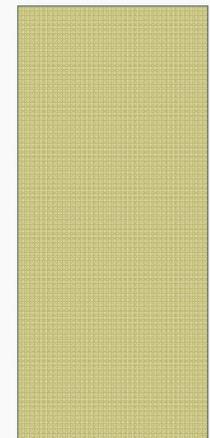


2013 ADULT RECOVERY COURT SURVEY ANALYSIS

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AGENDA

- Study purpose
- Methods
- Results
- Questions

PURPOSE OF STUDY

- Describe recovery court operations in TN
- Compare survey responses and evaluate court adherence to:
 - 10 Key Components of Drug Courts
 - 5 Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards (released July 2013)
 - In progress
- Create individual recovery court profiles
- Use survey results as a program monitoring tool

METHODS

- Surveyed 36 TN Adult Recovery Courts
- Survey Instrument
 - 101 total questions
 - Core areas surveyed
 - General information
 - Identification and assessment of program participants
 - Treatment and treatment providers
 - Supervision of participants
 - Current court strategies for assessing effectiveness
 - Survey Monkey was used to create and distribute survey
 - Survey sent out: August 2013
 - 2 weeks to respond to survey

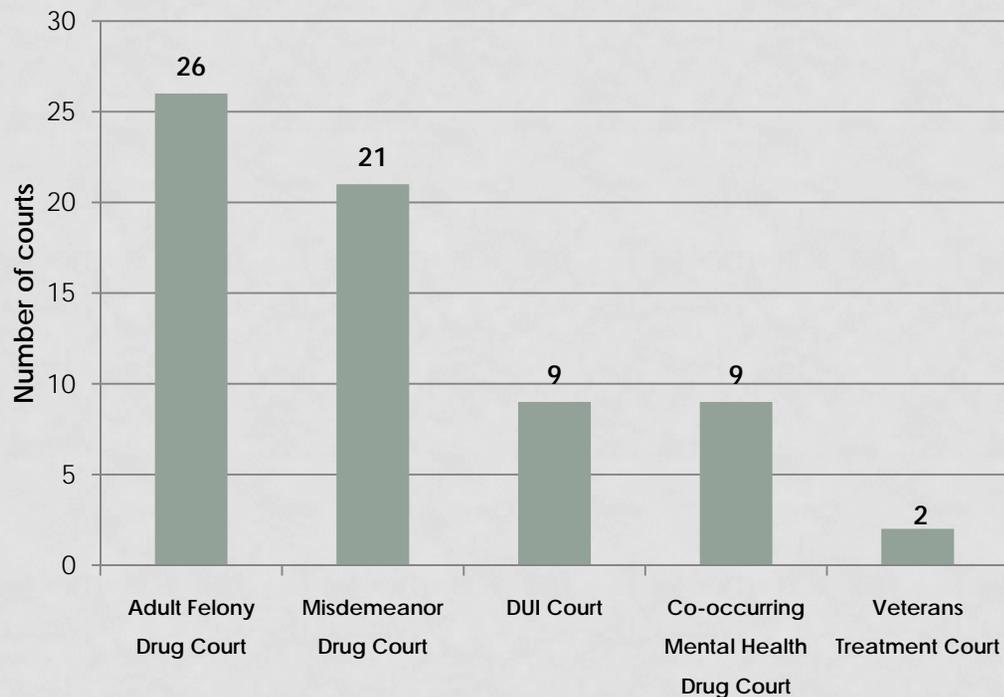
SURVEY RESULTS

- All adult recovery courts completed online survey
- Results are presented in the following categories:
 - Operations
 - Team
 - Services
 - Sanctions and Rewards
 - Graduation

RECOVERY COURT OPERATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

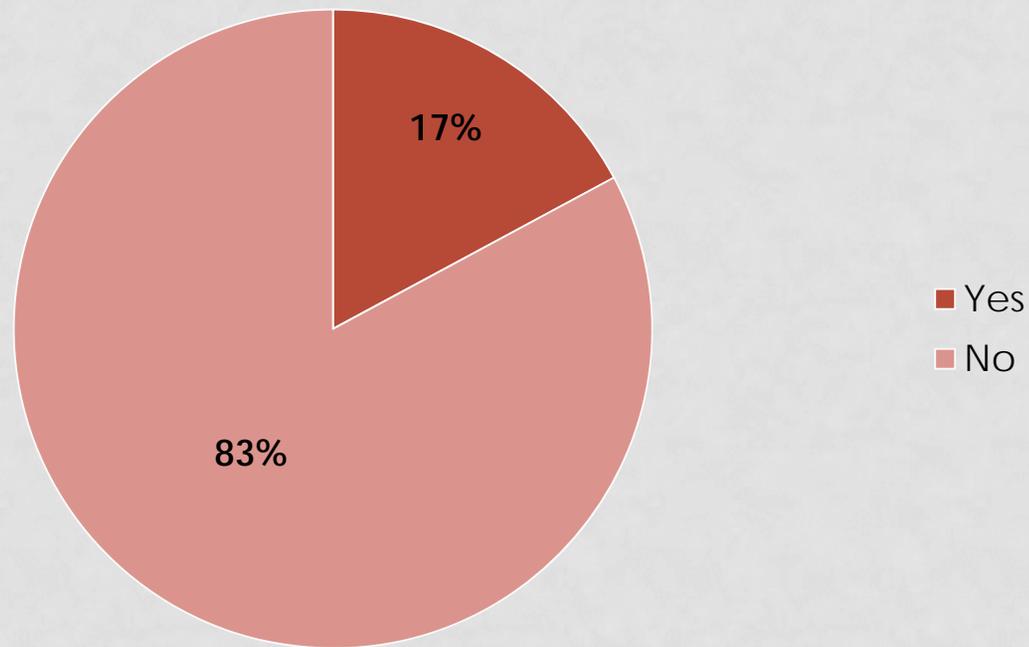
Figure 1. Number of courts identifying as a specific court type (multiple responses apply)



- 86% of courts have been operational for 5 or more years
- Most courts identify as an adult felony court
- 17 courts had multiple responses

17% OF COURTS HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH COURT OR SPECIAL MENTAL HEALTH DOCKET

Figure 2. Percent of courts with a mental health court or docket

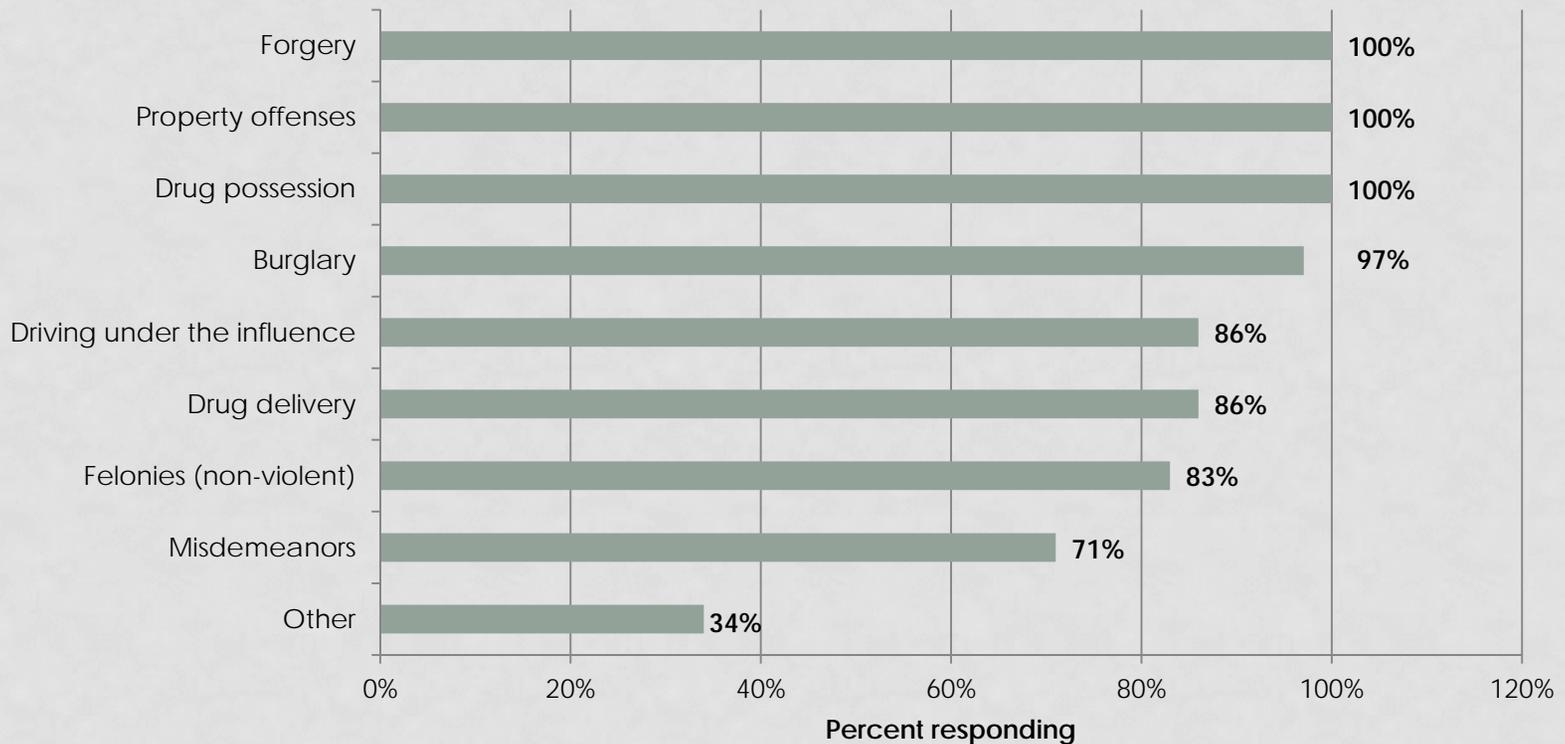


MOST RECOVERY COURTS TARGET NON-VIOLENT ADULT FELONY OFFENDERS WITH A HISTORY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 72% of courts have a specific target population
- 42% of courts target felony offenders at risk of prison
- Most frequently cited target populations:
 - 18 +
 - History of substance abuse
 - Non-violent felony offenders
 - High risk of reoffending - High need for substance abuse treatment
- 47% of courts assess for criminogenic risk (risk to re-offend)

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHARGES ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM ENTRY

Figure 3. Charges eligible for program entry by percent of court responses



EXCLUSION OF PARTICIPANTS

- Top three reasons offenders are excluded from recovery court programming:
 - **78%** - Current or past felony charges involving use of firearm or deadly weapon
 - **72%** - Serious Mental Illness
 - **71%** - Current or past felony sex offense charges (committed, attempted, conspired, or intended)

RECOVERY COURT TEAM

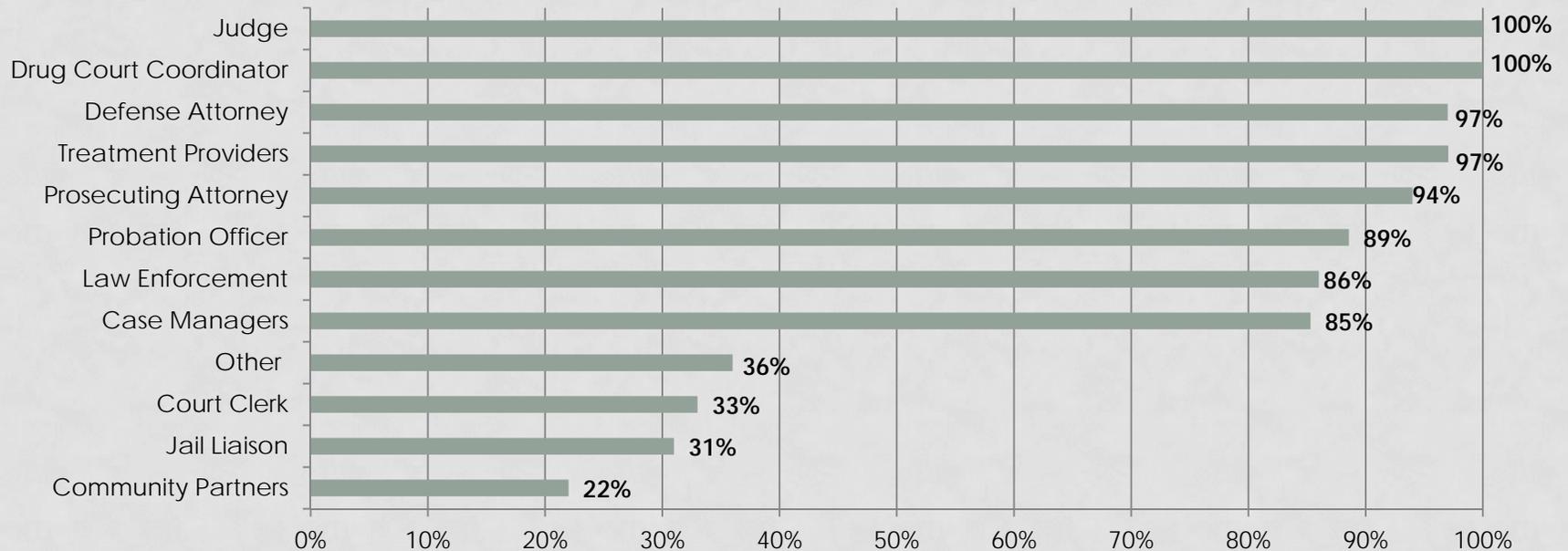
JUDGES LEAD THE RECOVERY COURT TEAM

Judge

- The position of drug court judge is voluntary
- In 34 courts the judge is assigned to the court indefinitely
 - In two courts, judges share the position

100% OF COURTS RECOGNIZE THE *JUDGE AND DRUG COURT COORDINATOR* AS TEAM MEMBERS

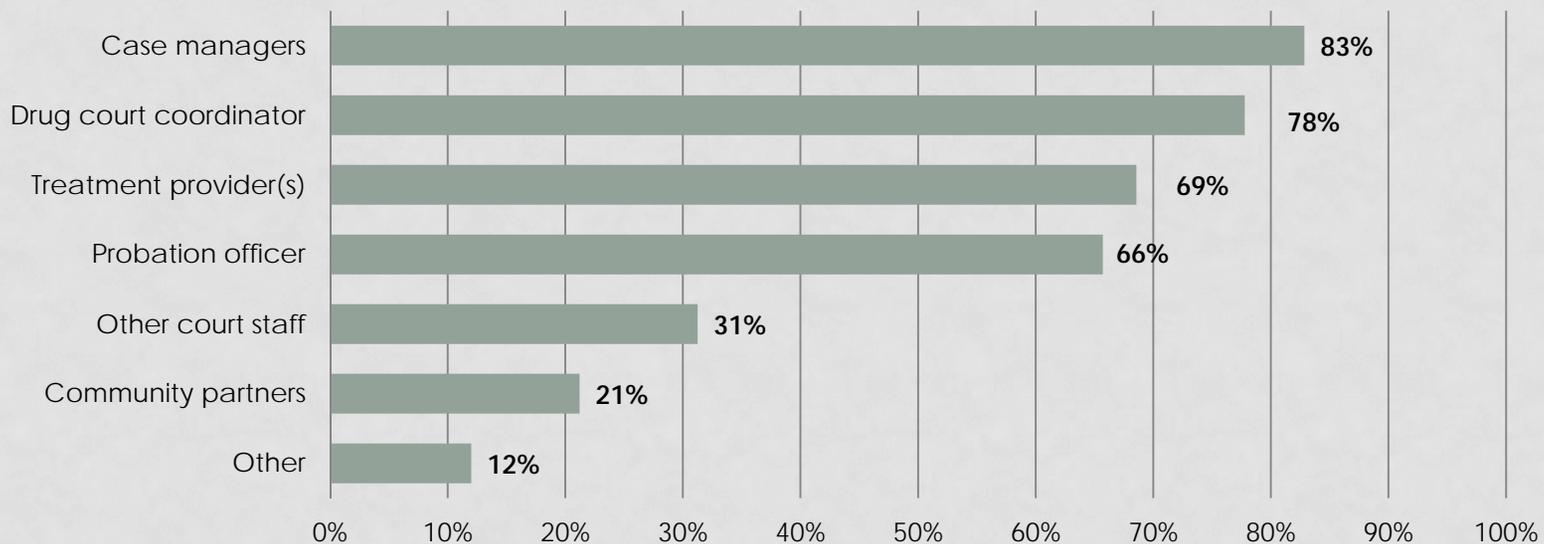
Figure 4. Percent of courts indicating which staff are considered to be a drug court team member



TEAM MEMBERS/ AGENCIES PERFORMING CASE MANAGEMENT

- 100% of courts provide case management
- Case managers and drug court coordinators primarily perform case management

Figure 5. Percent of courts indicating which team members provide case management

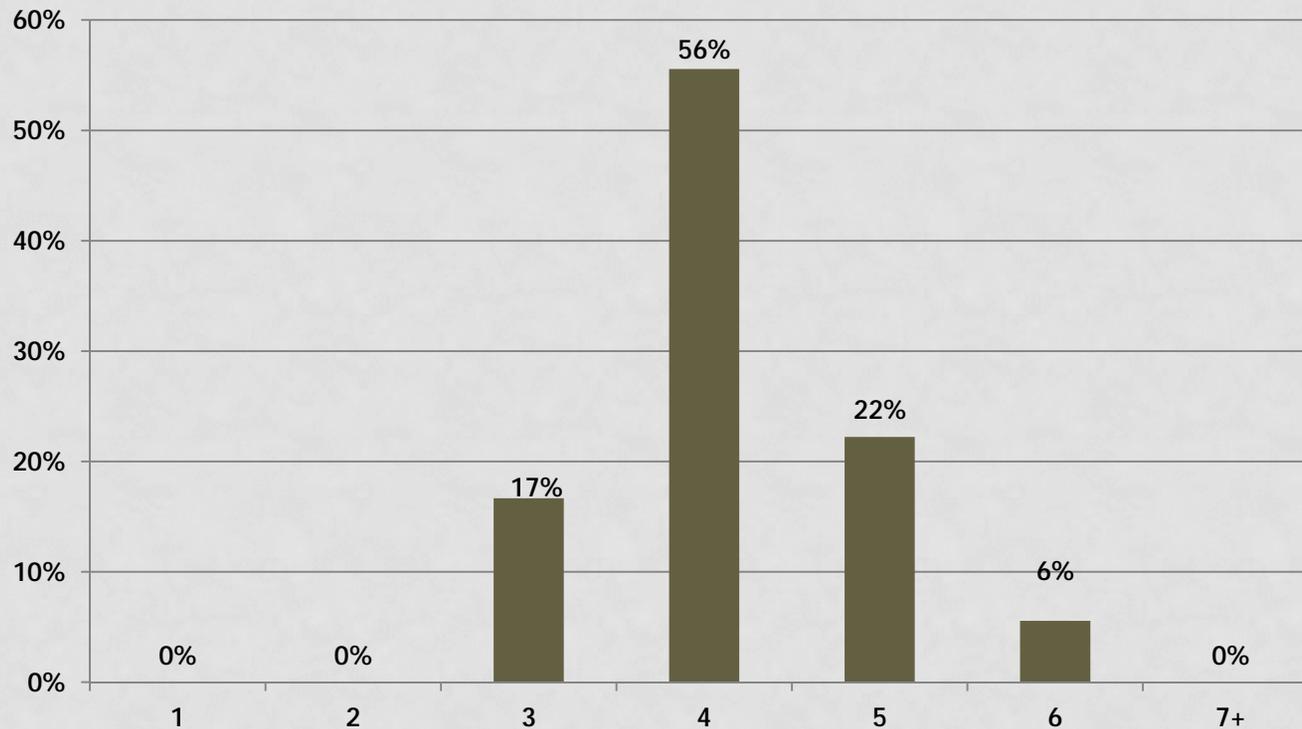


RECOVERY COURT SERVICES

RECOVERY COURT PARTICIPANTS HAVE BETWEEN 3 AND 6 PHASES OF TREATMENT

- 56% of courts have 4 treatment phases

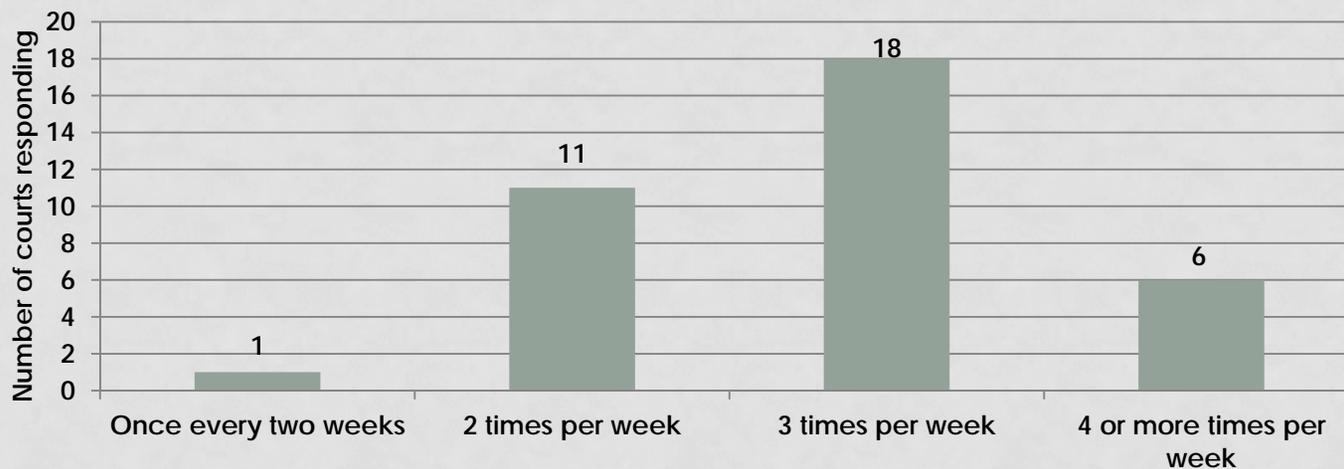
Figure 6. Percent of courts by number of treatment phases



DRUG TESTING FREQUENCY DURING PHASE 1 VARIES BY COURT

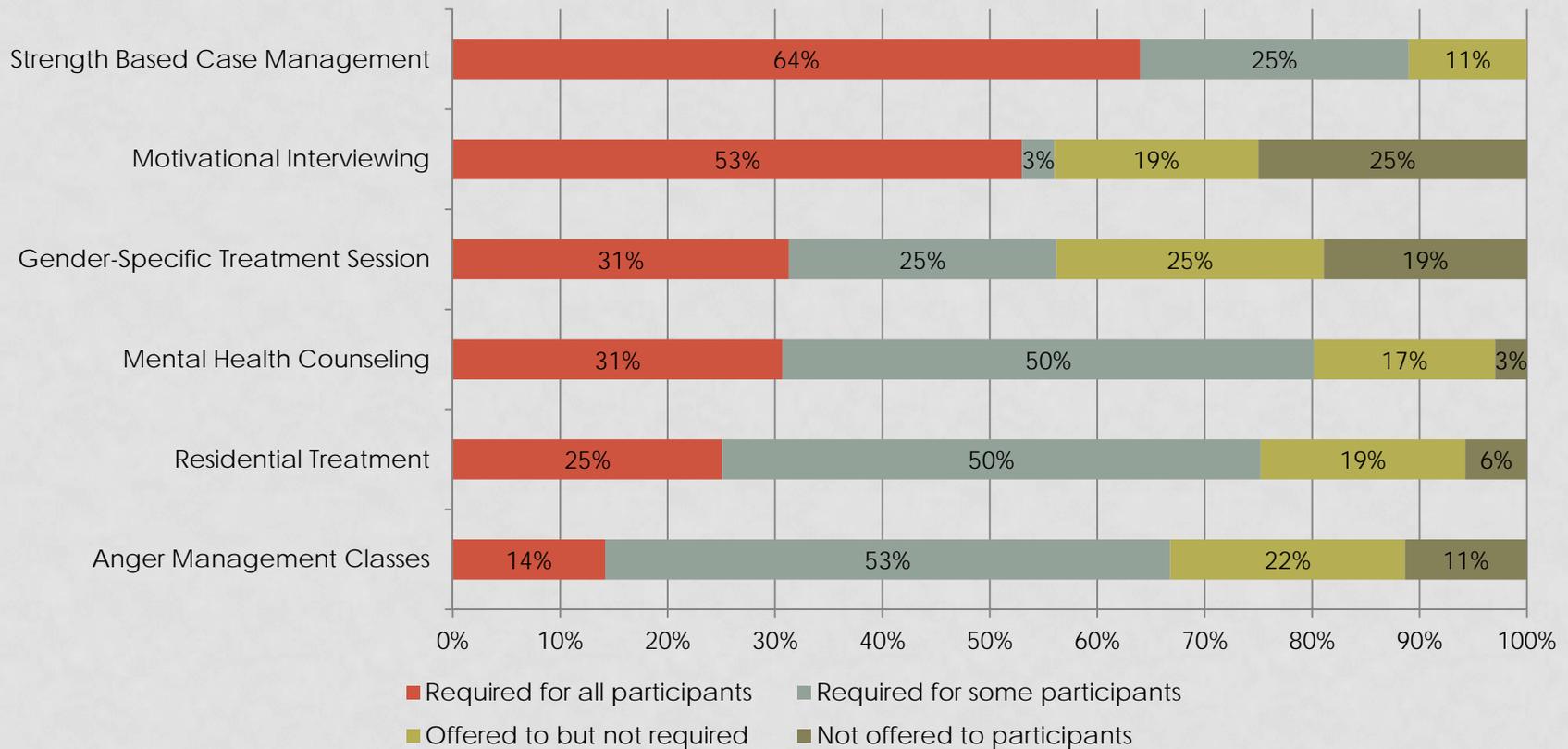
- 100% of courts perform drug tests on a random basis and for cause
- 18 courts administer drug tests 3 times per week during phase 1

Figure 7. Number of drug courts administering drug tests during phase 1



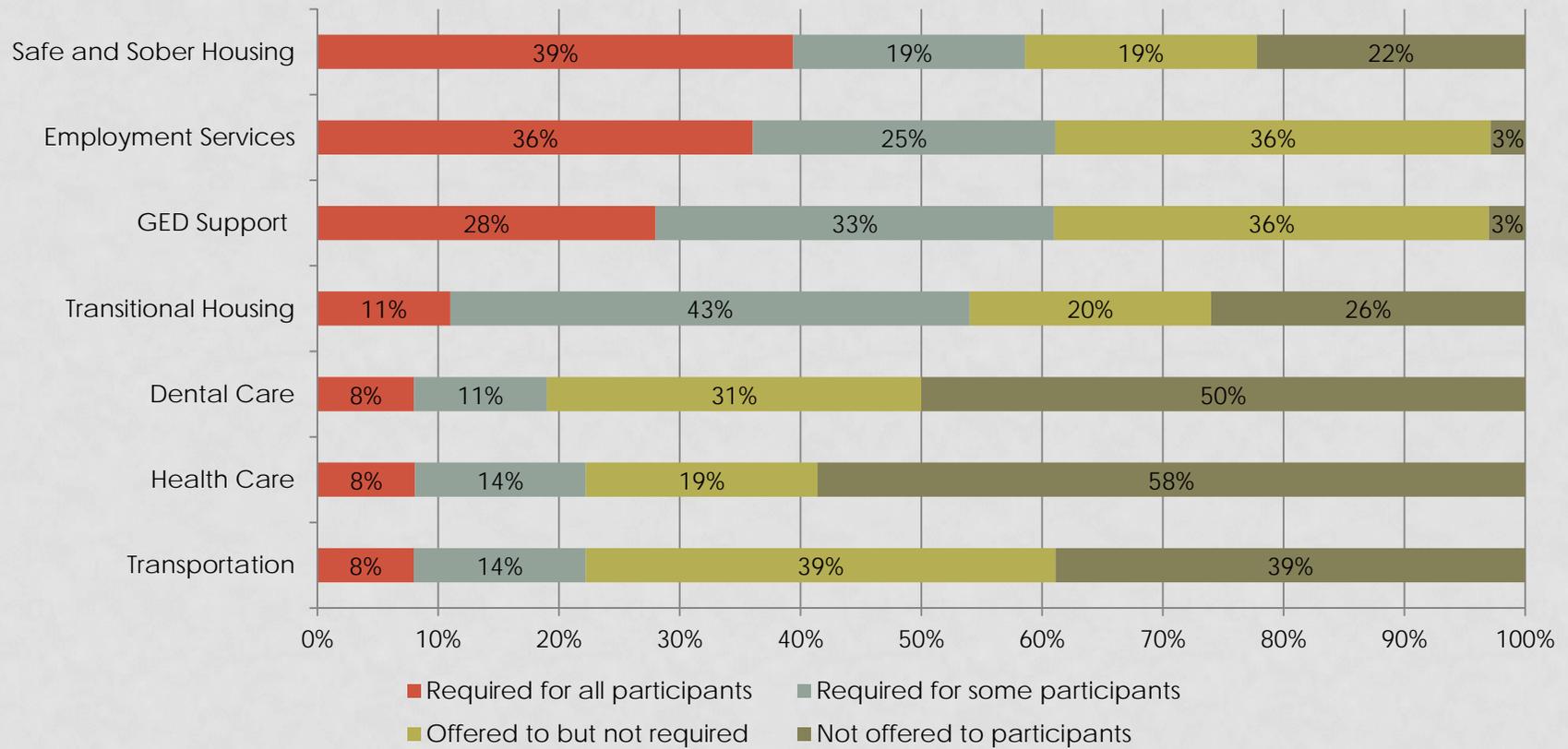
RECOVERY COURTS PROVIDE TREATMENT SERVICES

Figure 8. Treatment Services



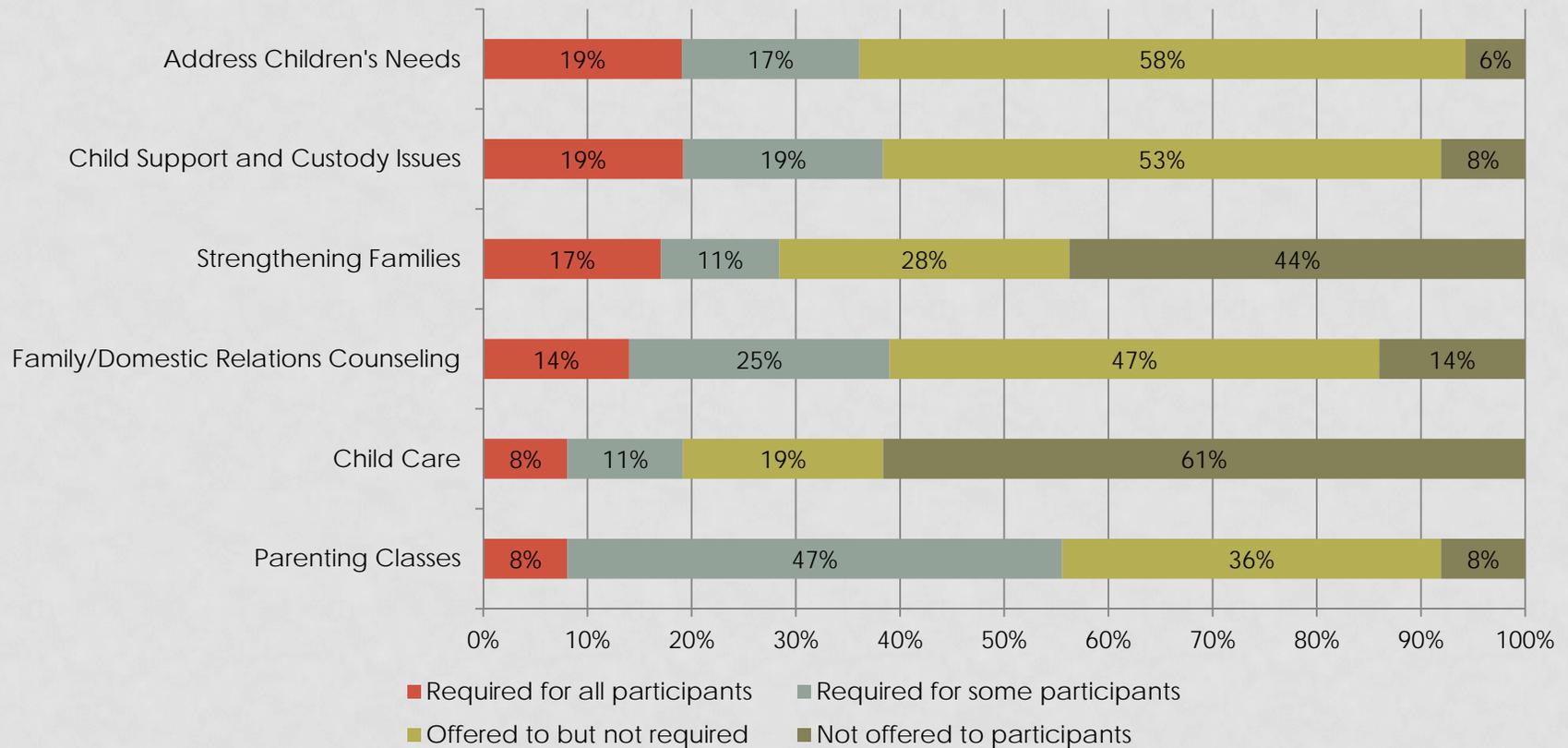
RECOVERY COURTS PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES

Figure 9. Support Services



RECOVERY COURTS PROVIDE FAMILY SERVICES

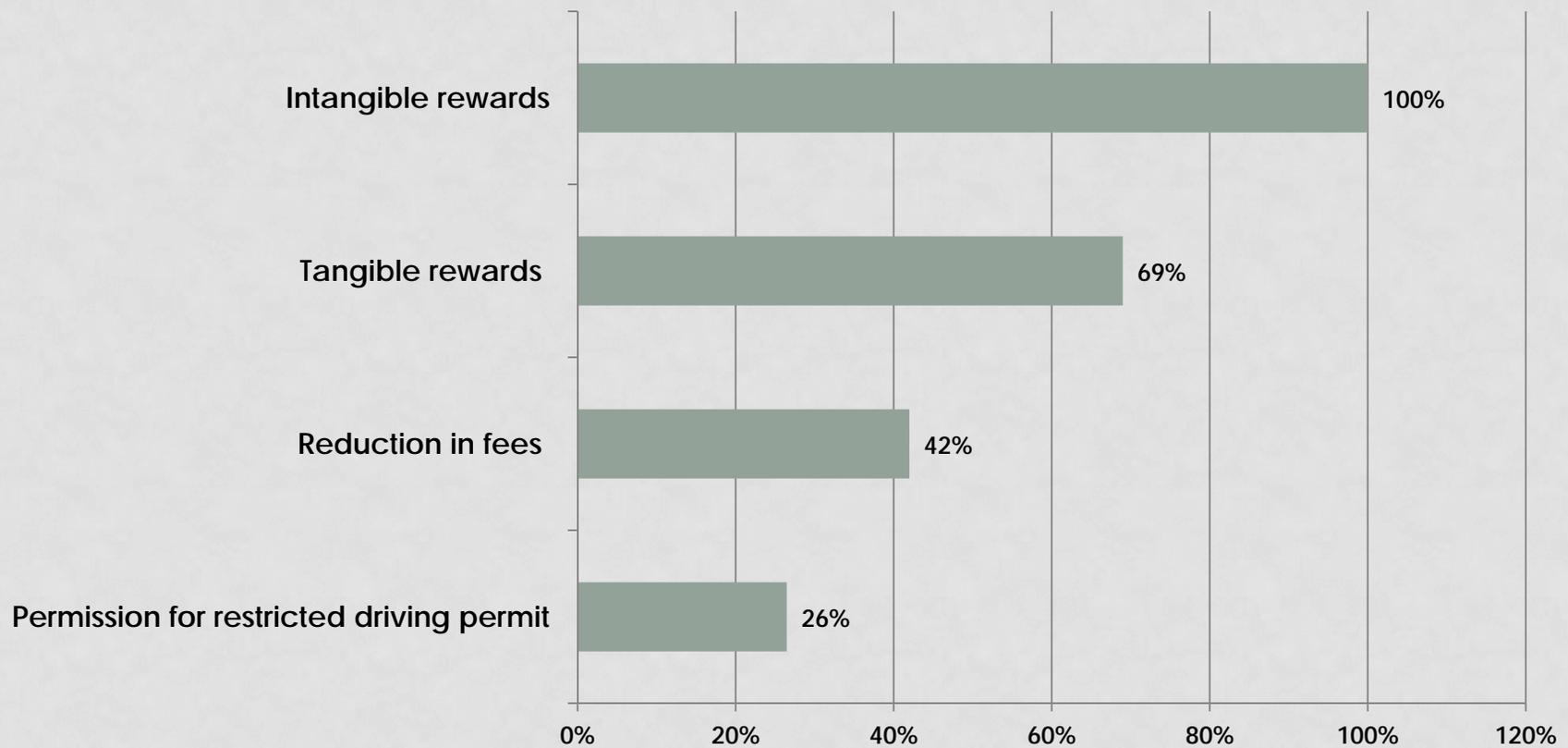
Figure 10. Family Services



RECOVERY COURT REWARDS AND SANCTIONS

REWARDS OR INCENTIVES ARE USED IN RESPONSE TO PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR

Figure 11. Percent of courts providing rewards by reward type



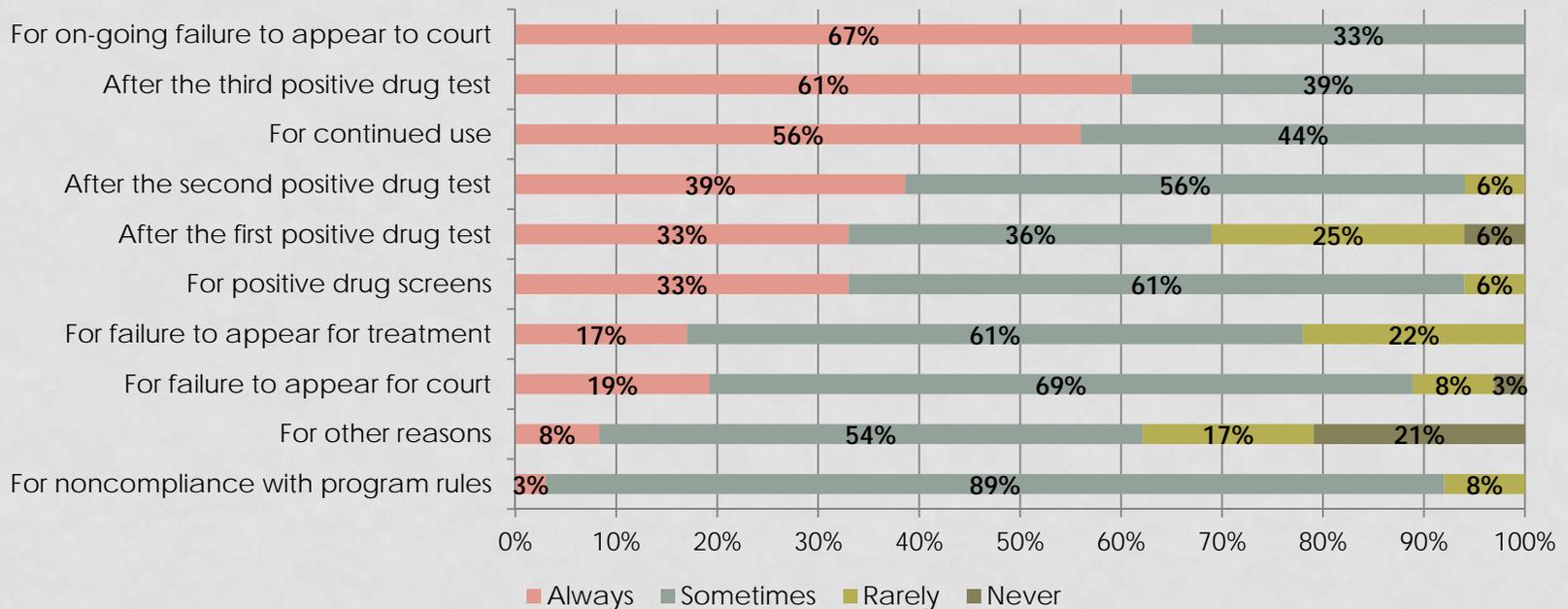
TOP RESPONSES TO PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR

- Top four team responses to participant behavior:
 - 97% - Community service
 - 92% - Increased treatment sessions and urine analyses
 - 92% - Participant returns to earlier phase
 - 89% - Residential treatment

JAIL IS USED AS A SANCTION IN RESPONSE TO SOME BEHAVIORS

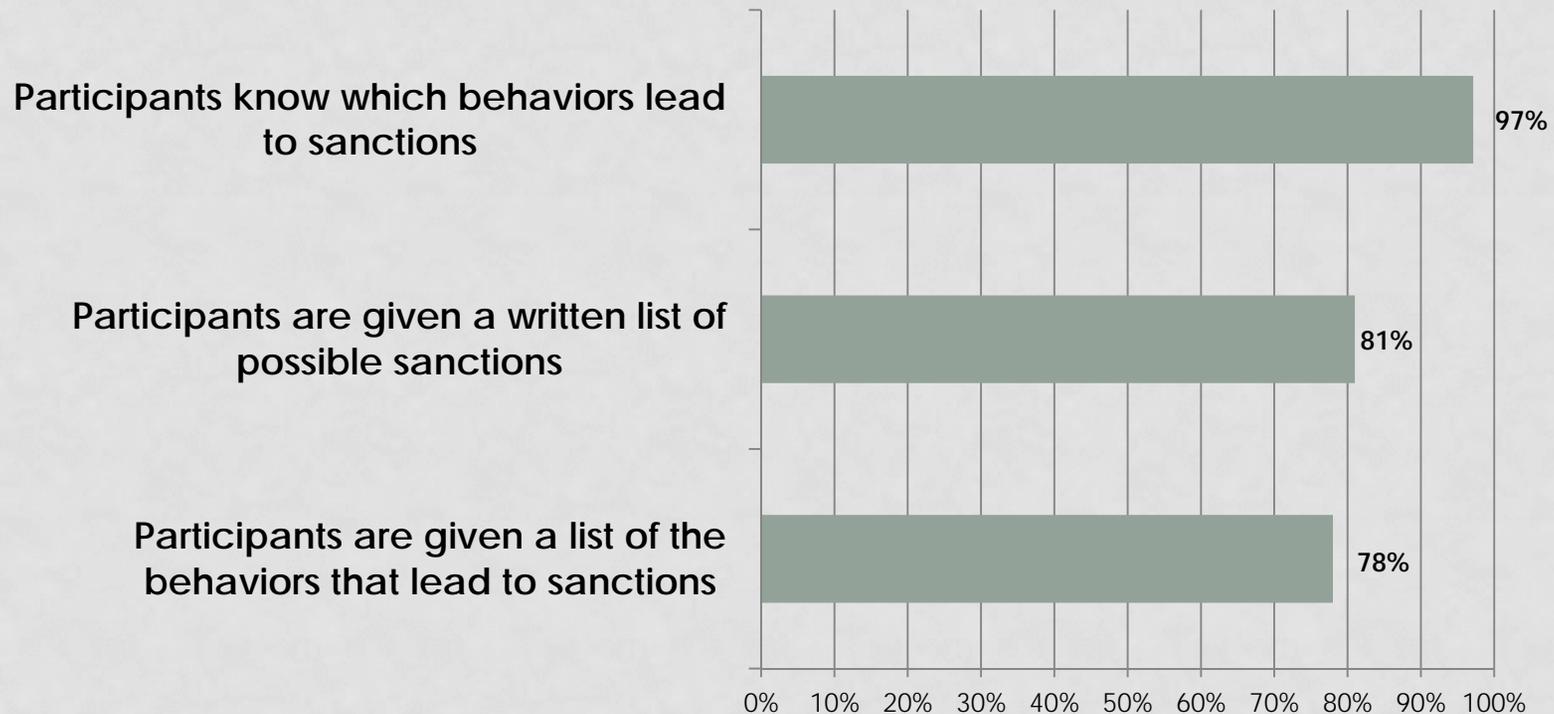
- 100% of courts use jail as a sanction
 - However, jail is used in specific instances

Figure 12. Percent of courts indicating when jail is used as a sanction



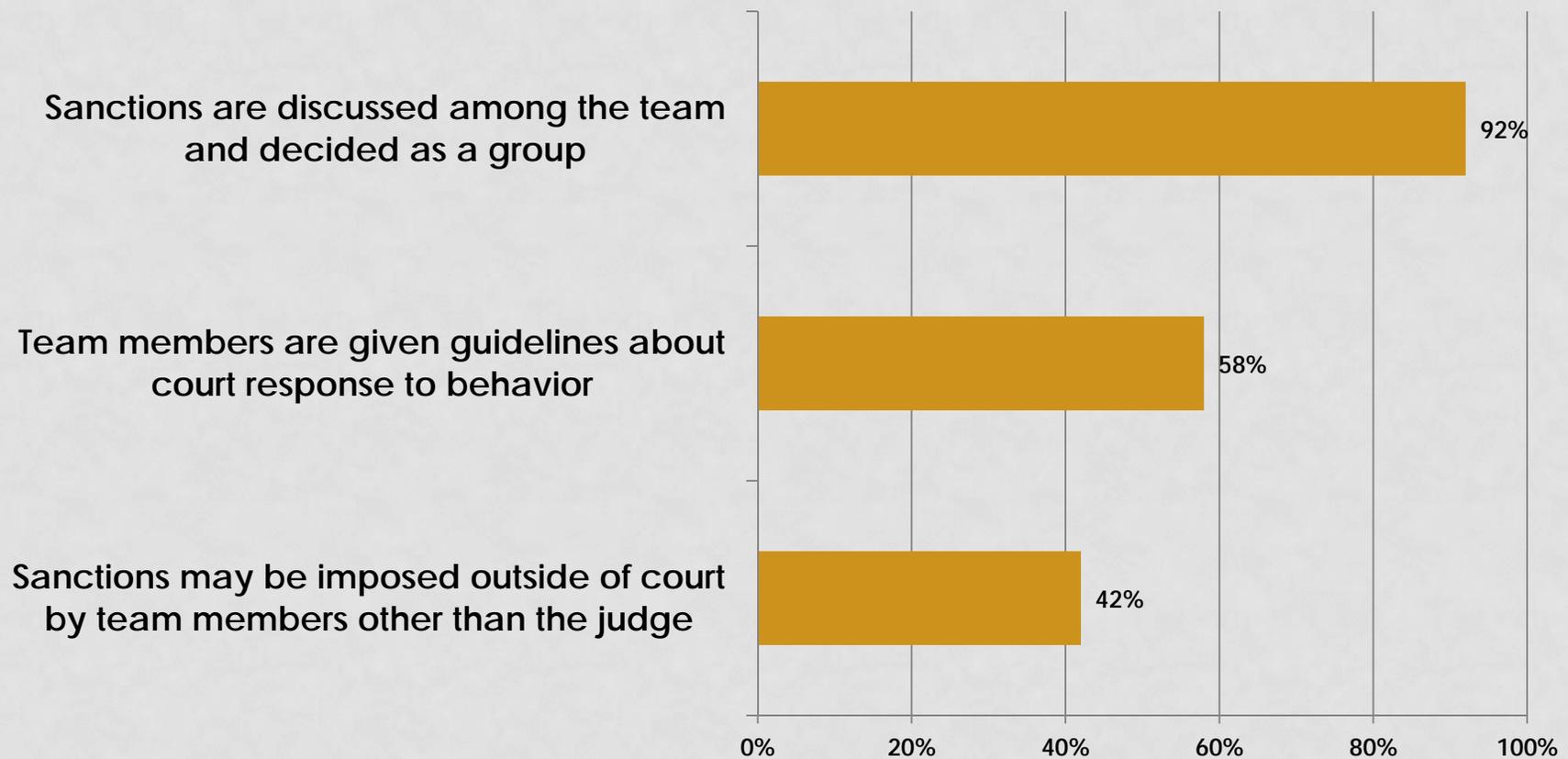
APPROXIMATELY 80% OF PARTICIPANTS HAVE A LIST OF SANCTIONS AND WHAT BEHAVIORS LEAD TO SANCTIONS

Figure 13. Courts responses to participants knowledge of sanctions



IN 92% OF COURTS, SANCTIONS ARE DISCUSSED AND DECIDED BY THE RECOVERY COURT TEAM

Figure 14. Courts responses about team knowledge/use of sanctions



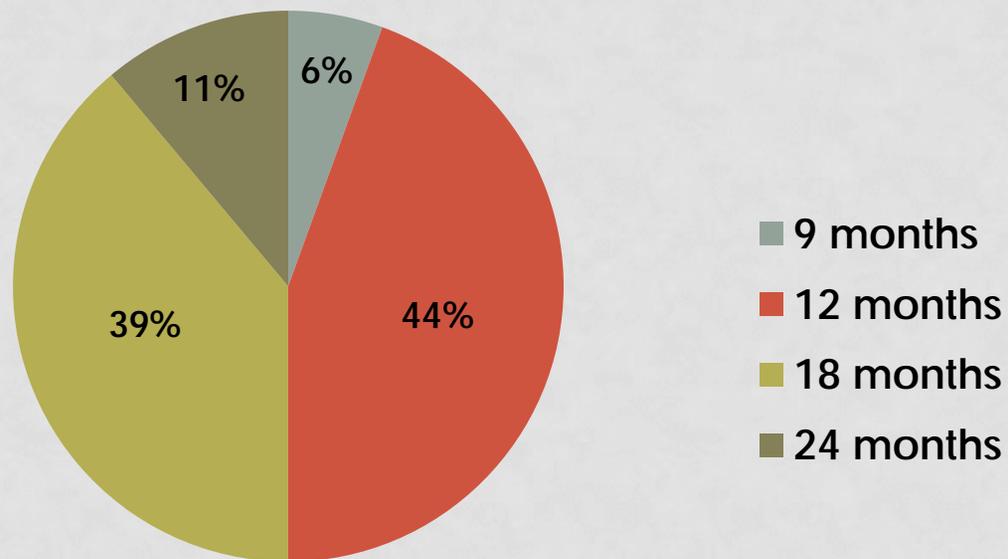
RECOVERY COURT GRADUATION

GRADUATION OVERVIEW

- All courts provide participants a list of graduation requirements
- 97% of courts require a minimum number of drug free days before participants can graduate

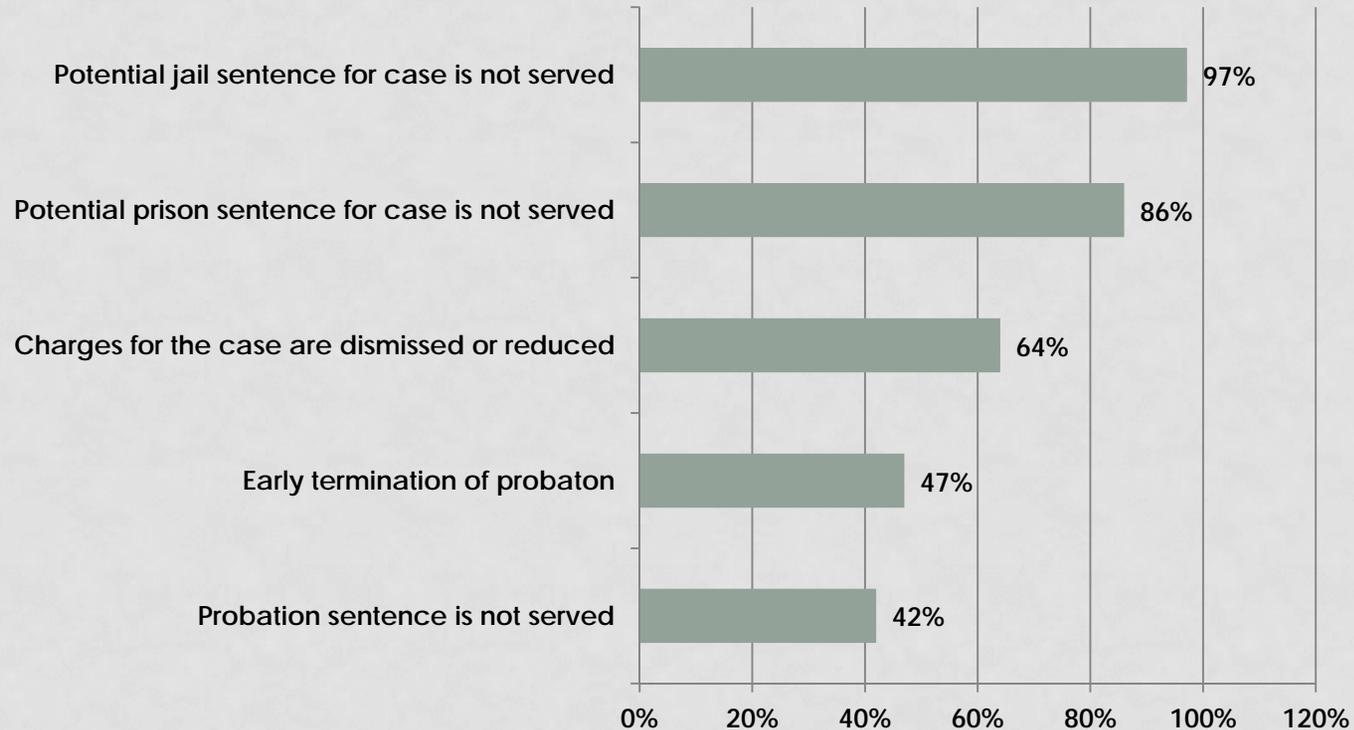
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Figure 15. Percent of courts indicating the least amount of time a participant could spend in the program and successfully graduate



AVOIDING JAIL OR PRISON ARE THE PRIMARY INCENTIVES TO ENTER AND GRADUATE FROM RECOVERY COURTS

Figure 16. Incentives to enter and graduate from the program



RECOVERY COURT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Table 1. Requirements for graduation from recovery court program

Graduation requirement	Percent of courts identifying item as graduation requirement
Use of community-based recovery support	100%
Successfully complete treatment	97%
Have a sober housing environment	97%
Complete community service	97%
Have a job or be in school	94%
* n=36 unless otherwise indicated	

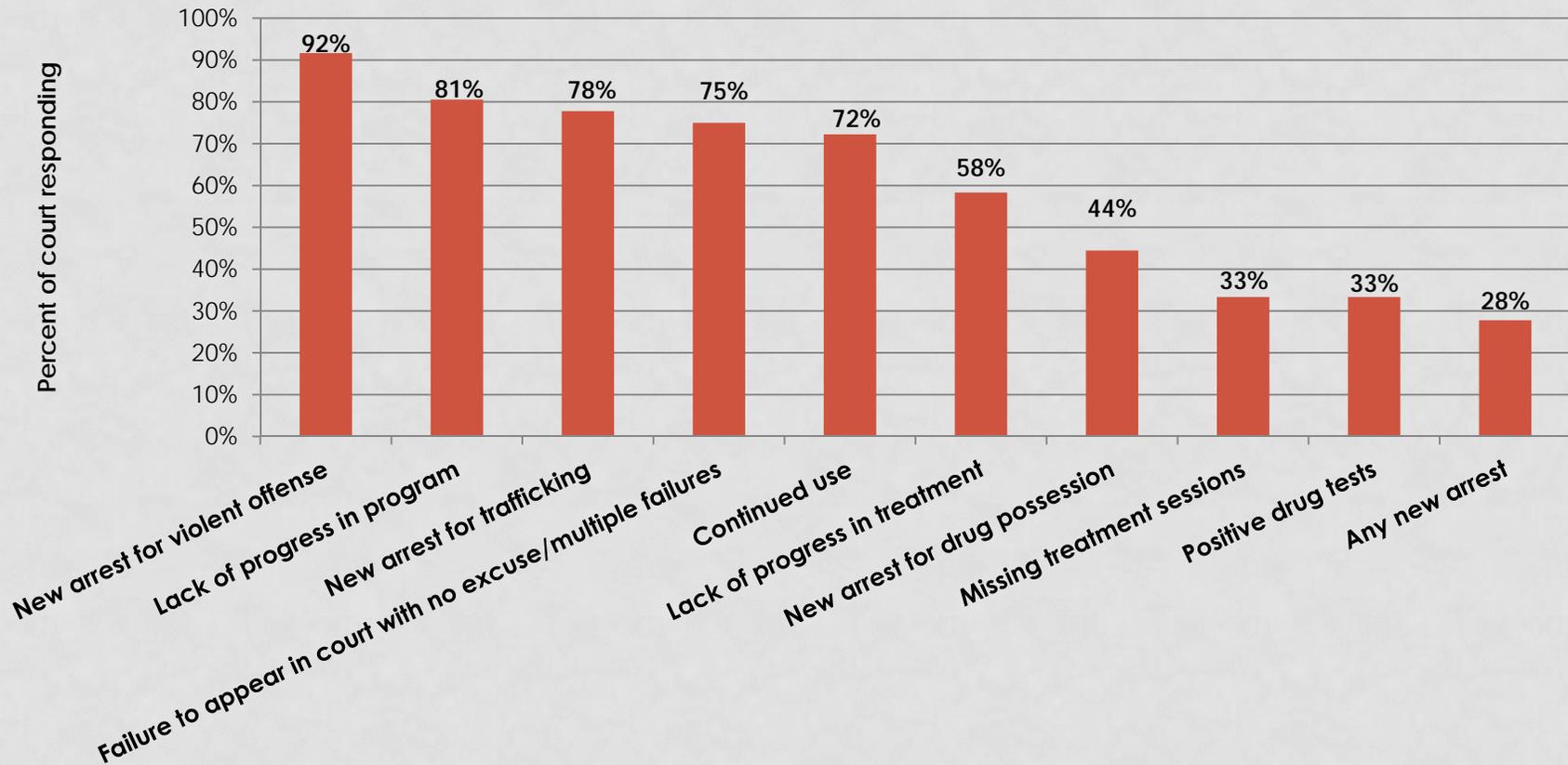
ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Table 2. Additional requirements for graduation from recovery court program

Graduation requirement	Percent of courts identifying item as graduation requirement
Pay all drug court or treatment fees	81%
Write a sobriety/replace prevention plan*	77%
Be progressing on GED	75%
Successfully complete cognitive restructuring program	67%
Pay all other fees or are current on an approved payment plan	67%
Have 6 months of continuous abstinence	64%
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REASONS FOR RECOVERY COURT PROGRAM TERMINATION

Figure 17. Reasons for program termination by percent of courts responding



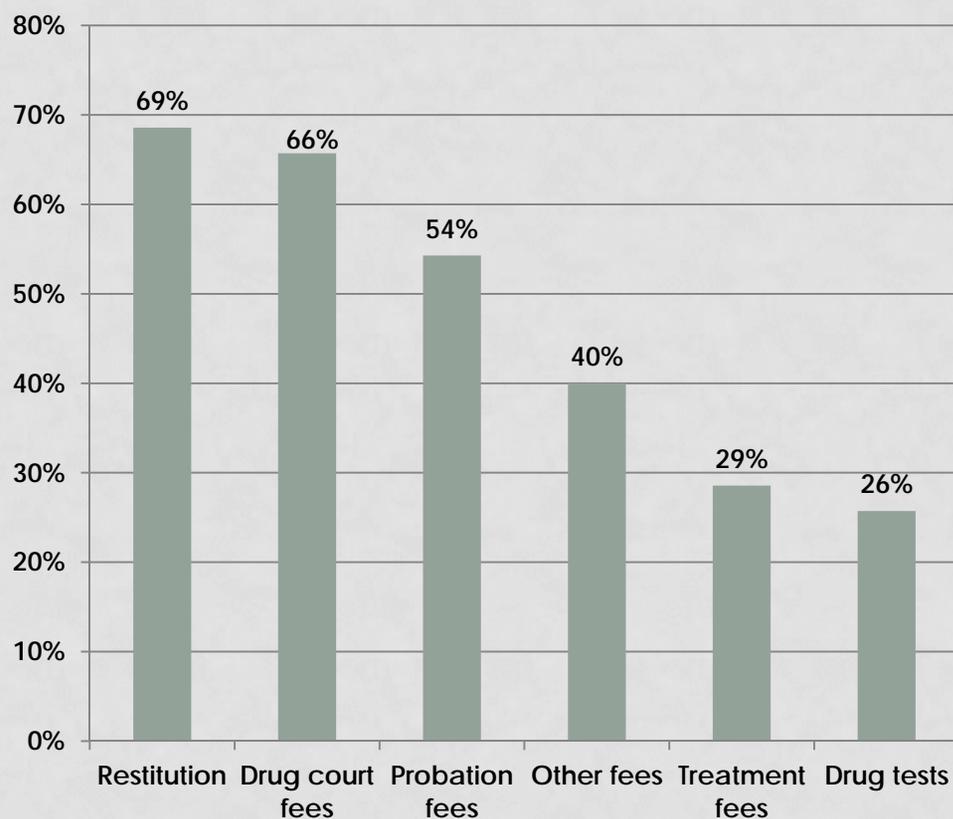
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RECOVERY COURT FEES

Figure 6. Types of fees



- *Participants' are ordinarily required to pay restitution and drug court fees*
- *Fee structures are not based on participants' ability to pay*
- *82% of courts establish a payment plan*

NATIONAL OVERVIEW OF DRUG COURTS

- Specialized court or court calendar that serves to address the needs of non-violent offenders with:
 - Substance abuse
 - Co-occurring mental health disorders
- Multi-disciplinary team composed of individuals who work to address defendants' substance abuse problems and recovery

10 KEY COMPONENTS OF DRUG COURTS

- Established by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Drug Court Standards Committee
- The 10 Key Components include:
 - Use of a multidisciplinary team approach
 - Ongoing schedule of judicial status hearings
 - Drug testing
 - Contingent sanctions and incentives
 - Standardized regimen of substance abuse treatment

TENNESSEE RECOVERY COURTS

- Existed in TN since 1997
 - Established in statute in 2003 (T.C.A. §16-22-101– 114)
 - Executive Order No.12 transferred drug courts to TDMHSAS in June 2012
- Tennessee law (T.C.A. §16-22-104) requires all drug treatment courts in the state to operate according to the principles set forth in the 10 Key Components