Substance Use Attitudes Survey

This survey will be used to collect data on attitudes about substance use and health care in our community. Completing this survey will help identify ways to improve the health and wellbeing of residents of our community. Please read each question carefully and answer each one honestly - there are no right or wrong answers. It is your opinion that counts. Your survey responses will be completely confidential. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability, though you may skip any question you do not feel comfortable answering. Please carefully follow the steps below when completing this survey:

•	Use only a blue or black ink pen that does not blot the paper	RIGHT WAY	WRONG WAY
•	Make solid marks inside the response		<u> </u>
•	Do not make other marks on the survey	X	Ŕ

Please read each statement carefully and mark the box that indicates how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Please do not skip any item.	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral or Unsure	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
a. Most people would willingly accept someone who has been treated for substance use as a close friend.					
b. Most people believe that someone who has been treated for substance use is just as trustworthy as the average citizen.					
c. Most people would accept someone who has been treated for substance use as a teacher of young children in a public school.					
d. Most people would hire someone who has been treated for substance use to take care of their children.					
e. Most people think less of a person who has been in treatment for substance use	. 🗌				
f. Most employers will hire someone who has been treated for substance use if they are qualified for the job.					
g. Most employers will pass over the application of someone who has been treated for substance use in favor of another applicant.					
h. Most people would be willing to date someone who has been treated for substance use.					

Stigma is when someone views a person or group in a negative way because they have a feature or personal trait that is thought to be a disadvantage. Have you seen or heard of a person in our community who uses substances experiencing stigma because of their substance use?

Yes

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No → Skip to Question 7

Has the stigma you have seen people in our community experience because of their substance use made it difficult for them to	Yes	No V	Don't know
a. Recognize symptoms			
b. Seek help or treatment			
c. Find help or a place to get treatment			
d. Figure out how to pay for treatment			
e. Figure out how to use insurance for treatment			
f. Begin treatment			
g. Get support with treatment progress			
h. Complete treatment			
i. Get services or support after treatment (including recovery support)			
j. Get naloxone or Narcan (the opioid overdose reversal drug) in case of emergency			
k. Receive naloxone or Narcan (the opioid overdose reversal drug) in an overdose emergency situation			
1. Use medication (like Methadone, Suboxone, or Vivitrol) as a part of opioid treatment			

4	us	ext, we would like to know where people in our community experience stigma due to their substa e. Please indicate whether or not you have seen people in our community experience stigma because ibstance use in each of the following settings.		ir _{Yes} ▼	No V
	a	. General community or neighborhood setting			
	b	. Health care setting			
	с	. Work or school setting			
5		 ave you personally seen or heard about people in our community who use substances like alcohol or define following situations due to their substance use? (<i>Mark all that apply</i>) Getting fired from a job Being refused a job (regardless of their qualifications) Being denied housing Facing false criminal charges Being accused of a violent crime Getting excluded from work events Getting excluded from work events 	y event d/or res y resou s up due t mbers	s staurants irces sucl to their u	n as se of
6	ne	ave you seen or heard about people in our community who use substances like alcohol or drugs experi- egative experiences in the community due to their substance use that are not listed above?	encing	any othe	r
7	eli	are interested in knowing what you think can be done in our community to help reduce or iminate stigma related to substance use. Please read the following ideas and indicate how fective you think they would be.	Not effective	Somewhat effective	
	a	. Make information about stigma available.			
	b	. Make information about drug and alcohol use available.			
	с	. Increase awareness that treatment for substance use is effective .			
		. Increase awareness that recovery from substance use is possible .			
	e	. Increase awareness that using medicine (Methadone, Suboxone, or Vivitrol) to treat opiate addiction is effective.			
	f	Make it easier for people to find a place to get treatment for substance use.			
	g	. Make ways to reduce the harmful consequences of substance use (like needle exchange programs, fentanyl test strips, emergency naloxone) available in our community.			
8	re	ease continue to think about what can be done in our community to help reduce or eliminate stigma lated to substance use. Please read the following ideas and indicate how effective you think they build be.	Not effective	Somewhat effective	
	a	. Highlight real stories of people in our community that show substance use treatment is effective and recovery is possible.			
	b	. Use stories in local newspapers, radio, and TV to increase awareness about substance use and stigma.			
	с	. Use pre-movie ads at movie theaters to increase awareness about substance use and stigma.			
	d	. Use ads on streaming services (like Spotify [®] , YouTube [®] , Pandora [®]) to increase awareness about substance use and stigma.			
	e	. Use "inserts" in bulletins for religious services to increase awareness about substance use and stigma.			
	f.	Use "flyers" at libraries, pharmacies, or other local businesses to increase awareness about substance use and stigma.			
	g	Place information at restaurants (like on drink coasters, placemats, carryout boxes) to increase awareness about substance use and stigma.			

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9	rela	ase continue to think about what can be done in our community to help reduce or eliminate stigma ated to substance use. Please read the following ideas and indicate how effective you think they uld be in reducing stigma related to substance use.	Not effective	Somewhat effective	Very effective
	a.	Teach middle and high school students about stigma in school.			
	b.	Train health care providers to improve the way they provide care for people who use alcohol/ drugs.			
	c.	Train substance use counselors to improve the way they provide care for people who use alcohol/ drugs.			
	d.	Train social workers to improve the way they provide care for people who use alcohol/drugs.			
	e.	Train school staff to improve the way they interact with people who use alcohol/drugs.			
	f.	Train law enforcement officers to improve the way they interact with people who use alcohol/ drugs.			
	g.	Train people working in the court system to improve the way they interact with people who use alcohol/drugs.			
 10	Do	you have any other ideas to help reduce or eliminate stigma related to alcohol and drug use in our co	ommuni	ity?	

11 Naloxone, or Narcan, is a medicine that quickly reverses an opioid overdose and can save someone's life. It works to re-start breathing that has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing with heroin or opioid pain medications. Please read each statement carefully and indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Please answer each item to the best of your ability.

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a. Having access to naloxone is only necessary for people who abuse opioids.					
b. Only people who abuse opioids are at risk of opioid overdose.					
c. Having naloxone available encourages people to continue abusing opioids.					
d. Naloxone is beneficial for patients who accidentally overdose on opioid medications.					
e. A naloxone prescription should accompany every opioid prescription just in case.					
f. Whenever a pharmacist fills a prescription for opioid medicine, they should call the patient's doctor to recommend that they also prescribe naloxone for the patient.					
g. Pharmacists should be able to provide naloxone to patients who are prescribed opioid medicines under a standing order. (A <i>standing order</i> is an agreement between a pharmacist and a doctor to provide medications in certain situations.)					
h. Naloxone should be made available upon request to anyone concerned about opioid overdose.					
i. Local community organizations should distribute naloxone to anyone who wants it at special in-person or drive-thru events.					
j. Naloxone should be available in public places (like offices, schools, libraries, restaurants, stores) as first aid for overdose emergencies just like devices that are available for heart attack emergencies (like AEDs).					
k. Naloxone is a lifesaving drug and people should have access to it as many times as they need it.					
1. Naloxone is a basic form of first aid and it should be available to anyone in the community who would like to have it.					

Strongly Somewhat Neutral Somewhat Strongly

agree

agree

disagree or Unsure

disagree

12 Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) is the use of medicine in and can help some people achieve and stay in recovery. Some Suboxone, or Vivitrol. Please read each statement below can how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Please the best of your ability.	e common medicines that are used in MAT include Methadone, arefully and indicate
a. Treatment with Methadone, Suboxone, or Vivitrol should community as a way to treat opioid use disorder.	be offered in our
b. When people use MAT, they are substituting one addiction	on for another.
c. People who are prescribed MAT should also be in counsel	eling.
Fentanyl can also be made illegally, and it can cause users	to cause a more intense "high." Fentanyl test strips are easy Fentanyl in them. The low-cost testing strips can save lives nixed with Fentanyl. you agree or disagree Strongly Somewhat Neutral Somewhat Strongly disagree disagree or Unsure agree agree
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 These final questions are about your background. They will help us understand how the opinions of different groups of people are similar or different. Your individual responses will never be identified. 14 How many persons age 18 or older live in your household? 15 What is your gender? Female Transgender Male Other 16 What is your age? 17 Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin? Yes No 18 What is your race? (<i>Mark all that apply</i>) American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White Other 	 What is your highest completed level of education? High school degree or diploma or less Technical, trade, or vocational degree after high school Some college (no degree) or a two-year associate degree Four-year bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BS, AB) Postgraduate or professional work (even if no degree was earned) (i.e., master's, doctorate, medical, or law degree) How many people in our community do you personally know who have been in treatment or who are in recovery or remission after treatment for using substances like alcohol or drugs? None Two or more One Don't know 21 Have you personally received treatment for using substances like alcohol or drugs? Yes No Thank you for completing the survey. Please return your survey to Gallup in the postage paid envelope addressed to: PIRE PO Box 9014, Lynbrook, NY 11563