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Recommendations

From the Idaho Crime Victim Survey

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Recommendation 1

Continue sharing this survey with victims

- Continue to require VOCA recipients share the survey
- Continue to encourage other crime victim providers to share the survey

Providers can request victim survey information cards from the research team at any time



Recommendation 2

Highlight & advertise the goals and importance of the survey

- gather info from crime victims across the state to improve services
- enable the use of one consistent measure of victim satisfaction & experiences
- remove the responsibility of data collection & analysis from providers



Recommendation 3

Expand the advertisement of the crime victim survey



Media outlets & social media platforms



Recommendation 4

Fund the administration of a statewide victimization survey in Idaho using the reliable and successful design of the National Crime Victimization Survey



Recommendation 5

Continue to administer a statewide victimization survey in Idaho on an ongoing basis to provide the most current information



Recommendation 6

Use the findings of the statewide victimization survey to inform policy and practice and improve the experiences and treatment of victims across the state

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Idaho Crime Victim Survey Results

Crime reporting

66.7%

Reported the crime to the police

Top reasons for not reporting

Didn't want offender to get in trouble

Afraid of offender

No confidence in the criminal justice system

Would report to police if harmed again

61.1%

Yes

11.1%

No

27.8%

Not sure

Responses to the services they received, the most helpful services, and the least helpful services.

Services Received Most frequently

Emergency services (food, money, clothing) 52.6%

Individual counseling 47.4%

Crisis response 31.6%

Assistance obtaining a protection order 31.6%

Safety planning 31.6%

Help accessing a job, housing, or public benefits 31.6%

Most helpful services

Named a specific agency 28.6%

The agency "has been fantastic with safety planning & classes for how to be safe"

Counseling 21.4%

Emergency Services 21.4%



Least helpful services

Interaction with criminal justice system

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"The cops explained nothing"

"The prosecutor's office has not kept me informed about anything."

Not applicable

4 victims

"I don't believe anything the agency has help me with has a lesser value. I am eternally grateful for the way they have improved my life."

Specific services

3 victims

"They got me compensation info after I had to request it and not one offered to help with it."

Opinions about treatment by service providers

DV/SV program or other

Counseling services

Police Department

Prosecutor's office

Treated with respect

15

13

6

6

Not treated with respect

0

0

1

1

Needs were met

5

5

5

0

Needs were not met

1

1

1

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Most commonly reported barriers for victims seeking services

- 1 Fear of perpetrator
- 2 Lack of accessible services
- 3 Cost
- 4 Communication
- 5 Transportation

Crime victims' rights

52.9%

Reported being aware of crime victims' rights

25%

Reported being able to exercise their rights as crime victims

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Overview

This survey was deployed in May of 2020, via an online survey platform called Qualtrics. The survey will remain open through 2022 and is available in five languages to include English, Spanish, French, Arabic, & Swahili.

- 103 victim service providers were asked to distribute the victim survey to any clients who contacted their agency for services. Per grant agreement, any agencies that receive VOCA funding are required to distribute the survey.

The survey data were downloaded from Qualtrics on December 1, 2020.



97 total submitted responses



19 responses complete enough for analysis

Demographics

All female respondents

Age range: 20 - 59 years old

Average age = 35

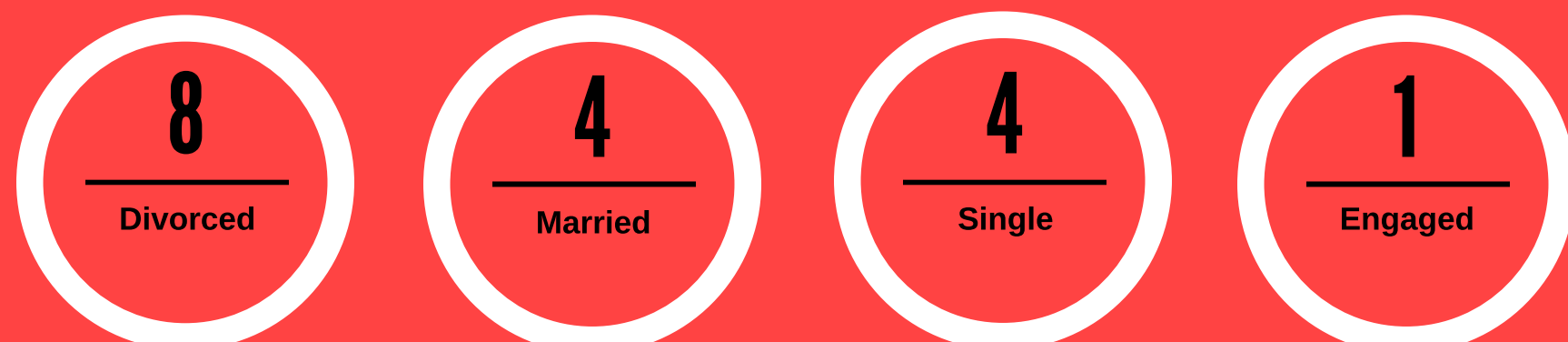
Race/Ethnicity:



Sexual Orientation:



Relationship Status:



Crime Types



Victim to Perpetrator Relationships

