**Interpersonal Violence Reporting Choices Among People with Disabilities in Indiana**

Results from the 2021 Indiana Disability Justice’s Community Strengths, Needs, and Desires Assessment

**TEXT ONLY VERSION**

Adult Experiences with Interpersonal Violence Among People with Disabilities Indiana

* Coercive Services
  + 73% of respondents stated “No, I have not experienced this.”
  + 27% of respondents stated “Yes, I have experienced this.”
* Unwanted Touching of Self
  + 40% respondents stated “No, I have not experienced this.”
  + 60% of respondents stated “Yes, I have experienced this.”
* Unwanted Touching of Someone Else
  + 50% of respondents stated “No, I have not experienced this.”
  + 50% of respondents stated “Yes, I have experienced this.”

Adult Reporting Experiences of Interpersonal Violence Among People with Disabilities

* Coercive Services
  + 36% of respondents stated “No, and I do not want to report this.”
  + 18% of respondents stated “No, but I intend to report this.”
  + 9% of respondents stated “I’m unsure if I want to report this.”
  + 36% of respondents stated “Yes, I have reported this.”
* Unwanted Touching of Self
  + 41% of respondents stated “No, and I do not want to report this.”
  + 9% of respondents stated “No, but I intend to report this.”
  + 18% of respondents stated “I’m unsure if I want to report this.”
  + 32% of respondents stated “Yes, I have reported this.”
* Unwanted Touching of Someone Else
  + 50% of respondents stated “No, and I do not want to report this.”
  + 6% of respondents stated “No, but I intend to report this.”
  + 17% of respondents stated “I’m unsure if I want to report this.”
  + 28% of respondents stated “Yes, I have reported this.”

***“Someone told me I must touch their genitals or private areas when I did not want to touch them.”***

Out of the 27% of respondents who experienced coercive services, 36% had reported the experience and 18% intend to report it while 36% have not and will not report it.

***“Someone else touched me in a private area of my body in a way that made me uncomfortable or upset.”***

Out of the 60% of respondents who experienced unwanted touching, less than 1/3rd had reported it. 9% intended to report this experience while over 40% did not and will not report it.

***“Someone told me I must touch their genitals or private areas when I did not want to touch them.”***

Out of the 50% of respondents who were told by someone else that the respondent must touch them, only 28% had reported the experience. 6% intended to report it and half has not and will not report it.

*Transparency and Important Notes About This Survey*

This survey is not peer-reviewed research and is not representative of people with disabilities in Indiana, but it is statistically significant. Data regarding gender is weighted but data regarding age is not.

This survey received 41 responses by participants living in 17 counties (including 9 out of 10 INSILC districts). Among those who disclosed their demographic data, participants included:

- 22 women, 6 men, and 2 non-binary people

- People aged from ranges 18-25 up to 76-85

- 26 white people, 2 Native Americans, 1 Black person, 1 Latinx person, 1 Asian or Pacific Islander person, and 1 multiracial person

- 23 straight people, 7 LGB/SGL people, 1 asexual person, and 1 questioning person

- People raised in mainline and evangelical Christianity, Catholicism, Judaism, and atheism.

Participants included people with cognitive and developmental disabilities (9), chronic illnesses (13), physical disabilities (12), sensory disabilities (9) [including Blind and/or Deaf participant], psychiatric disabilities and neurodivergence (21).