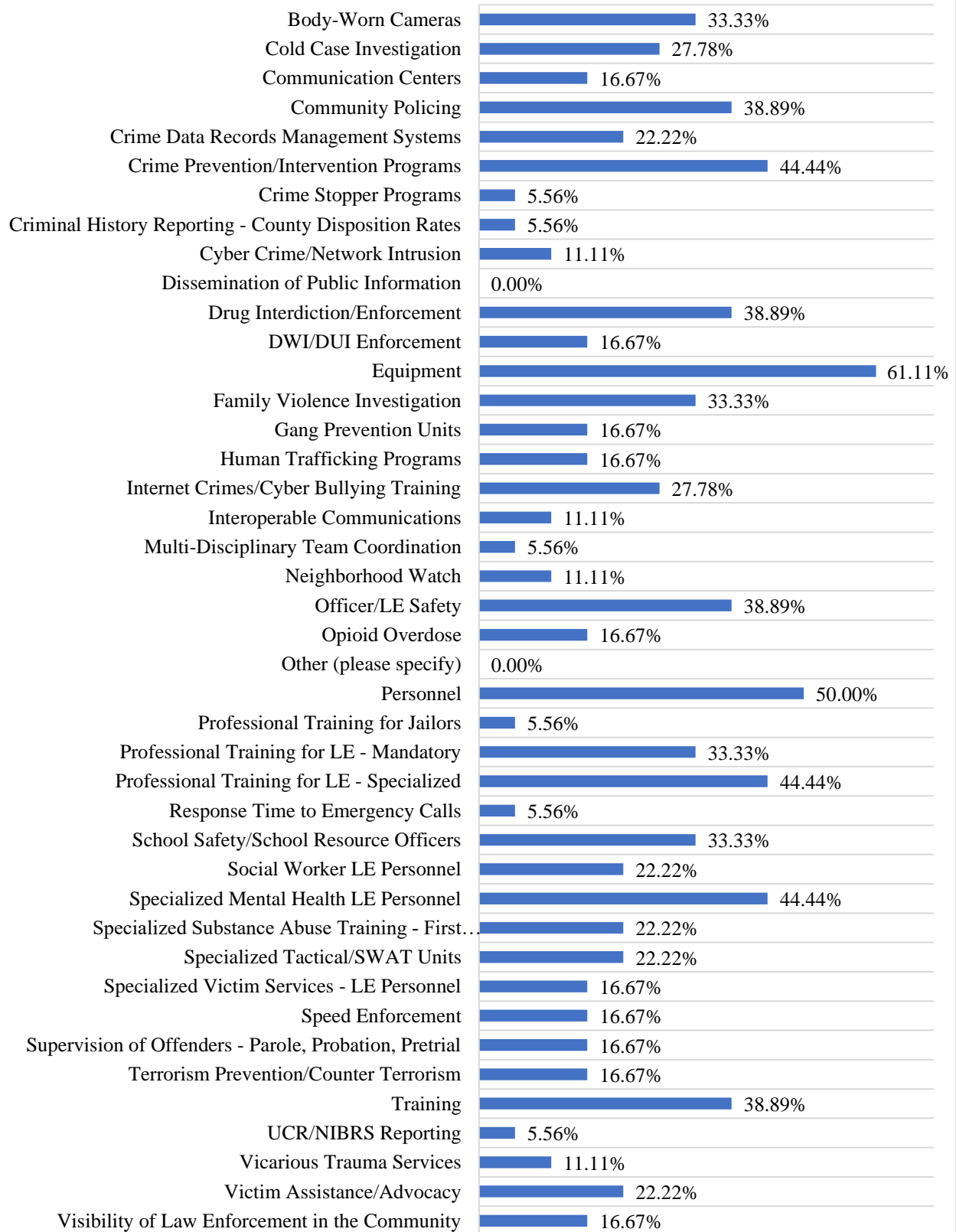
- Specialized Personnel and Training
- Court Diversion and Crisis Services

### Priority 5: Family Violence

Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement Data (18 survey participants, 10 meeting participants)



### Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement Gaps





## Mental Health & Substance Abuse Priorities

### Priority 1: Access to & Funding to Treatment & Prevention Programs for Substance Abuse & Mental Health

- Transportation
  - Transportation – allow use of Uber and Lyft for emergency situations
- Telehealth
- In-home services (counseling other)
- Mobile Crisis Units
- Development of innovative services to address access to services.
- Allow agencies (that provide transportation to/from client appointments) reimbursement for upkeep of **agency owned fleet** (such as reimbursement for vehicle maintenance – tires, registration, insurance, gas).
- Trauma

### Priority 2: Access to Screening and Referral to Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services and Therapy

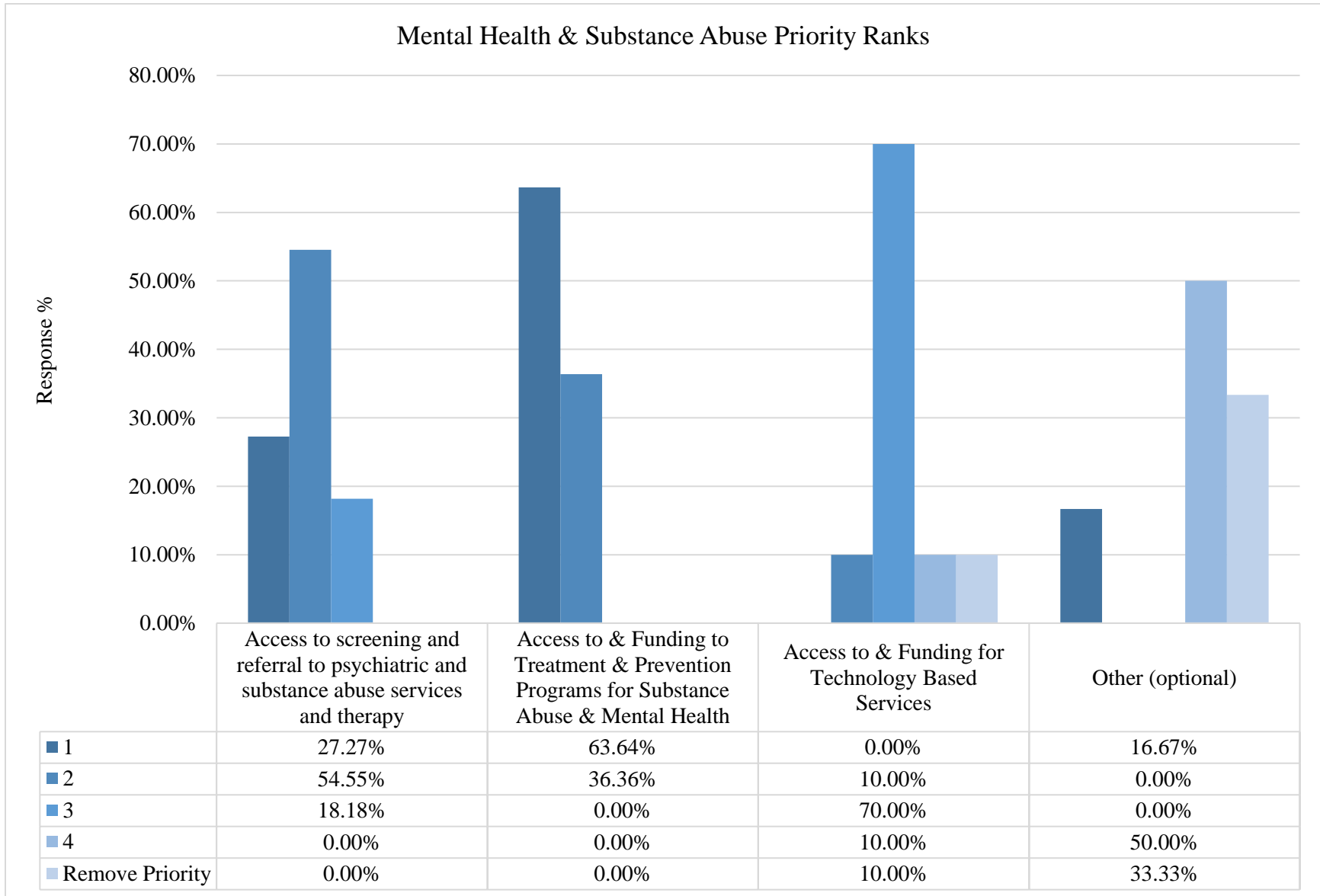
- Early identification of mental health issues: training, screening and referral; tools such as the Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional used for early identification of mental health issues
- Ongoing training in various mental health topics: trauma informed care, co-occurring disorders, direct care training, trauma specific training such as Trust Based Relational Intervention
- Resources:
  - Psychiatric services – funded – available beds – enough capacity
  - Education, Prevention and Intervention across all systems (education, child welfare, justice, etc)
  - Medication assistance (funded)
  - Counseling and Therapy – seen within 72 hours or 5 days (waits often two weeks or months especially indigent)
    - Counseling and therapy with LCDCs with providers trained to address co-occurring disorders
  - Continuum of Care – prevent gaps in services; dedicated case management
    - create referral network; warm hand offs among (coordination between providers)
    - aftercare support for clients exiting programs; grandparents raising children, etc
    - case management to support access to services (prevention, intervention)
    - crisis stabilization units
  - Recovery Services
  - Specialty Courts (drug courts; family courts, homeless, etc) implement in smaller counties; coordinate services;

- Funding for Specialty Court Case Managers and Probation Officers
- Housing – transitional living, sober living homes

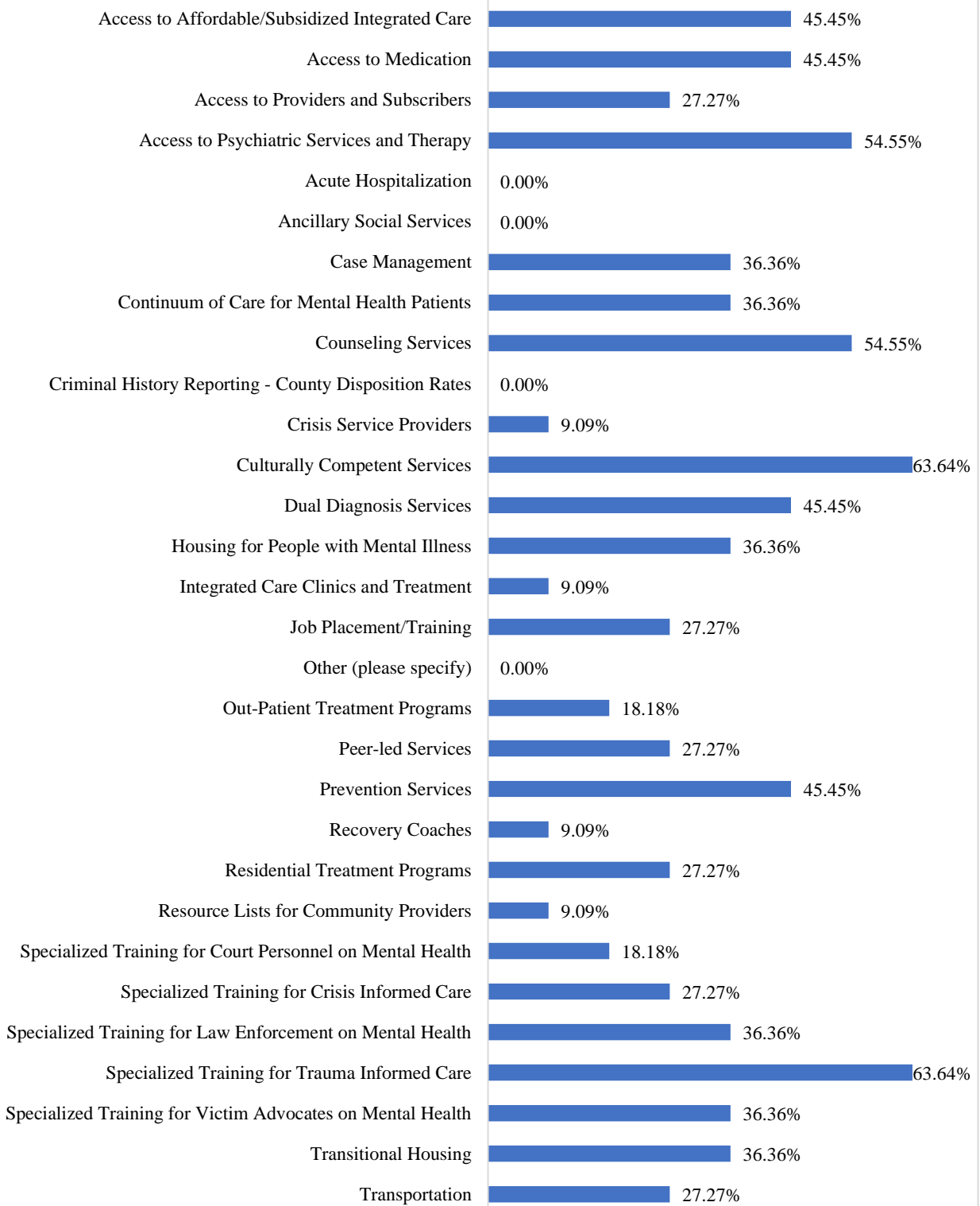
Priority 3: Access to & Funding for Technology Based Services

- Development of regional based software system to allow for coordination between agencies
- Bexar County Integrated BH Case Management Software
- Funding to support IT upgrades for telehealth services (medical & psychiatric)
- Funding to support an agency to implement database systems to track & coordinate services for clients
- Development of a clearing house (one website) that helps agencies coordinate & communicate to refer to each other and follow up

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Data (11 survey participants, 10 meeting participants)



## Responses



## Victim Issues Priorities

### Priority 1: Comprehensive Victim Support Services

- Emergency Shelter
- Hotlines
- Basic Needs Support
- Mental Health Assessment
- Screenings (i.e. sce-it)
- Forensic Medical Exam
- Community Resource Awareness and Education
- Protective Orders
- Emergency Intervention
- Safety Plan Intervention
- Safety Plan Development Crisis
- General Victim Advocacy / Casework
- Crisis Intervention
- Counseling (short and long-term counseling services)
- Information and Referral
- Prevention
- Transportation
- Substance Abuse Assessment

### Priority 2: Victim Advocacy

- General victim advocacy/ casework
- Victim Assistance Programs
- Crime Victim Compensation Assistance
- Improved coordination, collaboration, and communication among services and the criminal investigative and prosecutorial team through resolution
- Information and Referral
- Legal Advocacy
- MDT Case Coordination

### Priority 3: Accessible and Affordable

- Mental Health
  - Mobile Emergency Mental Health Assessment Team
  - Continuum of Care for Mental Health Issues
    - Mental Health and Psychiatric Services
    - Residential facilities
  - Substance Abuse
    - Assessment, Intervention, and Referral
    - Continuum of Care for Substance Abuse
      - Residential Facilities
  - Disability
    - Continuum of Care for Disabilities
      - Residential Facilities
  - Culturally Competent Services for Specialized Populations

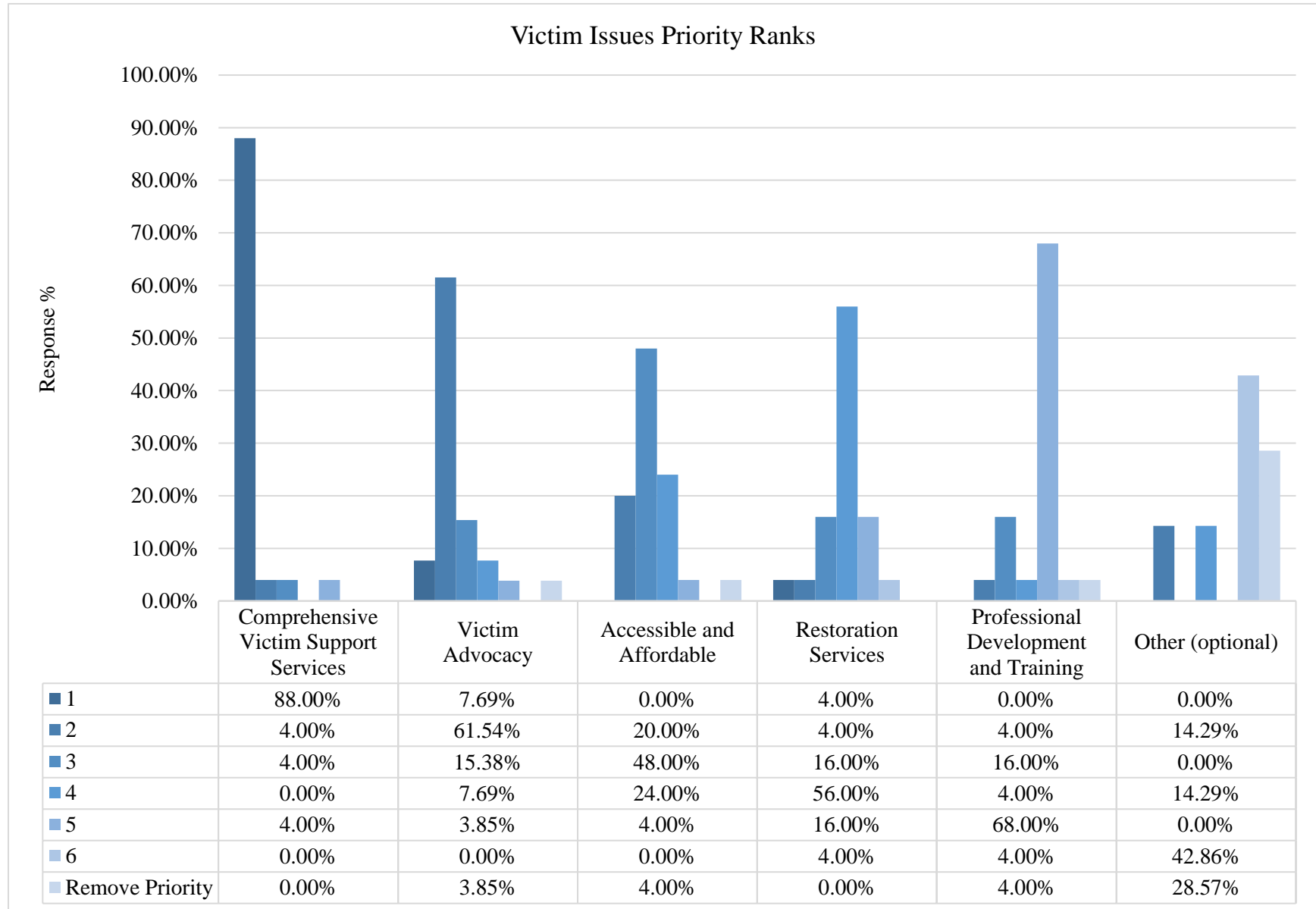
#### Priority 4: Restoration Services

- Affordable Housing and Supportive Services (Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing)
- Lifeskills
- Job Training
- Affordable Child Care
- Peer Support/Mentoring
- Transportation
- Academic Education Programs
- Affordable Healthcare
- Primary and Secondary Victim Support Services
- Short-term Emergency Financial Assistance (rental assistance & utilities etc.)
- Documentation Recovery

#### Priority 5: Professional Development and Training

- Personnel Training
  - Direct Service
  - Support Staff
  - Volunteer
- Improved Collaboration and Cross Training
  - Community Partnerships
  - Outreach and Education

Victim Issues Data (26 survey participants, 24 meeting participants)



## Victim Issues Gaps

