



San Juan County Community Survey: Blanding Report

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This report presents the results of the San Juan Community Survey and more specifically for the Blanding community area (n = 316). The survey assessed resident needs and perceptions about key community concerns.

The online survey had an overall sample of 558 county residents. The below results highlight key findings for the Blanding community area which includes substance abuse, mental health, childhood literacy, and abuse and violence.

Topics organizations and agencies should focus on:

Blanding residents ranked the topical areas in which the most effort should be made by local organizations and agencies. The top three topical areas were:

-  1. Building Strong and Healthy Families
-  2. Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
-  3. Preventing Drug and/or Alcohol Abuse

Most important services to residents:

Blanding residents ranked the services most important to them. The top three included:

- 1 Running Water
- 2 Healthcare
- 3 Local Jobs

Lowest satisfaction of availability of services:

Blanding residents ranked their satisfaction with available services. Residents were least satisfied with the availability of:

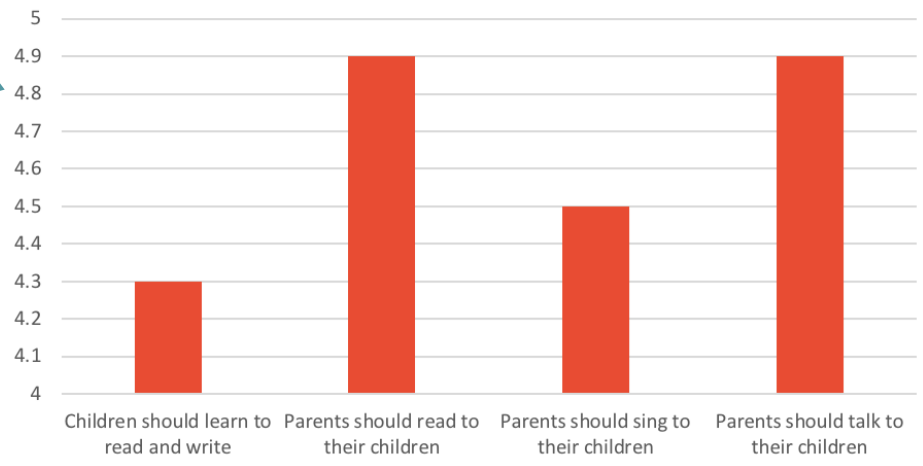
- 1 Healthy Food Options
- 2 Reliable Public Transportation
- 3 Affordable Food Options

Data on Building Healthy and Strong Families:

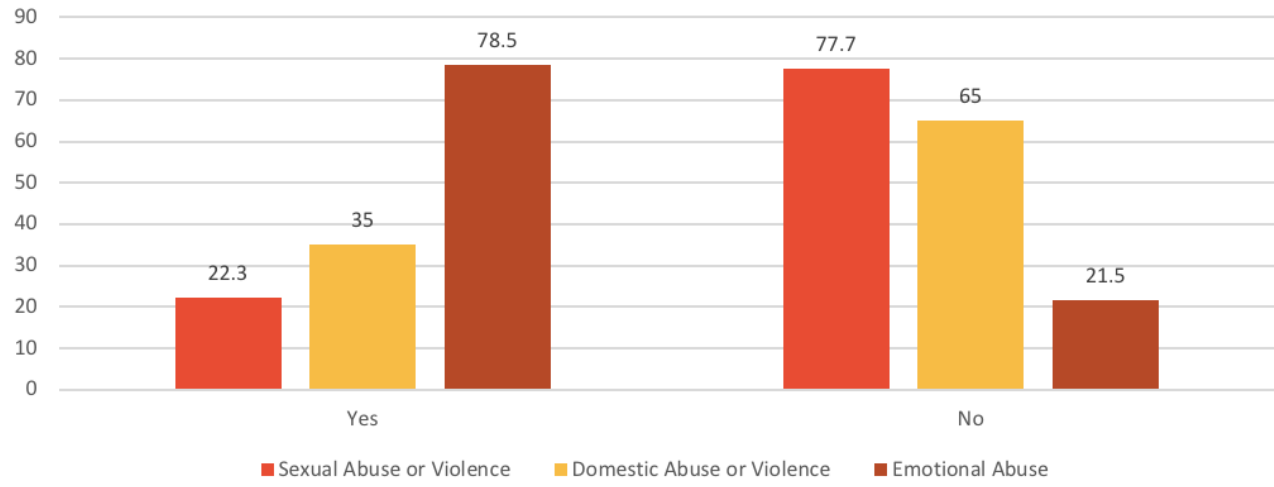
Respondents highly agree that child literacy is important.

Respondents report high levels of witnessing* abuse and violence.
witnessed themselves or know someone who has

Childhood literacy (Mean)

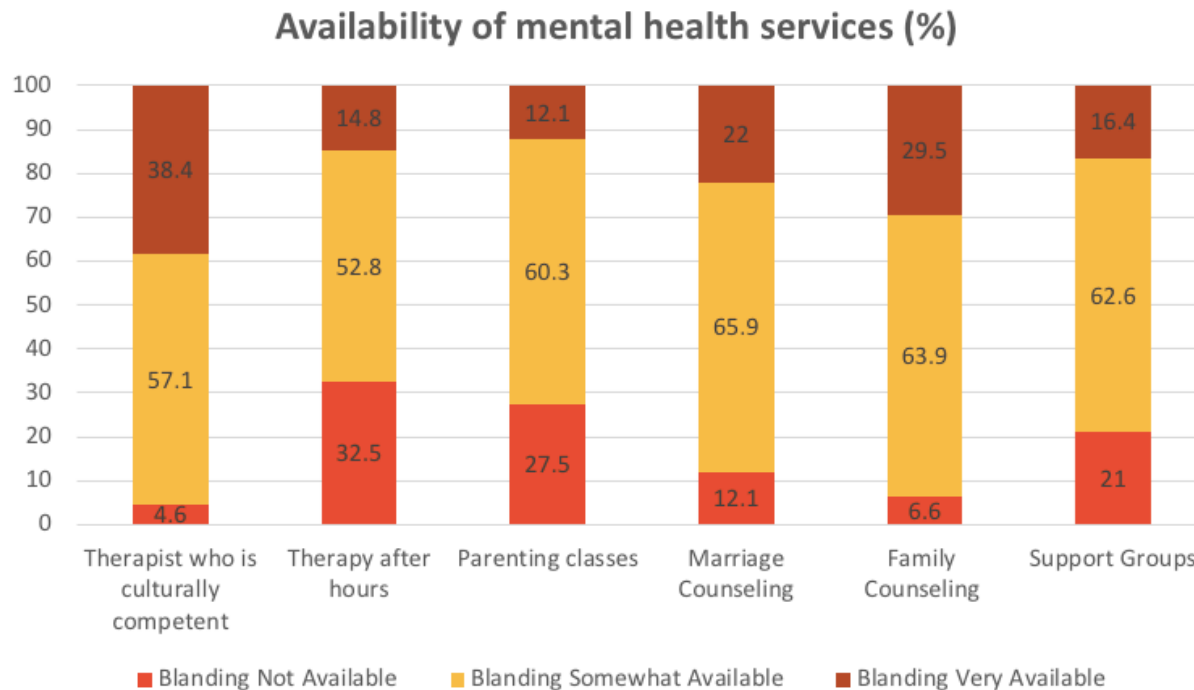


Witnessed abuse or violence (%)



Data on Mental Health and Suicide Ideation:

Blanding residents identified that most mental health services were somewhat available but there was a high need for therapists who are culturally competent.



More than half (53.4%) of Blanding community residents who completed the survey reported that at some point they have had a mental health concern.

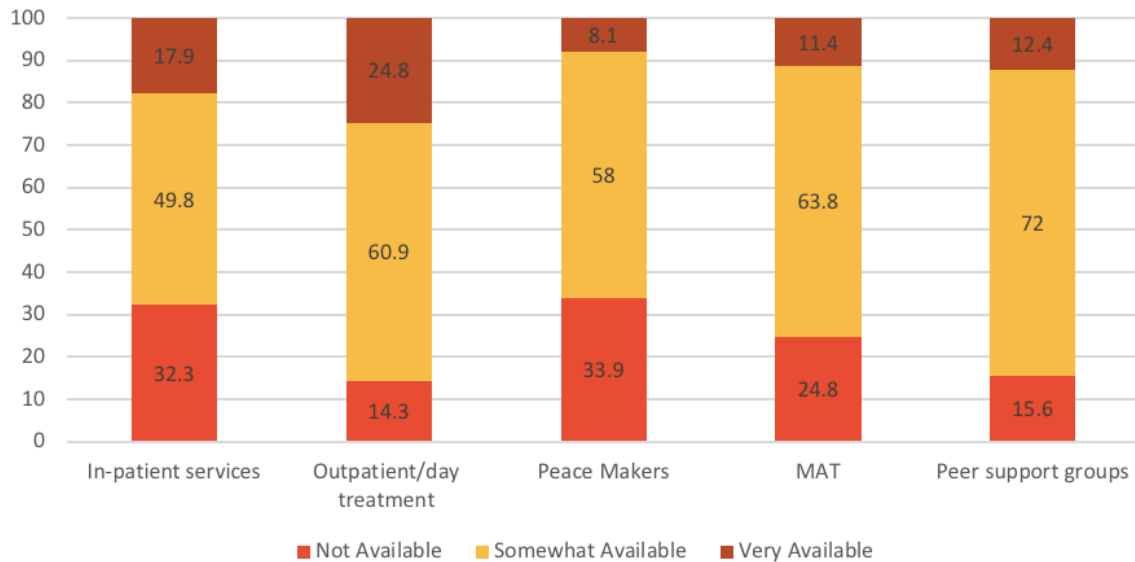
Of Blanding community residents who completed the survey, 35.5% reported suicide ideation or attempt in their life.



Data on Drugs and Alcohol Abuse Services & Concern for Community

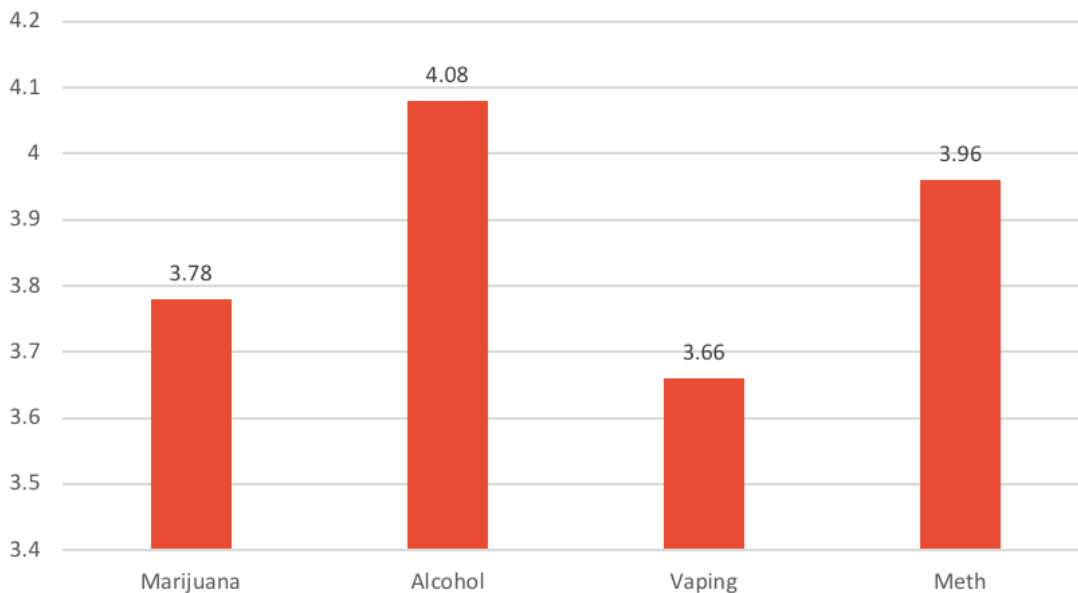
Misuse:

Availability of substance abuse services (%)



Respondents think that services are mostly somewhat available.
Need for in-patient and peace makers.

Level of concern about substance misuse (%)



Respondents reported a high level of concern of alcohol and meth in the community.

The results point toward key areas residents would like effort spent on and data that supports the need for interventions. Moving forward, San Juan County organizations and agencies can utilize this data to inform programming and strategic planning to address community needs.