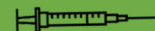


SAN FRANCISCO SAFE INJECTION SERVICES TASK FORCE



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AGENDA

- WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW
- MEETING 1 FINDINGS & THEMES
- COMMUNITY SURVEY FINDINGS
- SIS MODELS AROUND THE WORLD
- DISCUSSION
- PUBLIC COMMENT
- CLOSING & NEXT STEPS

TASK FORCE KEY DATES 2017

ACTIVITIES



TOPICS



JUNE 15

MEETING 1

JULY 21

MEETING 2

AUGUST 10

MEETING 3

SEPTEMBER 2017

RELEASE FINAL REPORT

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

■ DISCUSSION

- Injection Drug Use & Harm Reduction in San Francisco
- About Safe Injection Services
- Benefits and Risks

■ DEVELOP POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- PWID Survey Results
- Safe Injection Service Models
- Operations & Service Considerations

■ DEVELOP & FINALIZE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Business & Neighborhood Focus Group Results
- HR360 Survey Results
- Location and Siting Considerations



MEETING 1 FINDINGS & THEMES

MEETING 1 FINDINGS & THEMES: TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

BENEFITS

- **Increasing access** to compassionate and quality **health care services** and **substance use treatment** for **people who inject drugs (PWID)**
- **Improving health outcomes** for people who inject drugs by providing **a safe, clean, and welcoming space**
- **Reducing stigma** towards people who inject drugs and injection drug use behaviors, and develop a **more informed public community**

MEETING 1 FINDINGS & THEMES: TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

- **Increasing collective healing, commitment, and impact, including opportunities for people who inject drugs to reach sobriety and regain productive lives**
- **Disseminating safer injection drug use practices in drug user community**
- **Improve, expand, and sustain the system of care's operations, outreach, and integration of services.**

MEETING 1 FINDINGS & THEMES: TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

OBSTACLES

- Federal and state **legal environment** and the **enforcement of those laws**
- **Limited funding and resources** for sustainable and robust safe injection services
- People who inject drugs **fearful of government, law enforcement, and system of care**

MEETING 1 FINDINGS & THEMES: TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

OBSTACLES (CONTINUED)

- **Negative public perceptions and misinformation about safe injection services that reinforce stigma and opposition**
- **Varying needs and viewpoints among those in early recovery**

MEETING 1 FINDINGS & THEMES: TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- It is important that SF **adapt safe injection services models to fit the diverse needs and cultures of people who inject drugs**, including peer-based models.
- SF must continue being **a national leader in harm reduction by demonstrating safe injection services as a way to address the opioid epidemic**.
- **Training and support of safe injection services staff** is crucial to its success.

MEETING 1 FINDINGS & THEMES: PUBLIC COMMENT & FORMS

- Largely in support of SF implementing safe injection services as a way to improve health outcomes and community benefits.
- SF should consider expanding the conversation to include other drug consumption behaviors.
- Safe injection services is an effective way to reduce criminality and link PWID to a network of health and social services.
- The current conversation needs to be more inclusive of additional oppressed and marginalized communities.



COMMUNITY SURVEY FINDINGS

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National Public Drug Use Survey

A STUDY ON PUBLIC DRUG USE, RISK BEHAVIOR,
AND SAFER DRUG USE SPACES

NATIONAL PUBLIC DRUG
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ACCEPTABILITY OF A SAFER CONSUMPTION SITE AMONG PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS IN SAN FRANCISCO

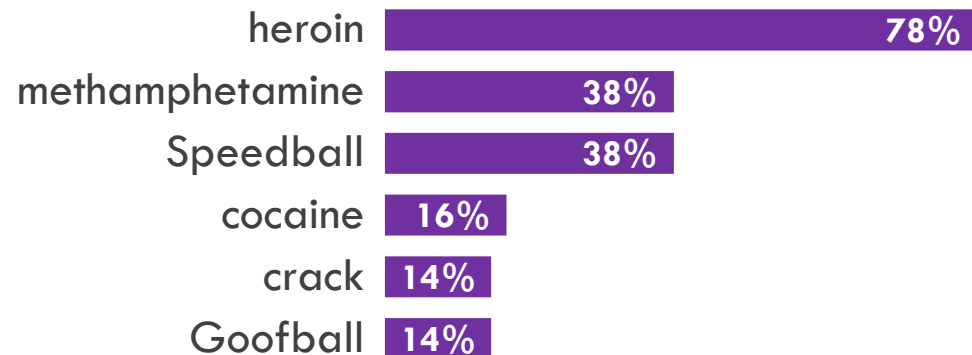
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OVERVIEW

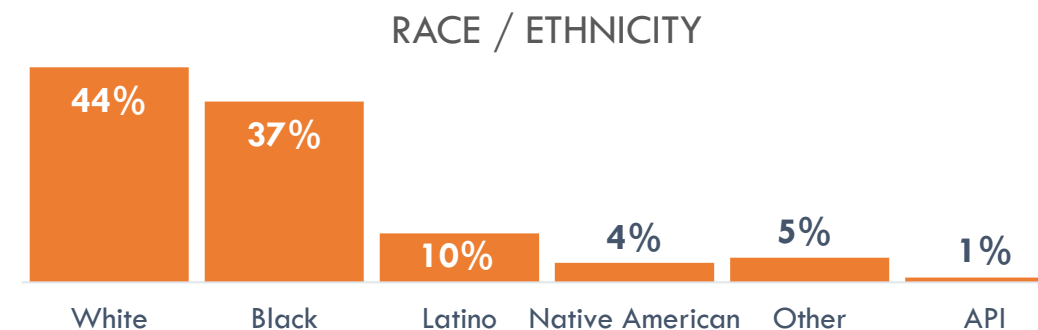
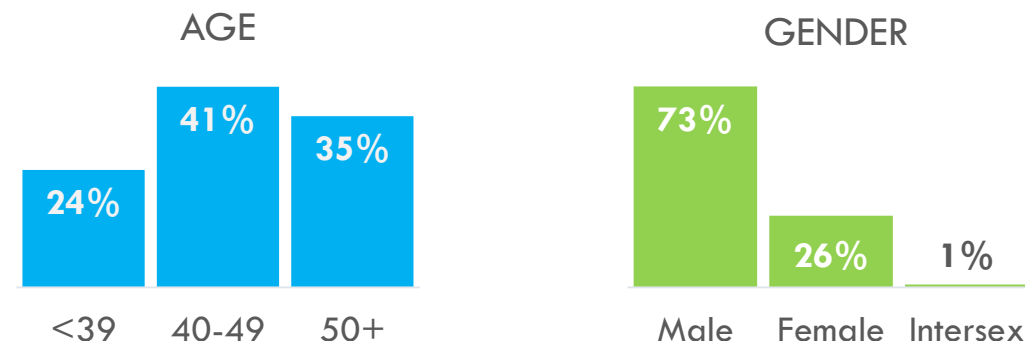
- Targeted sample of PWID (n=602)
- Jan-Oct 2008
- Interviews from 3 main SF neighborhoods
- 20min Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing

KEY FINDINGS

Drug Use: In the 30 days prior to the survey, participants reported if they had injected:



DEMOGRAPHICS



NATIONAL PUBLIC DRUG USE SURVEY: A STUDY ON PUBLIC DRUG USE, RISK BEHAVIOR, AND SAFER DRUG USE SPACES

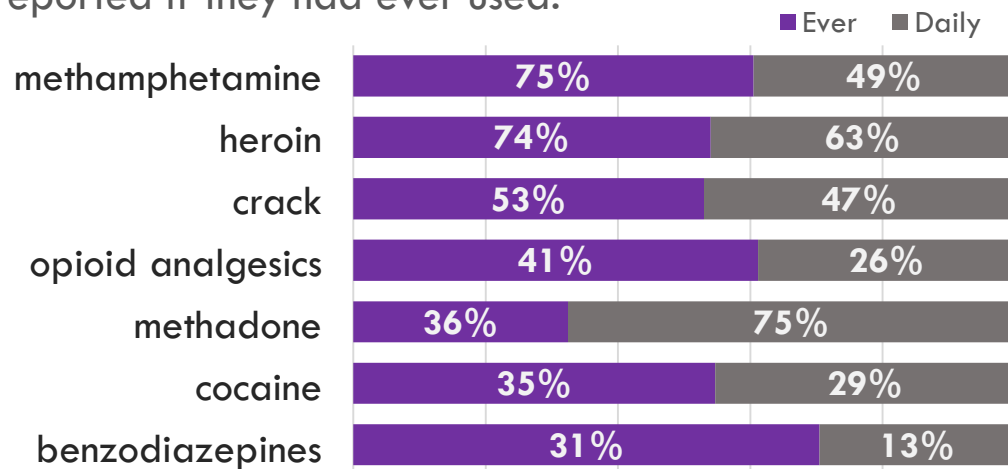


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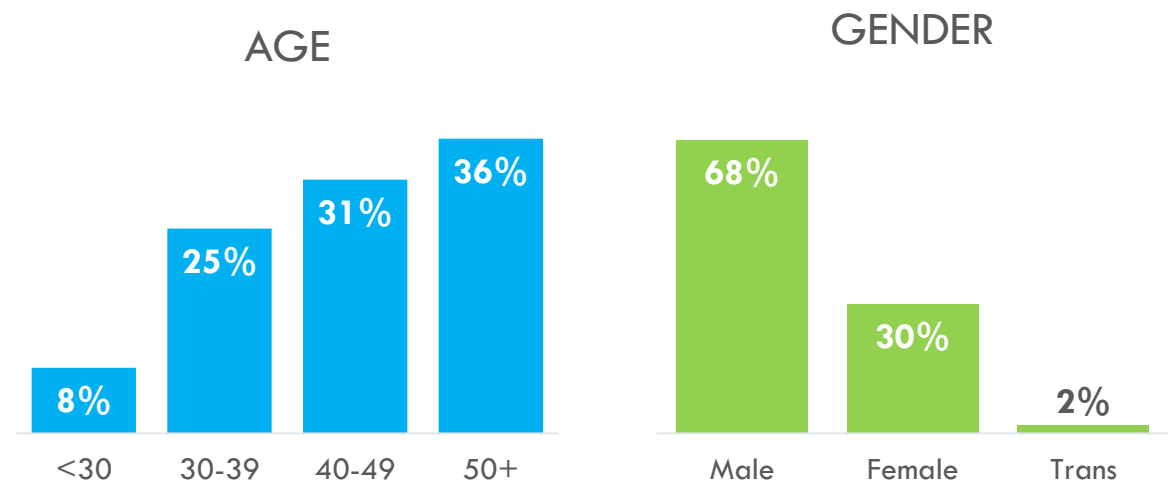
- Cross-sectional observational study design (n=747)
- November 2016 to March 2017
- Convenience sample of participants enrolled in harm reduction programs across 10 cities (12 unique sites)
- Cities include San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Denver, Minneapolis, Washington D.C., Atlantic City, New York City, Paterson, and Boston

KEY FINDINGS FROM SF SAMPLE (n=198)

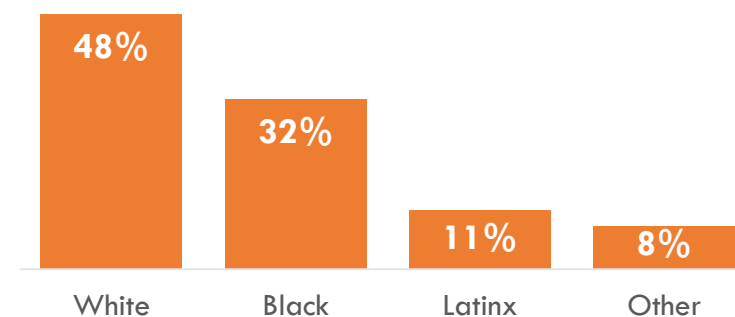
Drug Use: In the 3 months prior to the survey, participants reported if they had ever used:



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RACE/ETHNICITY





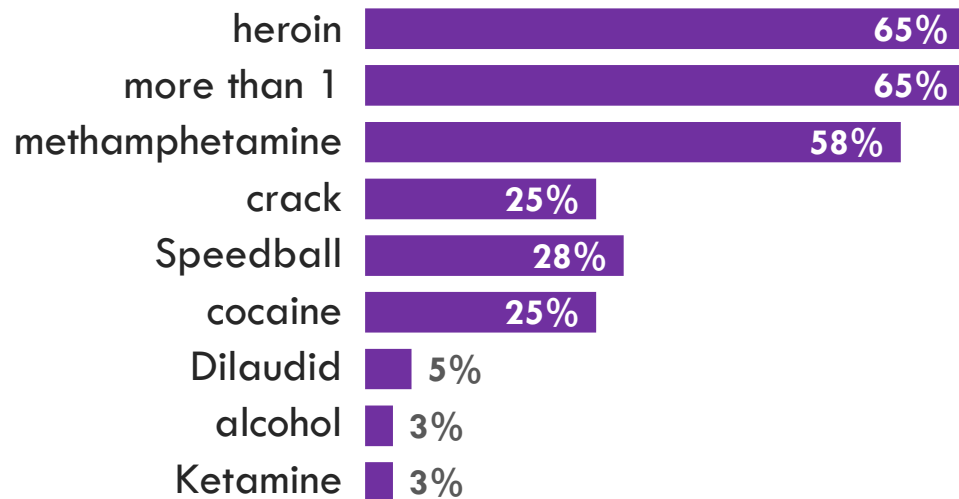
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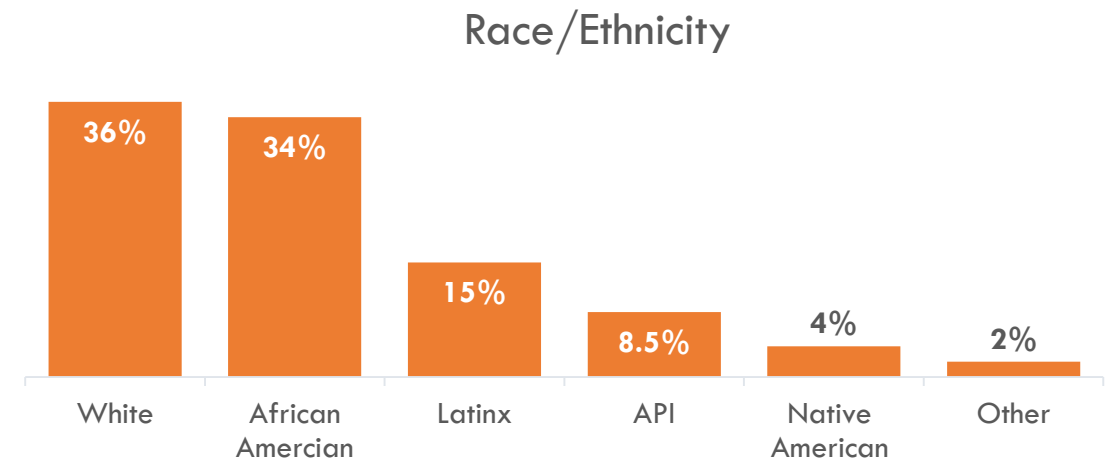
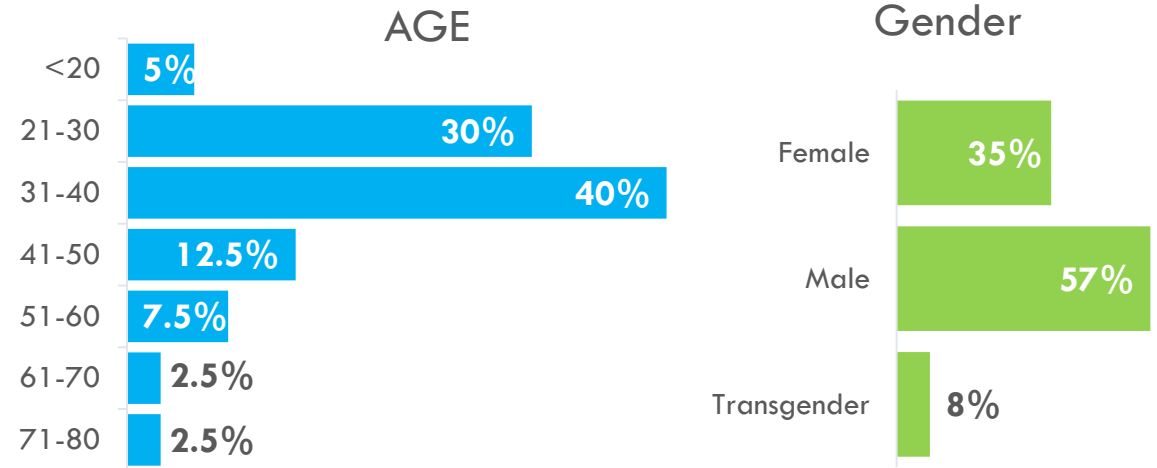
- In-person interviews with PWID in SF (n=40)
- May 23 to June 7, 2017
- 10-20 min surveys in the field
- 3 neighborhoods
 - Tenderloin (13 interviews)
 - Civic Center (12 interviews)
 - South of Market (15 interviews)

KEY FINDINGS

Drug Use: Participants reported they had injected:



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WHERE PEOPLE REPORT INJECTING

PUBLIC LOCATIONS



- STREETS OR ALLEYS
- PARKS
- PUBLIC BATHROOMS
- PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

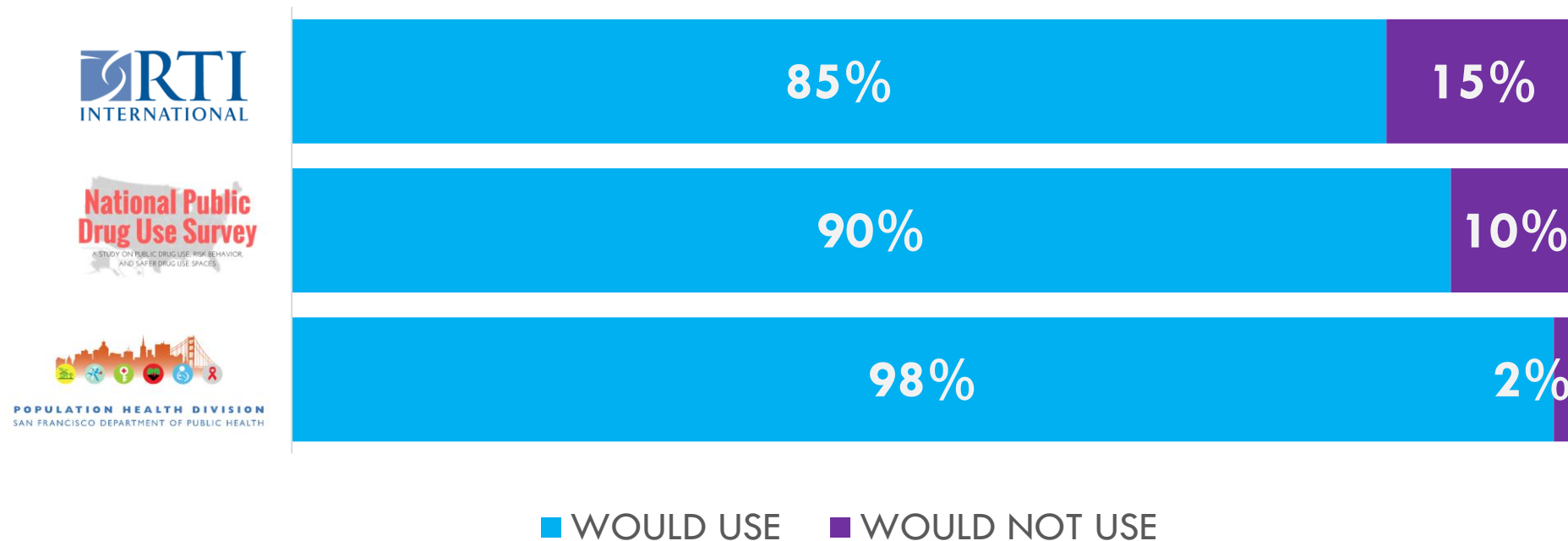
PRIVATE LOCATIONS



- OTHER'S APARTMENT, HOTEL ROOM, OR TENT
- OWN APARTMENT, HOTEL ROOM, OR TENT
- ABANDONED BUILDINGS
- VEHICLES
- STAIRWELLS OR HALLWAYS

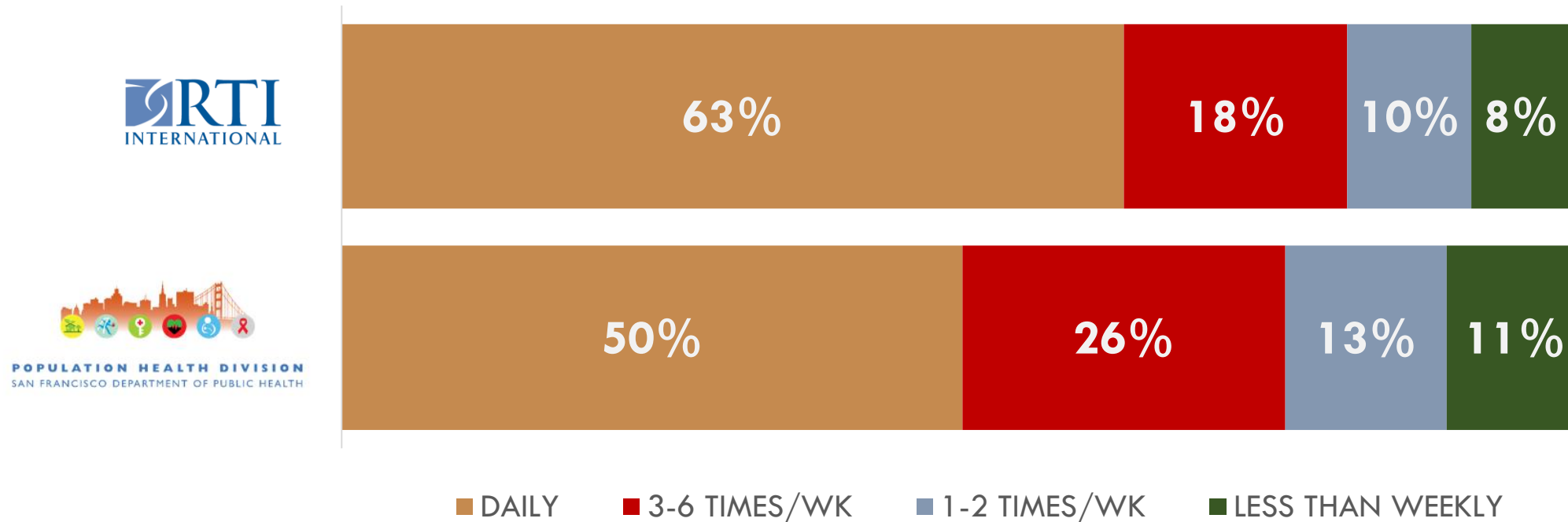
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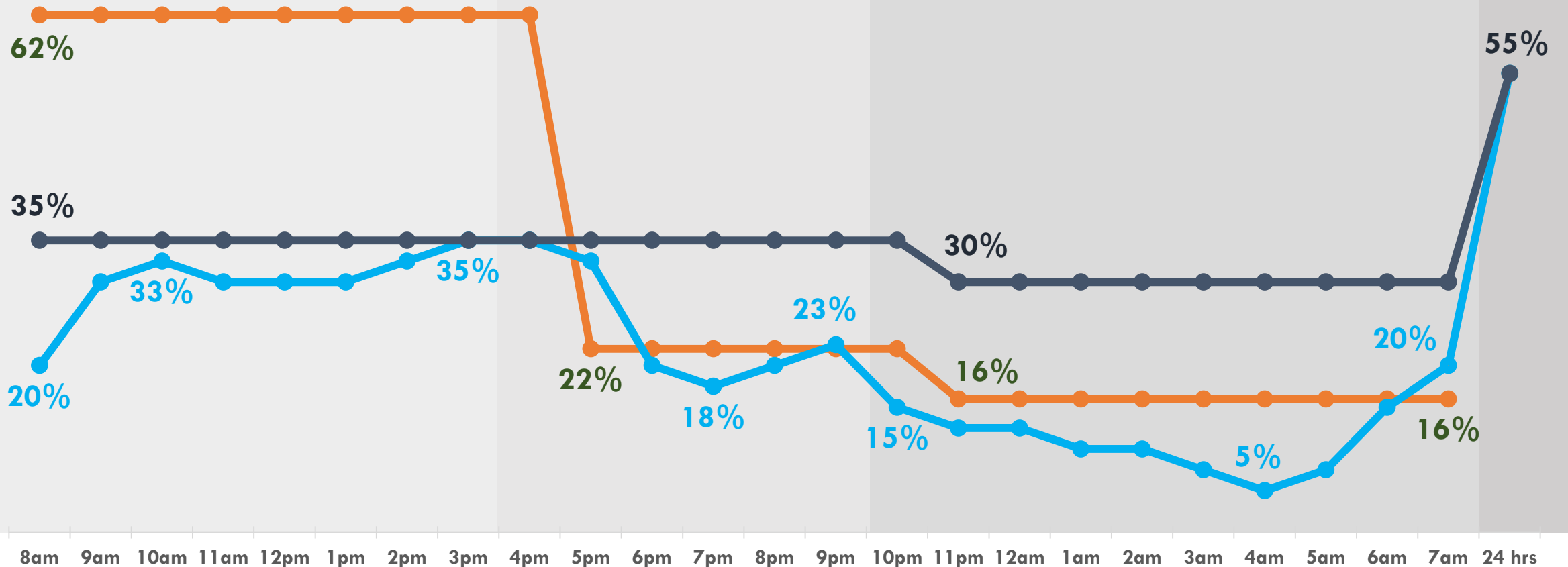
- AT LEAST 3 OUT OF 4 PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS REPORT THEY WOULD USE SAFE INJECTION SERVICES MULTIPLE TIMES A WEEK



PREFERRED HOURS OF OPERATION

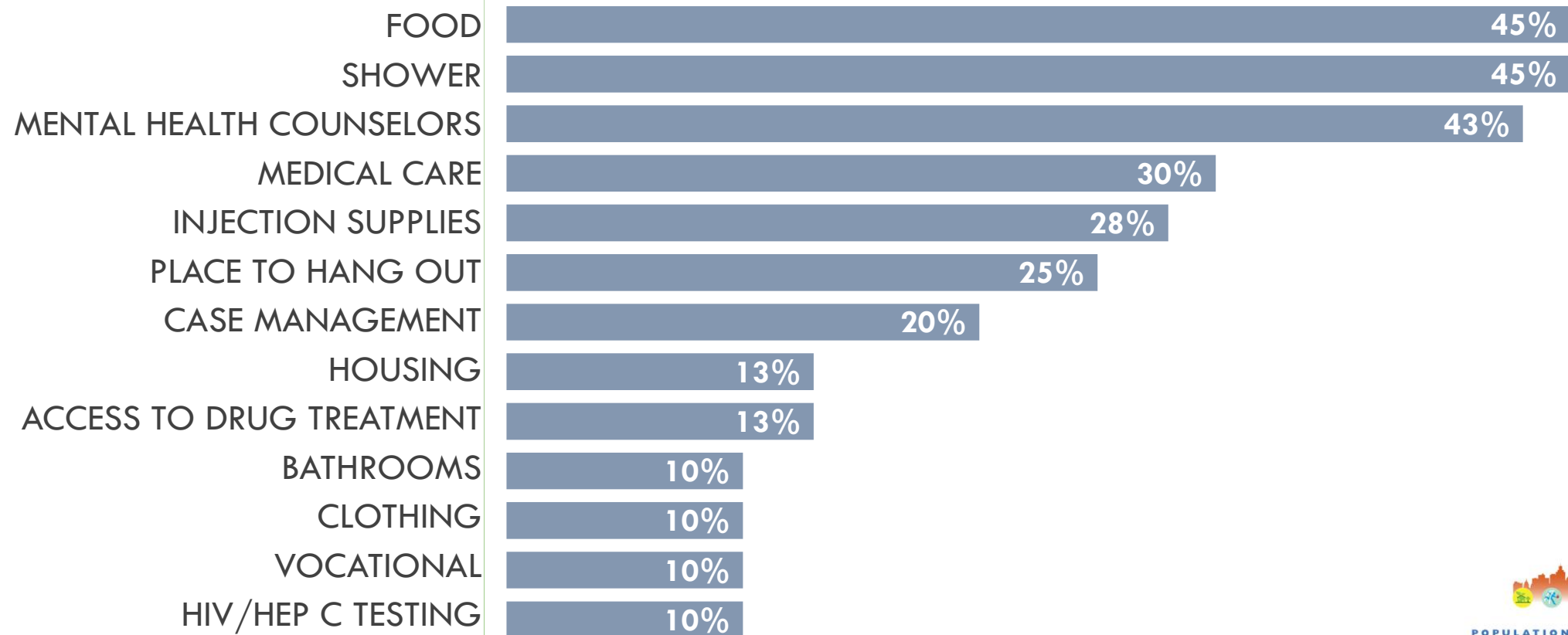


PREFERRED HOURS BY PERCENT OF RESPONSES



OTHER SERVICES

“WHAT OTHER SERVICES WOULD MAKE IT MORE INVITING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO USE THE SPACE?”



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STAFFING & ENVIRONMENT

“WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL SAFE AND TRUST A PLACE THAT OFFERS THIS SERVICE?”

GENERAL THEMES

- positive staff attributes: **friendly, non-judgmental, trustworthy, down to earth, understanding, can relate**
- **ex-addicts, peers, and community members** as staff
- **general safety** (for vulnerable populations, OD prevention, safety from stealing and rules to ensure safety)
- a **comfortable** and **inviting environment**
- **services that provide comfort**
- **harm reduction and links to treatment**



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COMMON THEMES ACROSS 3 SURVEYS

THE MAJORITY OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS:

- indicated **willingness to use SIS** if available
- who reported injecting in **public locations**, reported **injecting in streets, parks, alleys**
- expressed interest in **other on-site services**
- desired **linkages to other services**
- emphasized the importance that SIS **include a peer component**
- preferred that SIS be **open 24 hours a day or during regular business hours**



SAFE INJECTION SERVICE MODELS AROUND THE WORLD

SAFE INJECTION SERVICES

Professionally supervised facilities where drug users can inject pre-obtained drugs in safer conditions

SAFE INJECTION SERVICE MODELS AROUND THE WORLD

- TERMS USED TO DESCRIBE FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE SAFE INJECTION SERVICES
 - Supervised Injection Facilities (SIFs)
 - Safe Consumption Facilities (SCFs)
 - Drug Consumption Rooms (DCRs)
 - Supervised Consumption Services (SCS)

SAFE INJECTION SERVICE MODELS AROUND THE WORLD

■ GOALS & PRIORITIES OF SAFE INJECTION SERVICES

- **attract hard-to-reach populations** of drug users
- **reduce morbidity and mortality** by providing a safe environment for more hygienic drug use
- **provide education** on safe injection practices
- **reduce public drug use**
- **improve public areas** surrounding urban drug markets
- **promote access** to social, health, and drug treatment facilities

SAFE INJECTION SERVICE MODELS AROUND THE WORLD

	AUSTRALIA	CANADA	DENMARK	FRANCE	GERMANY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	USA	TOTAL
# OF SITES	ONE					✓						2
MULTIPLE		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		8
NONE & EXPLORING											✓	1



SAFE INJECTION ROOM - MONTREAL

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SAFE INJECTION ROOM - VANCOUVER

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SAFE INJECTION ROOM - FRANCE

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SAFE INJECTION ROOM - AUSTRALIA

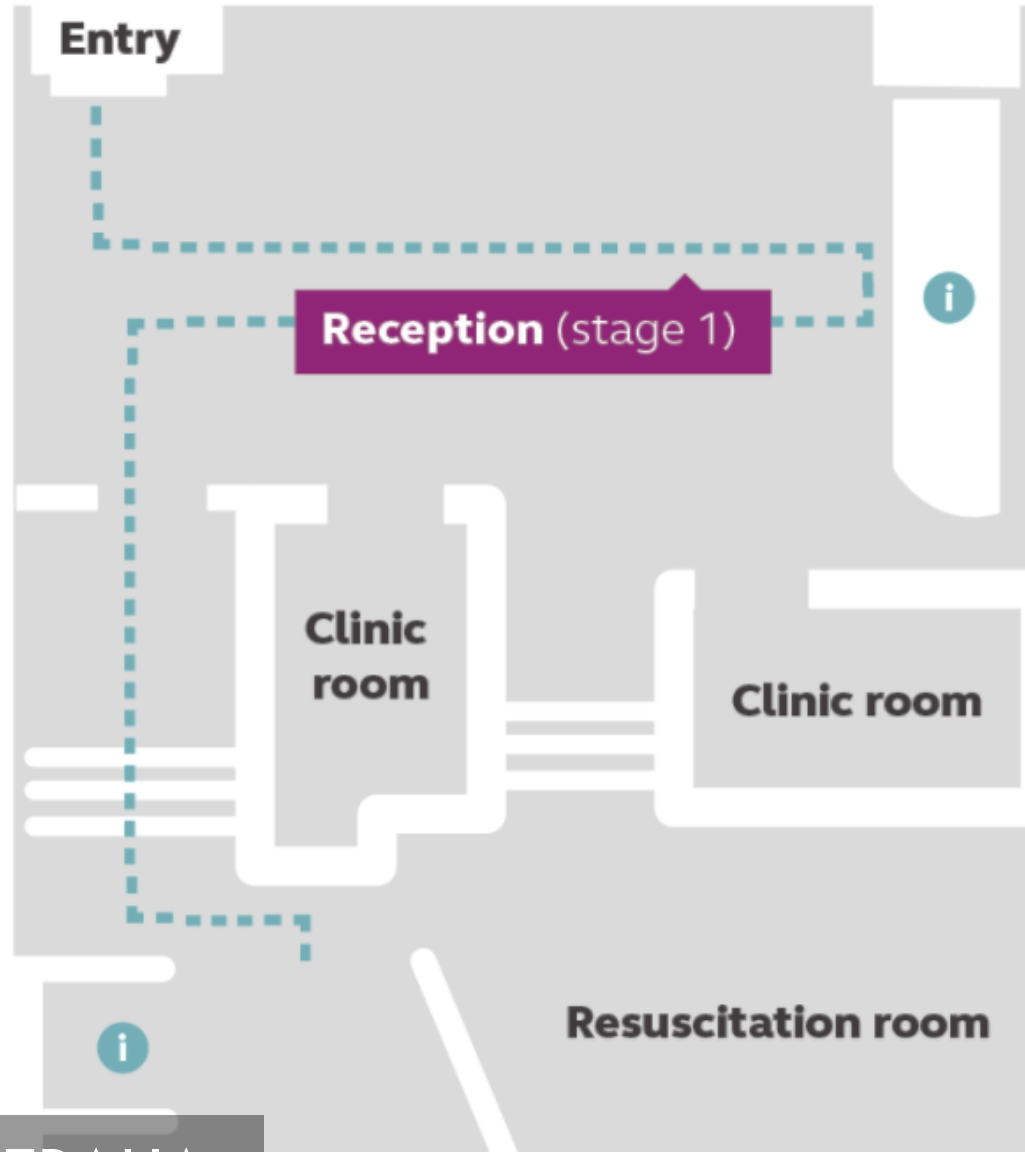
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SIS FLOOR PLAN - AUSTRALIA

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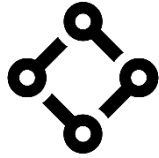
- INTEGRATED
- SPECIALIZED
- MOBILE

SAFE INJECTION SERVICE MODELS AROUND THE WORLD

MODEL

DESCRIPTIONS

KEY ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES



INTEGRATED

- most common type
- part of a broader and interlinked network of services housed in the same facility

Examples of services offered

- showers
- laundry
- counseling
- testing for blood borne viral infections
- needle and syringe exchange
- psychosocial care
- employment programs
- medical services, wound care, medication-assisted treatment (MAT)

Advantages

- convenient access to other important health and social services
- consistent with current emphasis on offering integrated and coordinated care for persons with complex medical conditions

Disadvantages

- integrating with medication-assisted treatment places burden on individuals picking up their medication
- individuals may be trying to stay away from areas of active drug use
- complexity
- cost

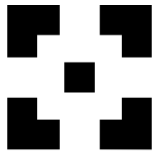
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MODEL

DESCRIPTIONS

KEY ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES



SPECIALIZED

- focus on providing a safe place for hygienic consumption of drugs in a non-judgmental environment, while providing referrals to other services
- usually located in close proximity to other services and where drug users already congregate

Advantages


- requires less operational complexity
- referrals to other services are available, just not in house
- less expensive to site and operate than more comprehensive models

Disadvantages

- access to additional services less convenient than integrated model
- creates a potential barrier to accessing other services

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MODEL	DESCRIPTIONS	KEY ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES
 MOBILE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• specially outfitted vehicles that provide space for 1-3 injection booths inside• offer a limited range of other services• able to provide referrals to other services not available directly on the van	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• able to reach populations outside the service range of stationary supervised consumption facilities <p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• low capacity• limited services offered• access to additional services less convenient than integrated model• creates a potential barrier to accessing other services

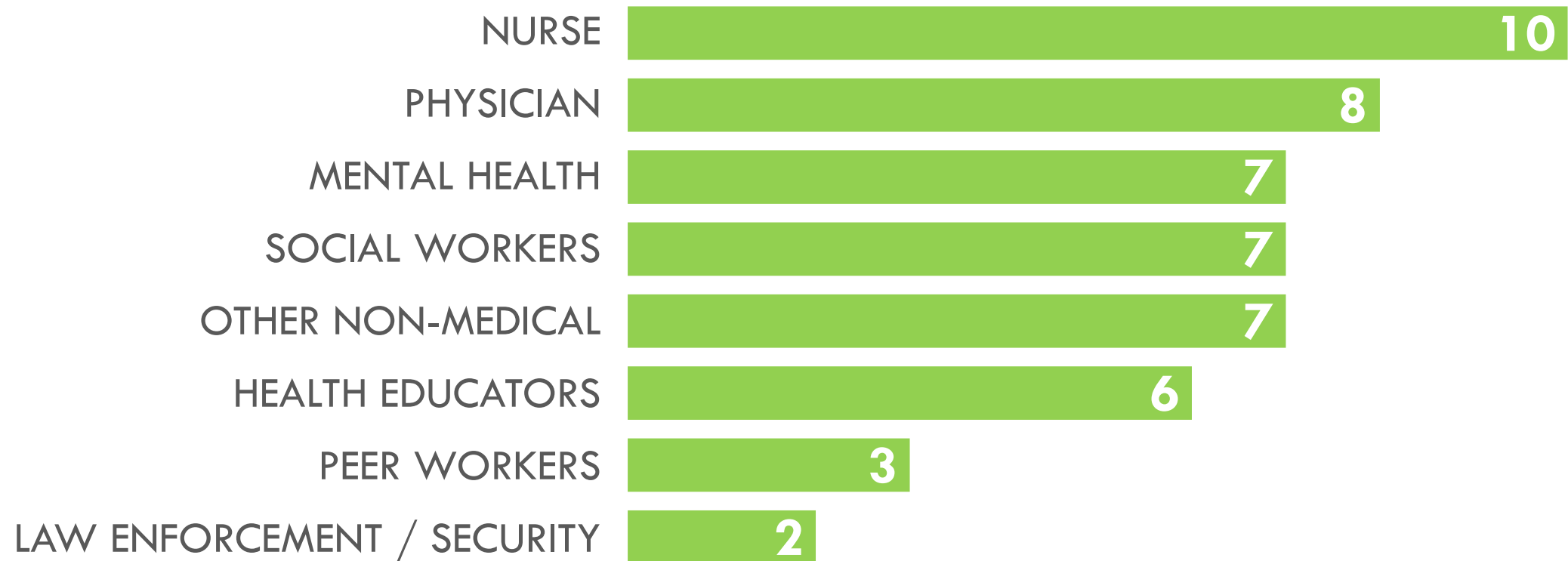
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	SPECIALIZED								✓				1
	MOBILE			✓		✓	✓			✓			4

SAFE INJECTION SERVICE MODELS AROUND THE WORLD

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WITH STAFF TYPE (OUT OF 10)



CONSIDERATIONS FOR SIS OPERATIONS & SERVICES

- SUPPORT AN INTEGRATED MODEL THAT INCLUDES ON-SITE SERVICES 
- PROVIDE LINKAGES TO OTHER SERVICES 
- UTILIZE TRAINED & NON-LICENSED STAFF 
- INCLUDE PEER COMPONENT 
- DESIGN AS A SAFE, CLEAN, & WELCOMING SPACE 
- OPEN DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS 
- DEVELOP CLEAR & MEASURABLE PROGRAM GOALS 

INFORMATION SOURCES:



RESEARCH/
LITERATURE



COMMUNITY
SURVEYS



FOCUS
GROUPS



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FORCE



DISCUSSION QUESTION



DISCUSSION QUESTION

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THESE
CONSIDERATIONS FOR SIS IN SAN
FRANCISCO?



PUBLIC COMMENT

2 MINUTES PER PERSON

CLOSING COMMENTS & NEXT STEPS

NEXT MEETING

- BUSINESS & NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS GROUPS
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