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YOUTH SEXUAL HEALTH

# Community Engagement Project

Data walkthrough

# Community Engagement Project (CEP) Overview

The goal: collect valuable community feedback to see what barriers **parents/caregivers**, **faith leaders and members** and **youth-serving community based organizations (CBOs)** were facing when talking about teen pregnancy prevention with the youth in their lives.

# Study design

**A mixed methods study design** utilizes qualitative and quantitative methods to present a more comprehensive view of data.



# Data Collection Process for the Interview

Emailing recommended participants (purposive sampling)

Asking key informants to recommend additional participants  
(snowball sampling)

Flyers

# Data Collection Process for Survey

Emailing partners (to take the survey and distribute)

Asking key members to push to their spheres of influences

Onsite surveying

Facebook

Flyers

Tabling

**350**

**survey  
responses  
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**152**

- **CBO staff**
- **41 Faith members**
- **Parents**

**157**

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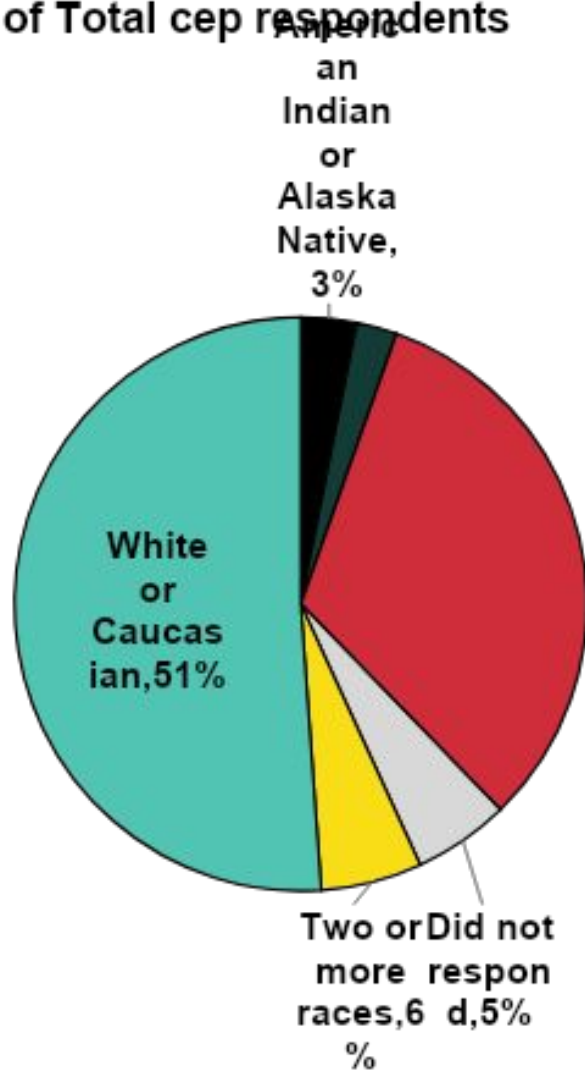
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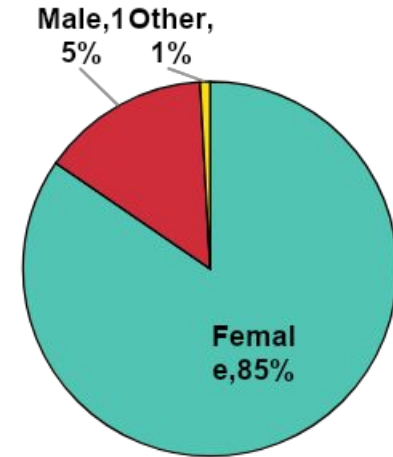
# Survey Demographic Breakdowns

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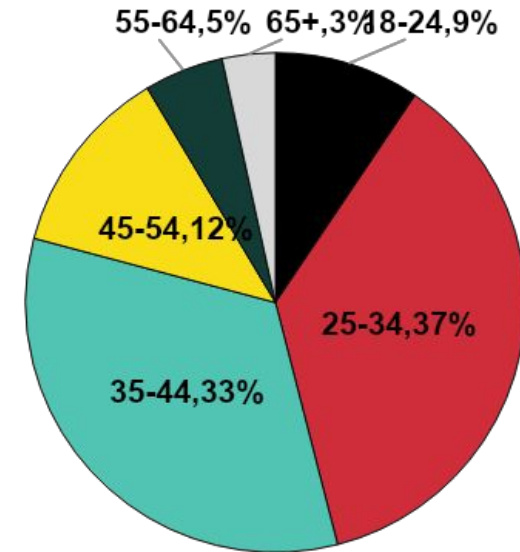


10% of our respondents identified as being of Hispanic ethnicity.

Gender of Total CEP Respondents



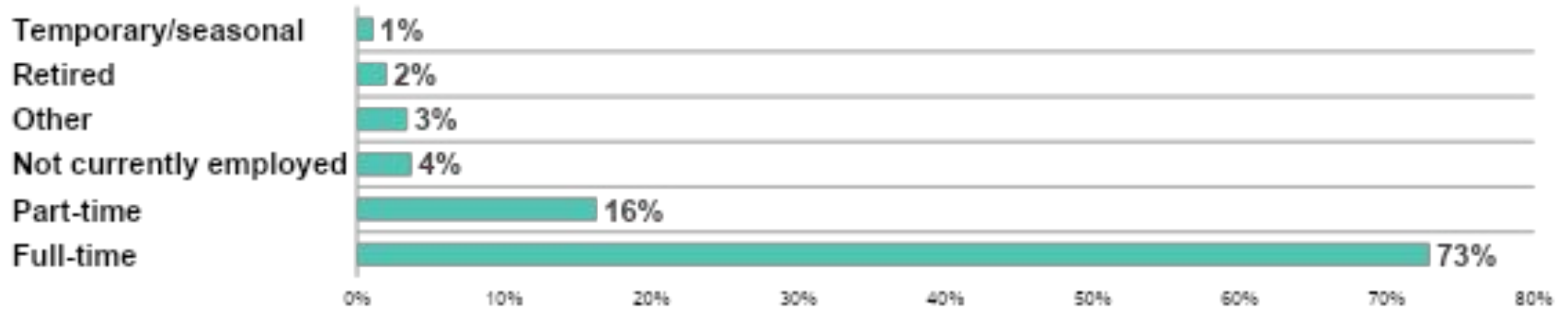
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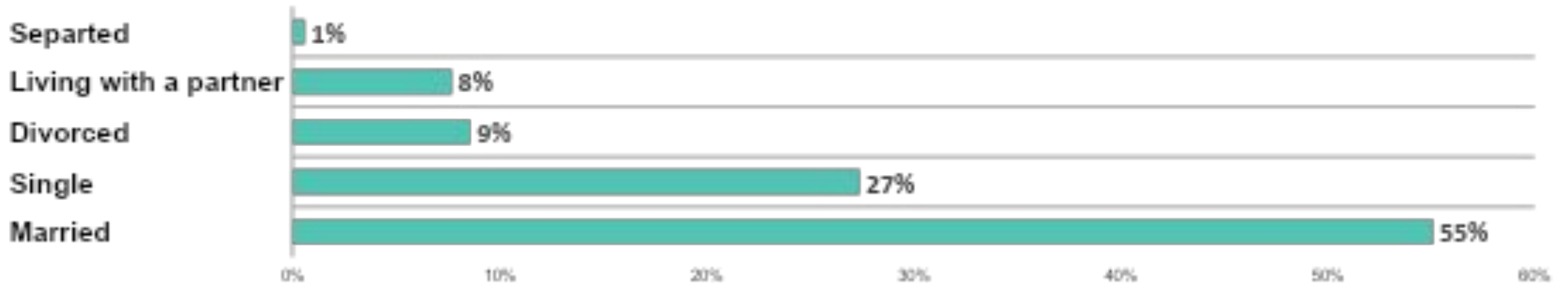


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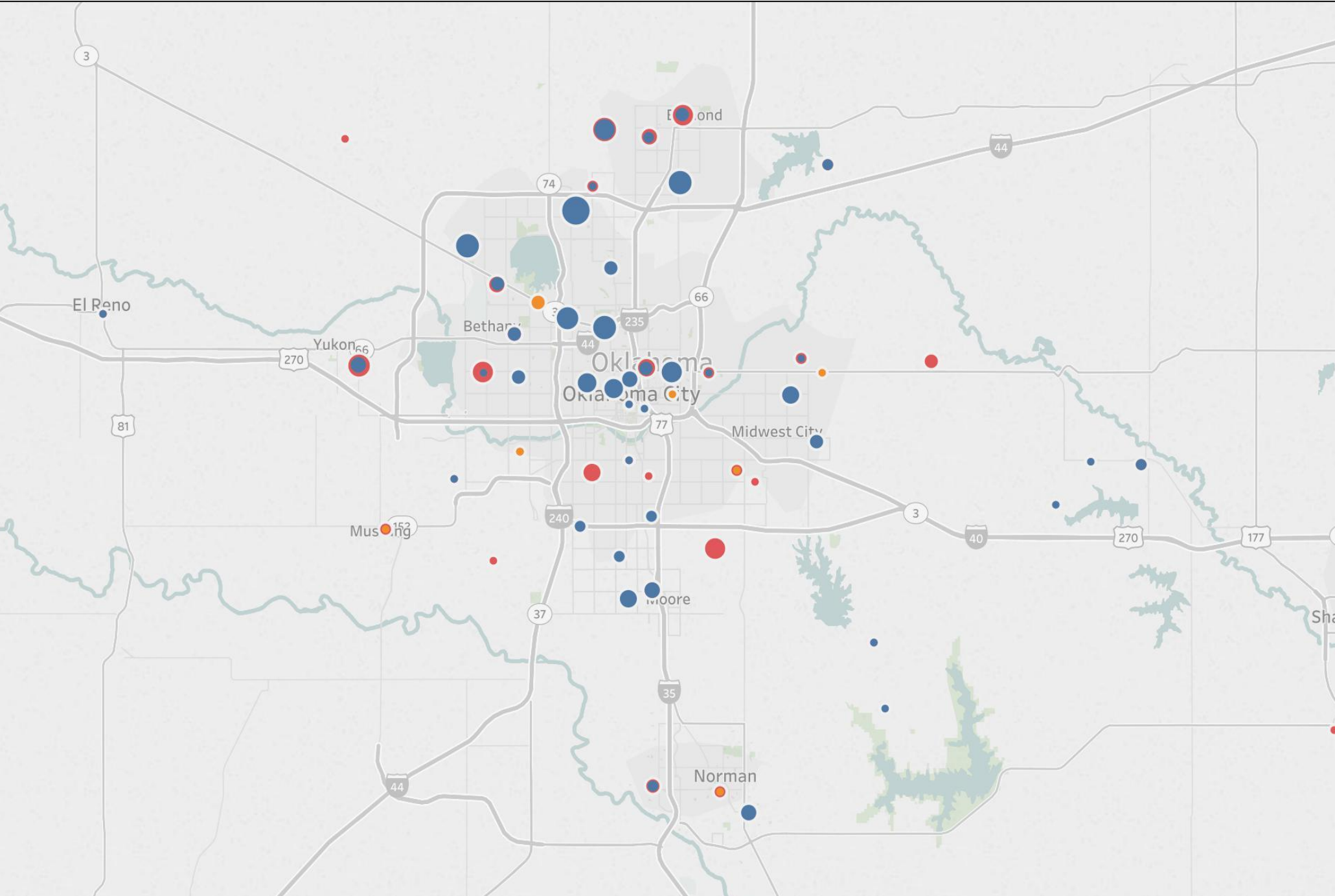


## Relationship Status of All CEP Respondents



# Respondent (interview and survey) Location by Zip code

- PILLAR**
- CBO Staff
  - Faith
  - Parent/Caregiver



Note: Respondents located outside of central Oklahoma were excluded for this map but counted in the overall survey totals.

# Topic list

Abstinence

Access to affordable  
reproductive healthcare

Skills for communication  
strategies with a partner

Birth control and condoms

Healthy relationships and  
consent

LEBTA, lesbian, gay,  
bi-sexual, transgender,

Parent-child  
communication

Peer pressure

Puberty and reproduction

Sexually transmitted  
infections/diseases

(STI/STD)

# community-based organizations (CBO) staff

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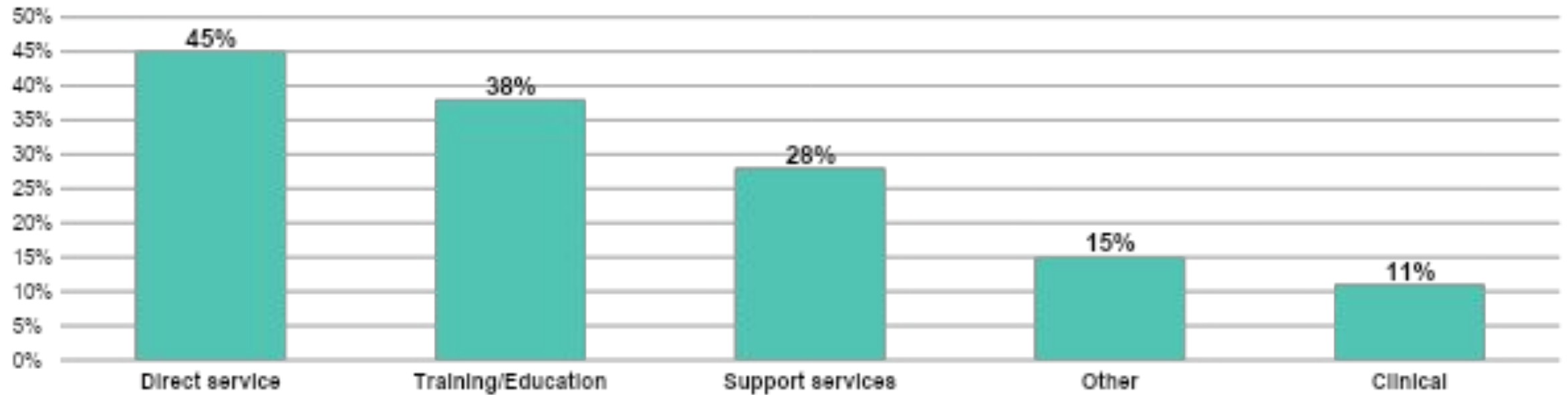
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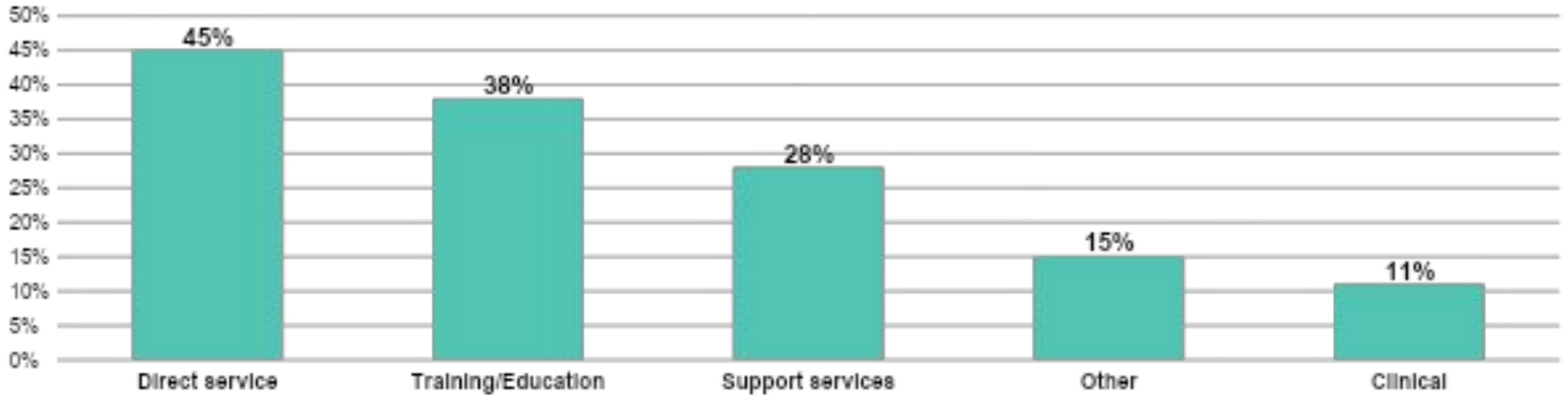
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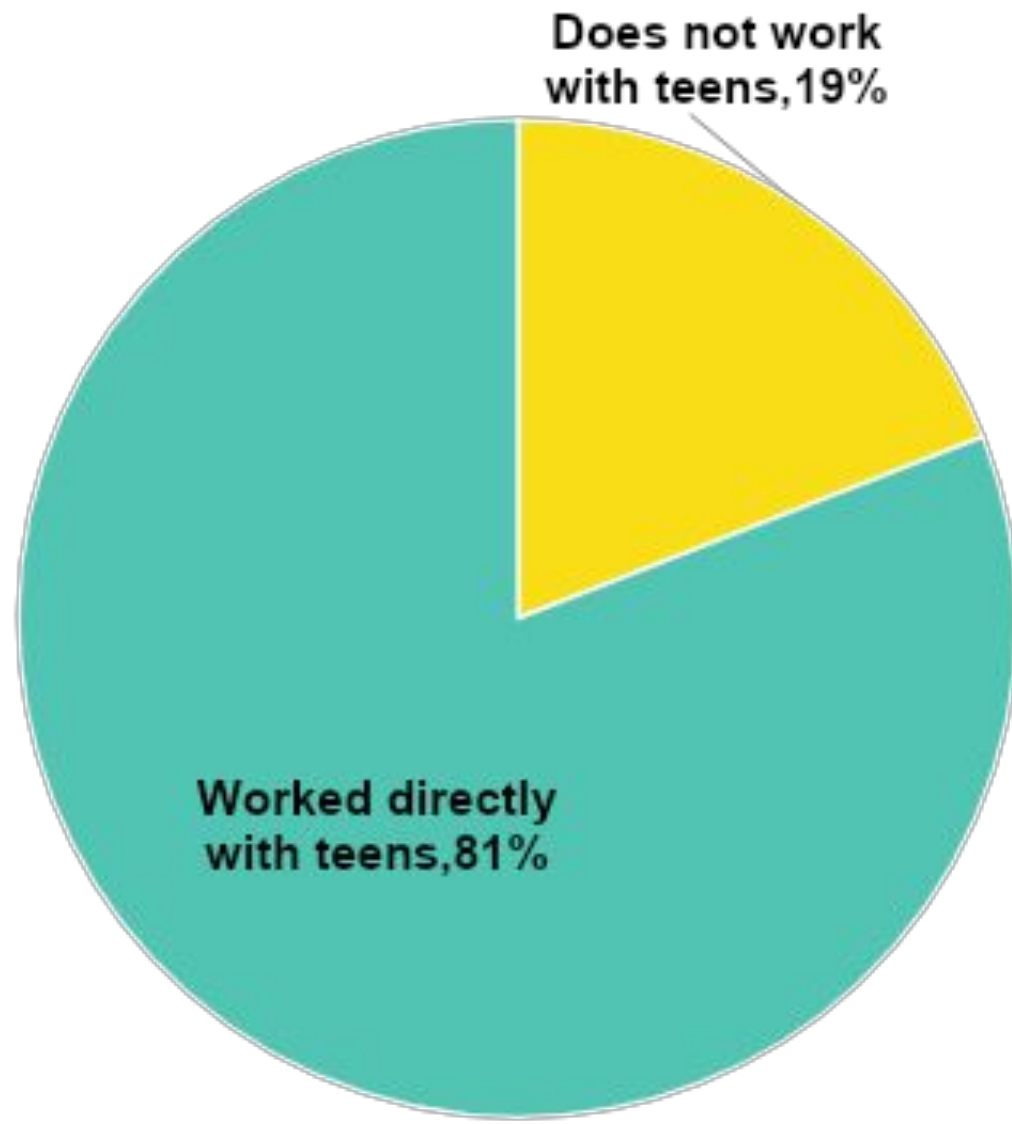
**34% of respondents identified as being in a leadership role**

**20% of respondents identified as program staff**

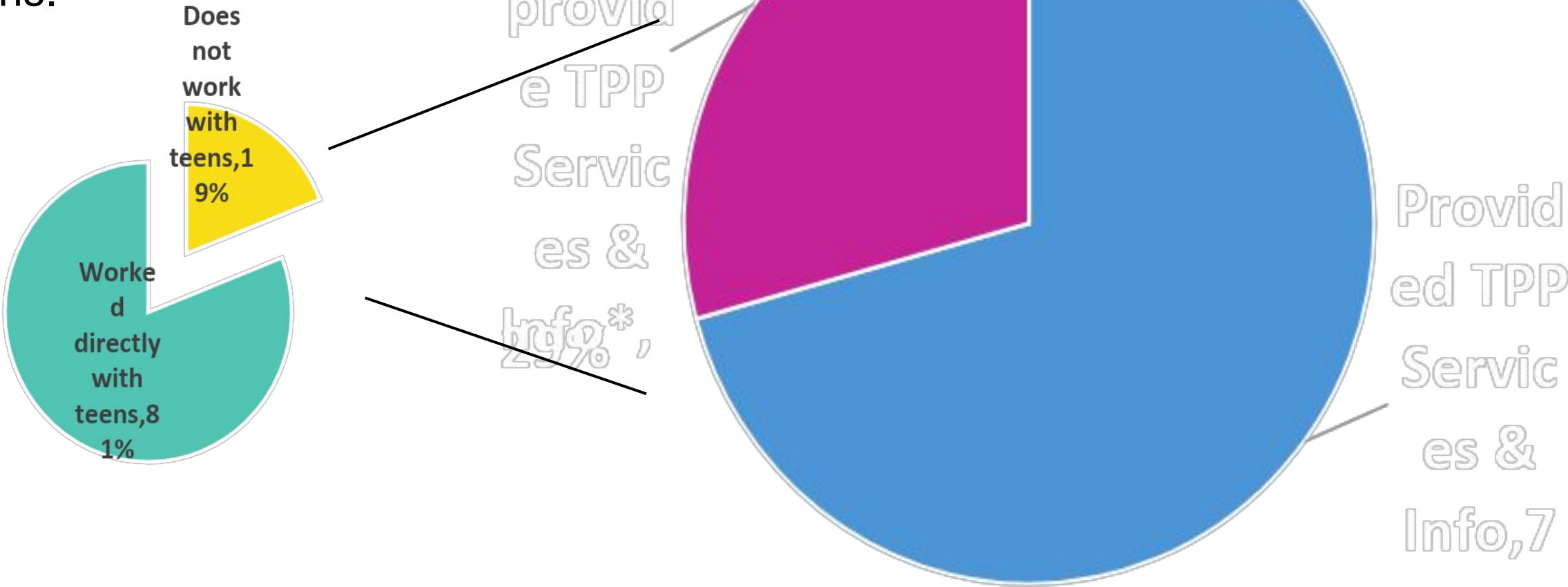
**14% of respondents identified as direct-service providers**

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**81% of our respondents worked directly with teens.**



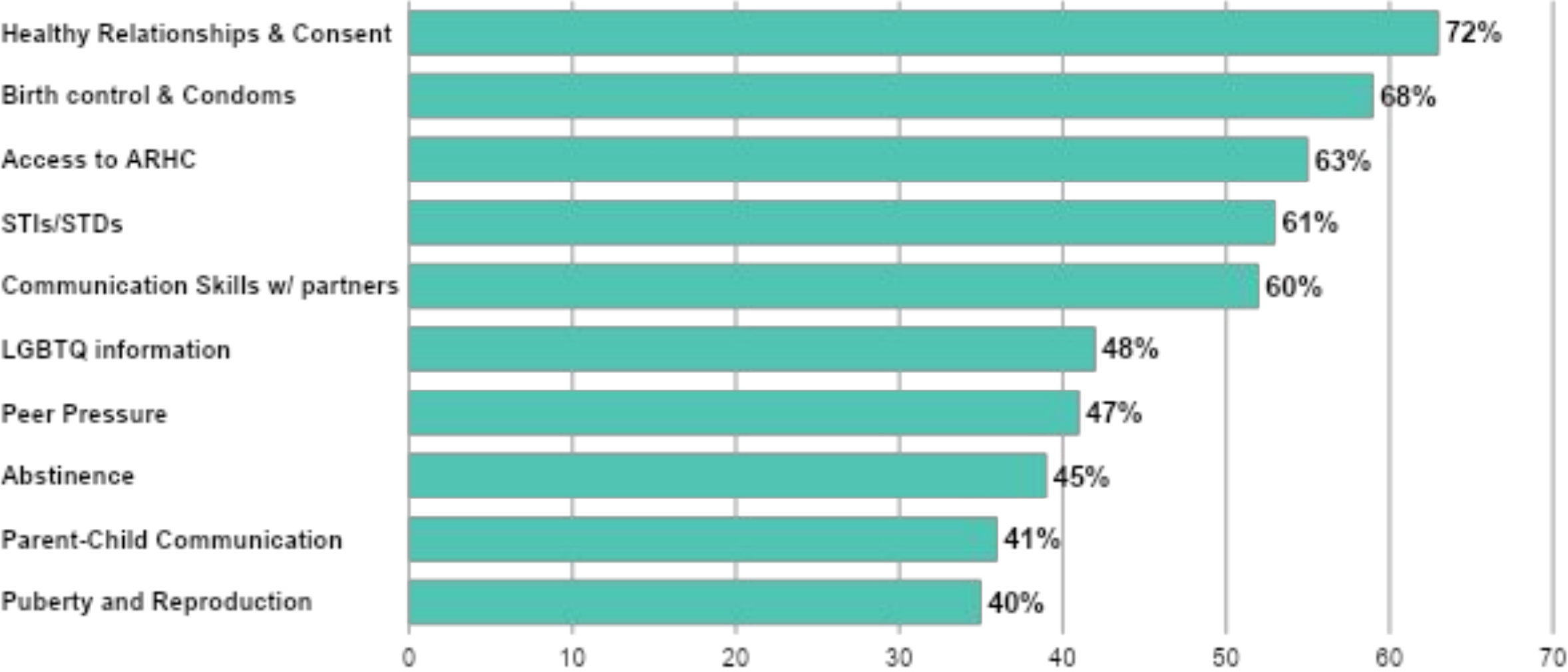
Out of those organization who worked with teens, **71%** of them provided TPP information, education and/or services to teens.



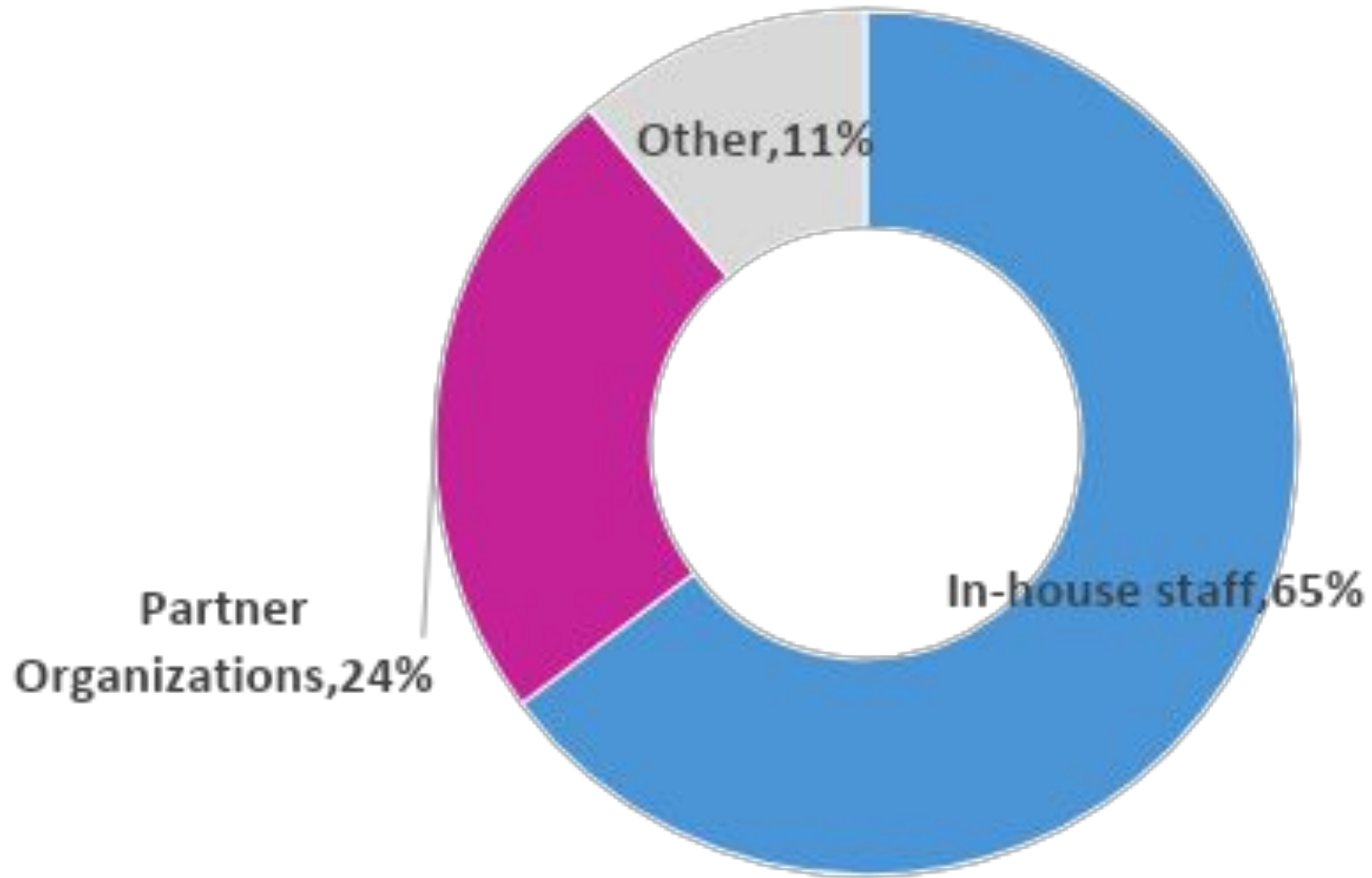
\*includes those who did not respond to this question



Most common topics these CBOs covered with teens were healthy relationships/consent and contraception!



# How did these CBOs provide this information?



# Delivery methods included...

Educational Programs

64%

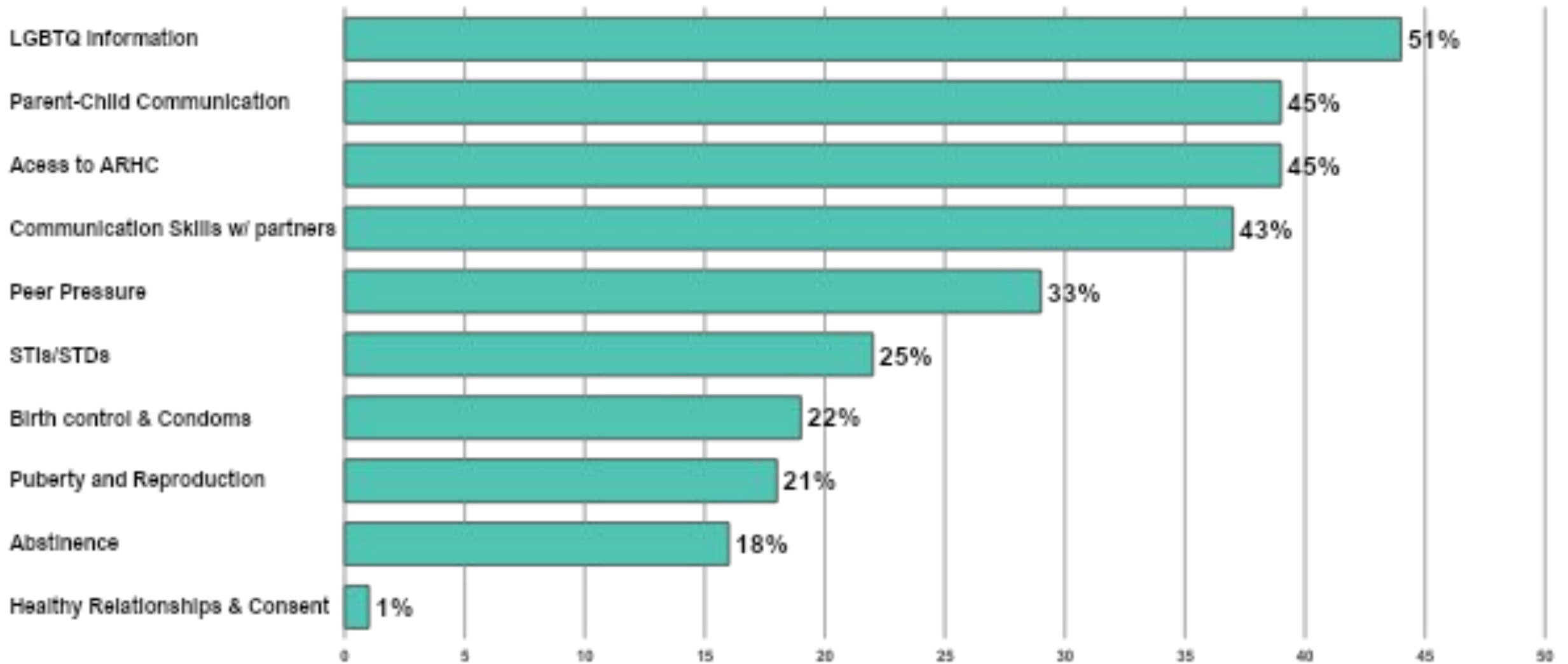
Group Settings

55%

Handout/Brochures

52%

CBOs wanted to learn more about LGBTQ information and effective communication skills between parents and children!



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**Limited resources such as  
materials or funding**

**28%**



# CBO Staff

In regards to barriers, one interviewed CBO staff member said, “Get our board on board with allowing us to do those types of things, because **that's just not something that we're allowed to do**. Even when the [redacted organization] is here, and they're giving out condoms, it's not well-liked amongst our board. It's just not something that they view as appropriate.”



For the staff of CBOs that didn't provide TPP services or information, but still personally worked with teens and wanted more resources...

They wanted more information on **Healthy relationships and consent** (84%) and **LGBTQ information** (74%).

They wanted to receive this information by **educational programs** (79%) and **handouts/brochures** (79%)

Questions?

Comments?

# Faith leaders and members

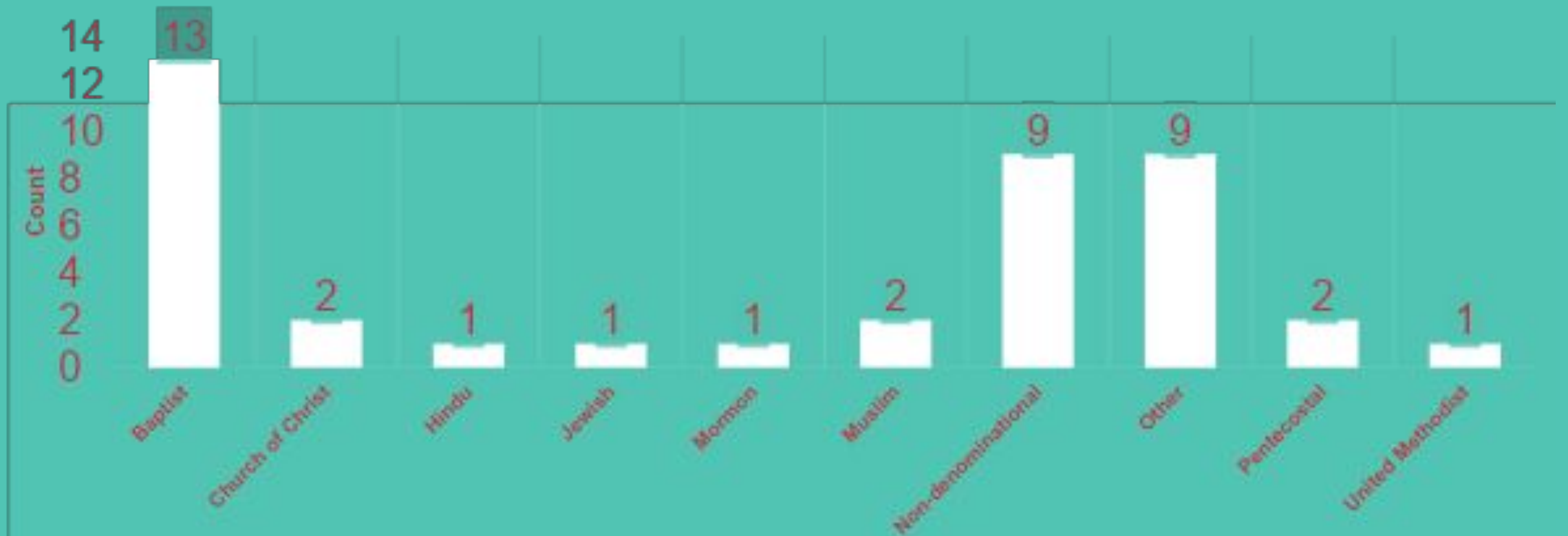
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# Faith – 41 survey responses





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- However only 20% of respondents said their house of worship had offered TPP information in the past



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**Interviewed participants also reported their house of worship **should provide** teen pregnancy prevention information but had not offered it in the past.**



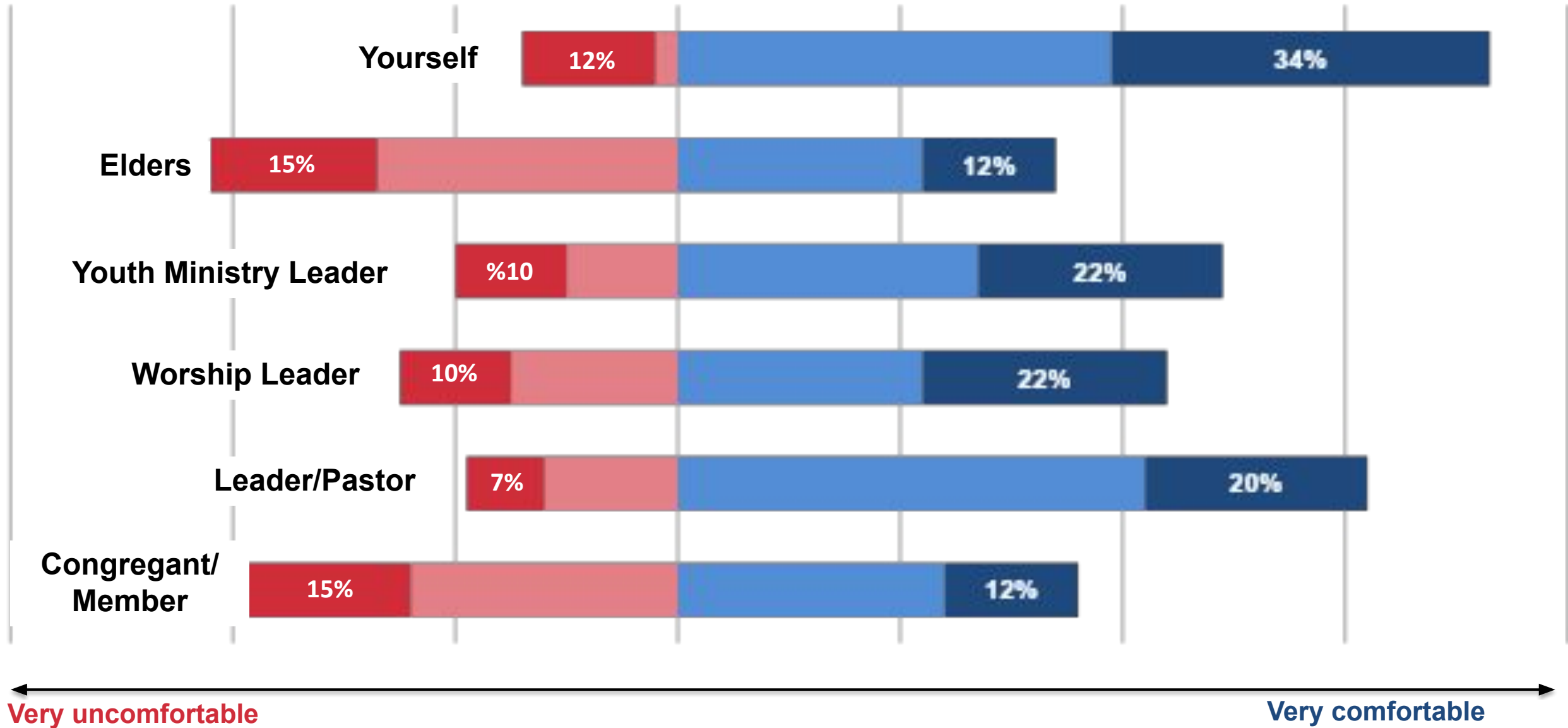
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One interview respondent said, “we currently have **mental health, suicide prevention.[...] We had a drug abuse workshop** and [...] how to react when a police pulls you over or a cop or something like that.

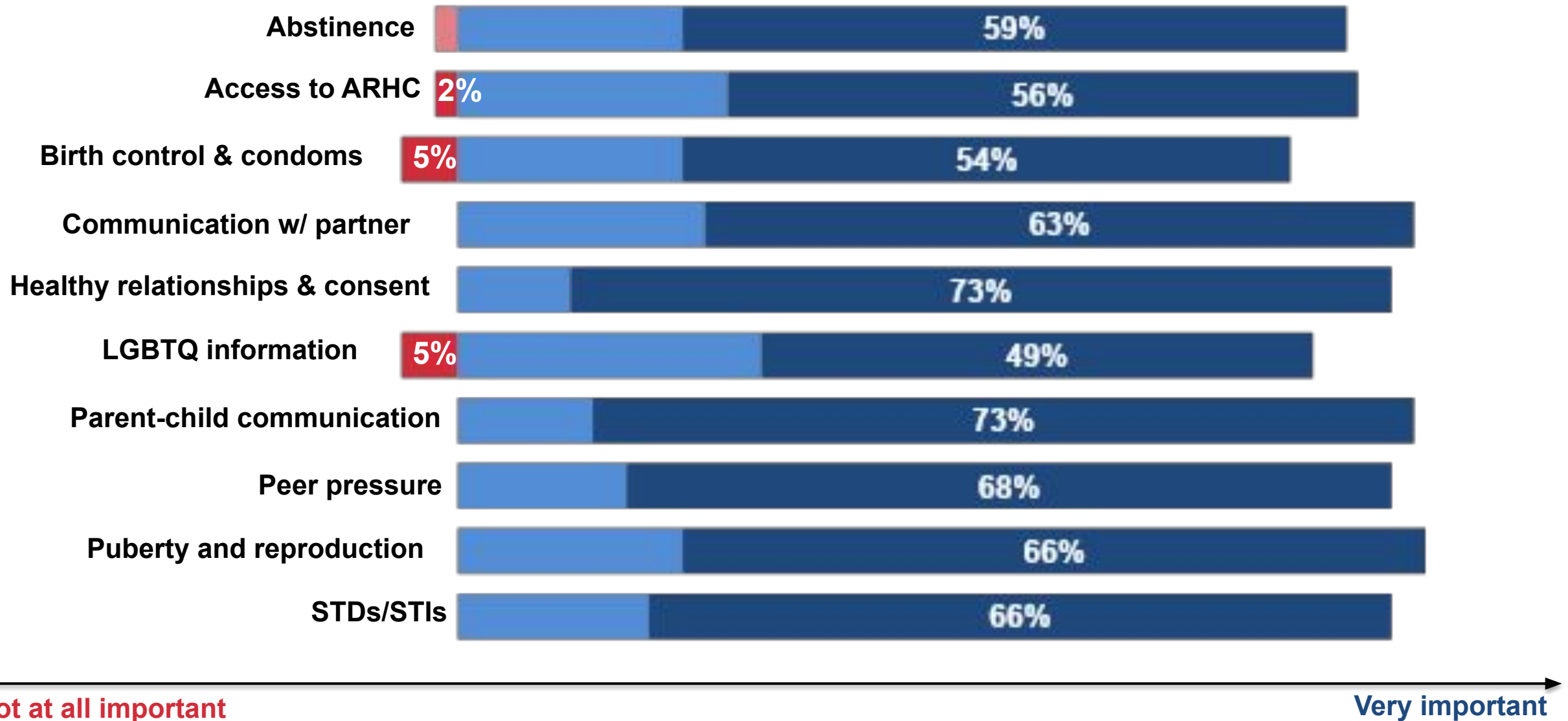
But **we don't have anything** right now currently going on **about teen pregnancy**, and dating, and sexual health at all.”



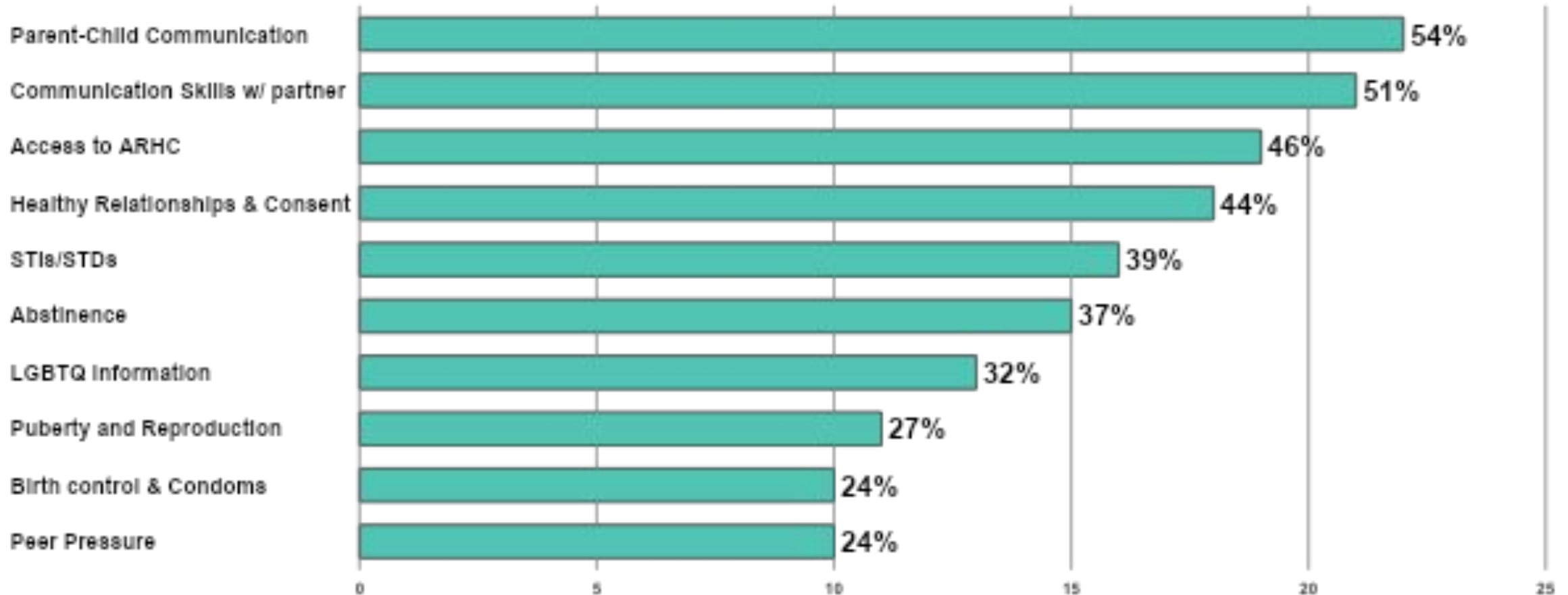
# How comfortable are the following people discussing TPP topics with youth in your house of worship?



# How important do you feel the following topics are for your youth to learn?



# Faith members wanted to learn how to teach their youth good communication skills!



The top three ways respondents preferred method of accessing this information was by educational programs (44%), website/online (42%) and group settings (41%).

Common barriers included...

Need additional training/information in order to communicate this information	54%
Don't know a trained educator/presenter	34%
Limited time to implement a TPP program	24%
Youth would not show up for this information	22%
Limited access to affordable healthcare	20%
Other adults would not approve/allow	20%
Pastor/clergy/house of worship leaders	15%
No meeting space	5%



# Faith

Interviewed congregants also reported **not feeling equipped** to have these conversations.

They want to have **someone come in** to facilitated the discussion.



# Faith

**One congregant said, “I think that if you guys can give us, I don't know, **material**, and **an actual speaker** to come in and meet with our youth.”**

# What are some other settings you would like to see TPP information presented?

<b>Community-based organizations</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>After-school program</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Home</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Social media</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Websites</b>	<b>37%</b>

Questions?

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# Parents and caregivers

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responses

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## Parents survey responses

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- The average number of children: **2**
- Majority had **young kids** (0-10)

**68%** married

**14%** single

**10%** divorced

**8%** living with a partner

**0.06%** separated



# Parent or Caregiver

**72%** of parents said someone talked to them about sex when they were growing up

The two **most common sources** for information they identified were schools (**56%**) and parents/caregivers (**53%**).

However, **not even half (47%)** felt like the information they received helped them make healthy decisions.

Out of the 43 parents who said they did not receive information about sex growing up, **88% said they wished they had.**



# Parent or Caregiver

**Nearly all interviewed parents said someone talked to them about sex when they were growing up.**

**Parents reported that the most helpful conversations were with...**

- **Parent(s)**
- **Peers**
- **School-based sexuality education program staff**



# Parent or Caregiver

One parent said, “We had a **mandatory course in ninth grade** [...] it was a one semester course, and it was **sex ed, drivers ed, and nutrition** [...] Um, so it was comprehensive in the sense that it included birth control methods, and it was more than just like, ‘Don't have sex and STDs are bad.’”



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**42%** of teen parents said they received no information about sex growing up

Of the 58% who did receive information, only **36%** reported that the information they received helped them make healthy decisions.



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Few parent interview participants were teen parents as well; however **all reported a helpful trusted adult** in their lives during that time.

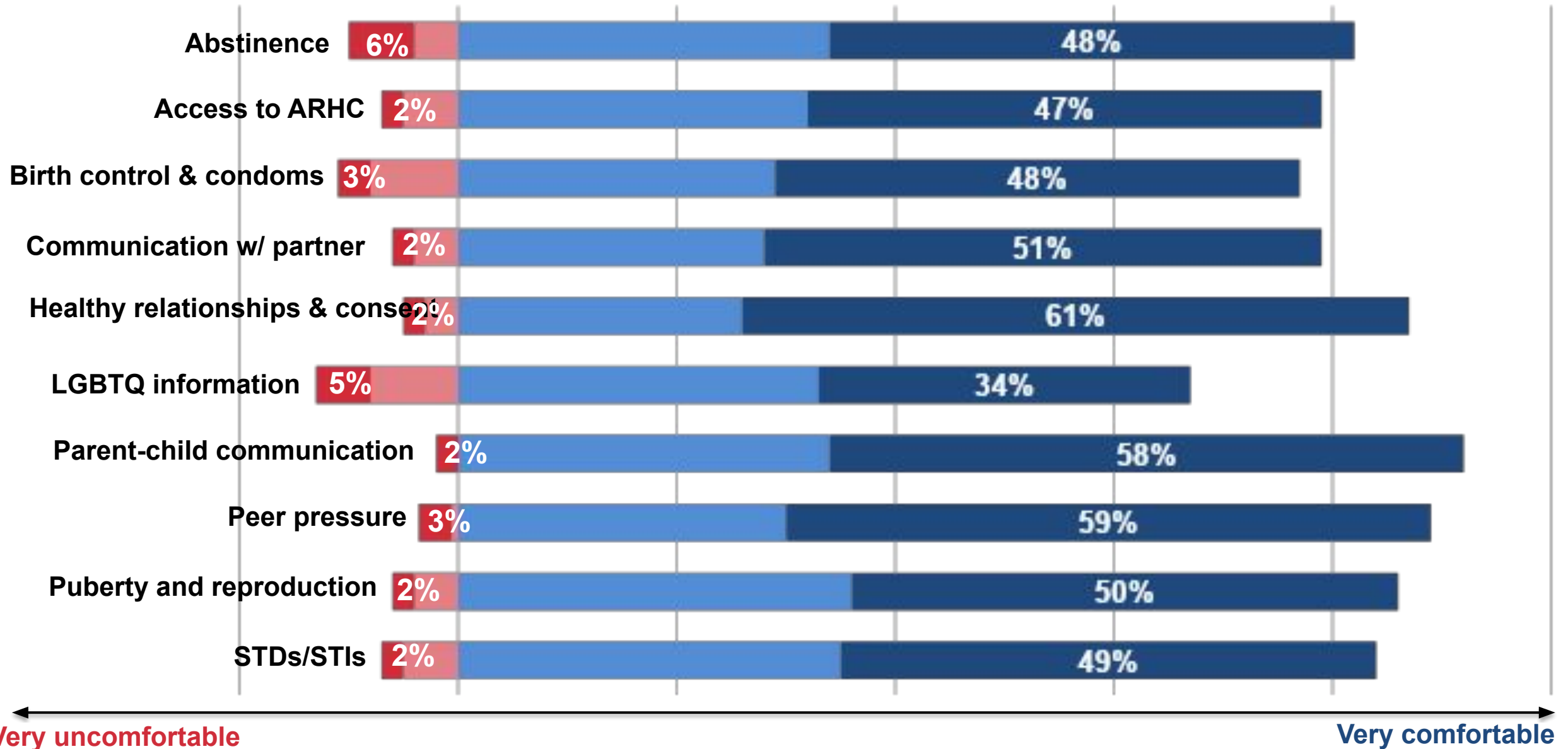
One parent said, “Momma, she has my back all... to this day.”

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Another parent said, “I would have to say my grandmother and then my aunt during that time.”




# What is your level of comfort talking to your child(ren) about the following topics?




A photograph of a family walking away from the camera. A young child with blonde hair, wearing a pink shirt with polka dots on the sleeves, is in the center, holding the hands of two adults. The adult on the left is wearing blue jeans, and the adult on the right is wearing a light blue shirt and orange pants. The background is bright and out of focus, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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## WHY?

### Parents felt that...

- The topics were not age-appropriate for their child(ren) (74%)
  - They didn't know how to start the conversation (12%)

**For the 74% of parents who had conversations with their child(ren):**

**62%**

**agreed/strongly** agreed that the conversation(s) they had with their child(ren) were **successful**

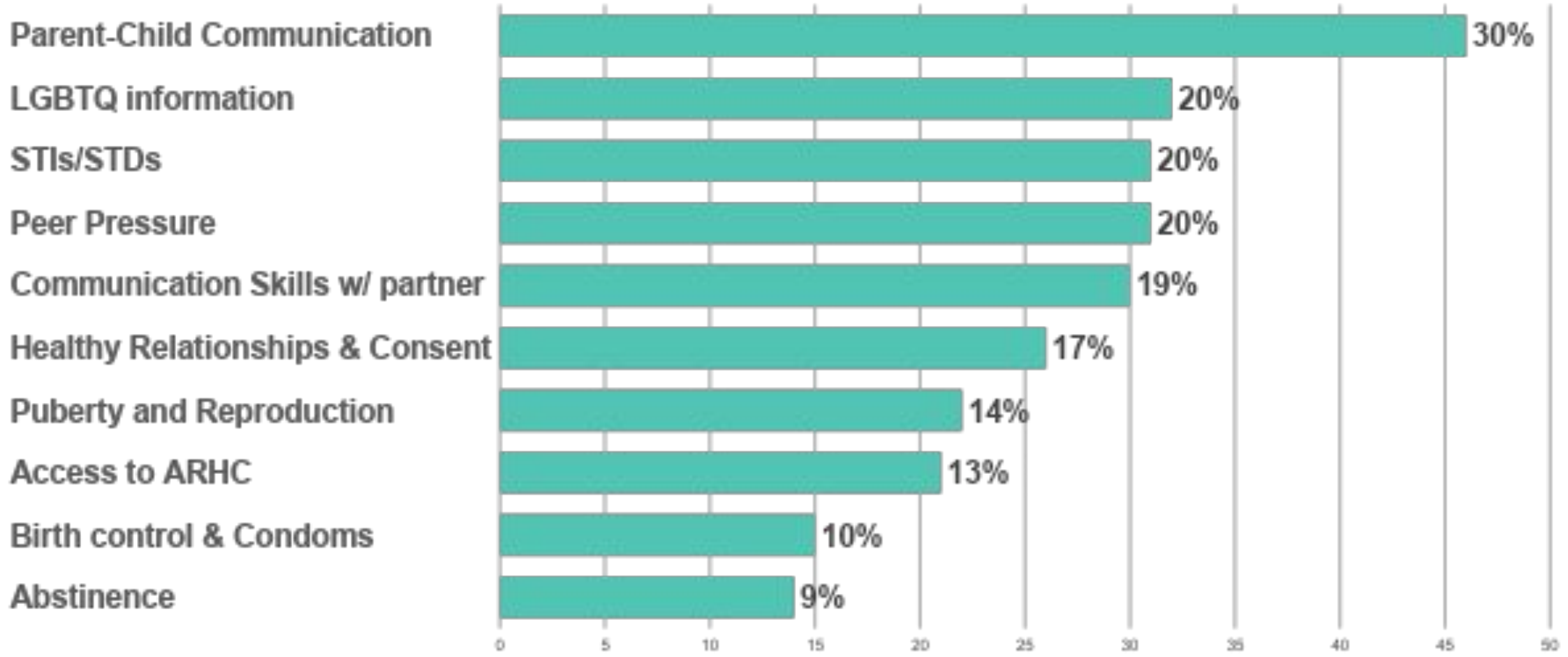
**47%**

**agreed/strongly** agreed that the conversation(s) they had **influenced** their child(ren) decisions

**56%**

**agreed/strongly** agreed that they **felt prepared** to have these conversation(s) with their child(ren)

## Parents most wanted to learn how to communicate with their child.



Parents said they wanted this information through websites (39%), educational programs (30%) and handout/brochures (27%)

# Parents' Barriers to talking to their kids

Limited time	27%
Need additional training/information in order to communicate this information	21%
Child(ren) would not engage	19%
Don't know how to start the conversation	13%
Limited access to ARHC	10%
Partner or family member wouldn't approve	4%

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**The timing of the  
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on age  
appropriateness**

One parent said, “I think the only barrier might come **from them maybe being uncomfortable**. I think most students or most young people don't want to talk to their parents about it because **they feel like it might be embarrassing**, but you should be able to talk to your parent because that's the person who loves you and takes care of you and wants the best for your future. So **it shouldn't be a taboo subject**. And I think a lot of times, we make it that way.”

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Another parent said, “And so it's just kind of like, ‘Mama,’ you know, and blow it off. But I think that just as soon as they're ready, **I'm ready and we're going to talk about it.**”

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**Most requested delivery  
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**What is coming...**

**We need to hear  
from you!**



Please join one of the three tables (CBO staff, Faith or Parents) to provide:

- Initial thoughts/questions over the data
- Recommendations for next steps

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