

System of Care – St. Louis Grant Collaboration Survey

Year 1 Results
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Support is all around you
SYSTEM OF CARE | ST. LOUIS REGION

SYSTEM OF CARE ST. LOUIS (SOC-STL)

SOC-STL project aims to strengthen and enhance current infrastructure to connect juvenile justice-involved youth and families with mental health service providers.



Courts



Community Behavioral
Health Agencies



State Agencies

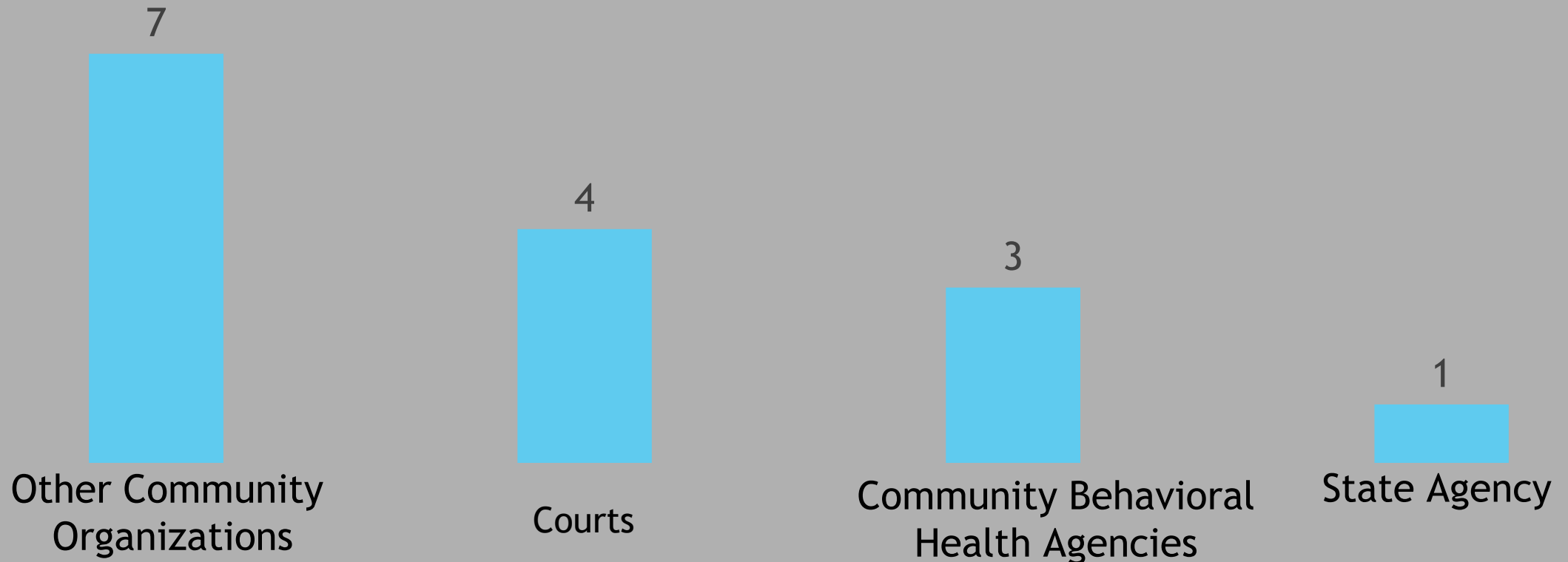


Other Community
Organizations

WHO COMPLETED THE SURVEY?

48% Completion Rate

(15 surveys completed out of 31 emails sent)



WILDER COLLABORATION FACTORS INVENTORY

Environment

Process & Structure

Purpose

Membership
Characteristics

Communication

Resources

WILDER COLLABORATION FACTORS INVENTORY

The inventory allows participants to rate their agreement with a list of statements describing successful collaborations, with mean scores ranging from 1.0 – 5.0.

Score
1.0-2.9

Concern

Areas to be addressed

Score
3.0-3.9

Borderline

Areas that warrant
discussion

Score
4.0-5.0

Strength

Does not need attention

STENGTHS OF COLLABORATION

25%

Strengths

- Members see collaboration as in their self-interest (M=4.5)
- Flexibility (M=4.3)
- Open & frequent communication (M=4.1)
- Unique purpose (M=4.1)
- Skilled leadership (M=4.1)

BORDERLINE AREAS OF COLLABORATION

70%

Borderline

Concrete attainable goals and objectives (M=3.9)	Established informal relationships/communication links (M=3.4)
Shared vision (M=3.9)	Multiple layers of participation (M=3.4)
Adaptability (M=3.8)	Favorable political/social climate (M=3.4)
Members share stake in process & outcome (M=3.7)	Collaborative group seen as leader in community (M=3.4)
Mutual respect, understanding, & trust (M=3.7)	Appropriate pace of development (M=3.4)
Ability to compromise (M=3.6)	Appropriate cross section of members (M=3.3)
Sufficient funds, staff, materials, & time (M=3.5)	Development of clear roles/policy guidelines (M=3.3)

CONCERNS OF COLLABORATION

5%

Concern

History of collaboration or cooperation in the community (2.9)

THINGS THAT ARE WORKING WELL IN THE COLLABORATION

Leadership

“Good participation; strong leadership; effective use of time; meetings are well organized and flow effectively.”

“The leadership is moving the project forward and keeping it on track.”

“Work groups. The planning and making sure we are laser focused has been awesome!”

Commitment

“All of the partners are attending the Network of Practice meetings, and we are making decisions about how to move forward with implementation. We are fortunate to have skilled clinicians, experienced administrators, and family representatives informing our process. We have members who remind us (at some point during each meeting) that this is all about a child and a family.”

“I think the participation at meetings shows people are invested, and I think the organizations involved bring a lot of strengths to the project. It's great that there's such a wide selection of organizations from different systems interacting with the target population. It's especially good to have folks who work at systems- and funder-levels together with folks providing services through the courts and direct clinical services.”

THINGS THAT **COULD BE IMPROVED** IN THE COLLABORATION

Structure

“Be clear in what you're requesting of members-- concrete ways to be involved. **It can be difficult to see how the members can help move things forward when things stay very high level in explanations to a large group.**”

“I'm not sure if this would be helpful or not, but I wonder if having smaller meetings might bring forth more fruitful/targeted discussions. **The group that attends meetings feels large and seems that some folks may not need to attend each meeting.** However, my expertise is certainly not in project management so I may be completely wrong and speaking out of turn.”

“It seems as though some issues stay open for a long time, like deciding who the target population is and what the clients' pathway through services will look like. It doesn't seem as though there's much disagreement among partners; I think it's more to do with the **large group not being the right format for figuring these things out.**”

THINGS THAT COULD BE IMPROVED IN THE COLLABORATION

Representation

“We don't have a representative for the **youth voice** in our collaboration. Is there a way to have one or two people (youth or adult) with lived experience (juvenile justice involvement and SED) join the project? “

“I don't know if the **schools** could be more involved. Maybe they are and I just don't realize it.”

SUMMARY

Going well

Self-interest, flexibility, open and frequent communication, unique purpose, skilled leadership, and commitment.

Possible Areas for Growth

Appropriate cross section of members - youth and schools

Development of clear roles and policy guidelines

Structure of the group

Possible Area of Concern

History of collaboration or cooperation in the community