SAN BENITO COUNTY COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Presented by Community Solutions

247 SURVEYS COLLECTED

A 23-question community assessment survey was developed by Community Solutions to understand San Benito County residents’ views on sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking.

The survey has four main components: (1) respondent demographics, (2) perceived prevalence of sexual violence (domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking), (3) attitudes towards reporting, and (4) the community’s readiness to engage in prevention tactics.

To ensure we collected responses from a representative base in San Benito County it was important to offer the survey in both English and Spanish. The english survey was directly translated to Spanish with no modifications. The survey was available on Survey Monkey or by paper copy for individuals.

64% of respondents felt it was important that all community members play a role in preventing sexual violence.

56% of respondents volunteer in some way in their community.

46% of respondents know someone impacted by sexual assault.

67% of respondents stated they witnessed domestic violence.

PREVELANCE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

24-Hour Crisis Line
Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence: 1.877.363.7238
Community Solutions
341 Tres Pinos Rd. Suite 202B
Hollister, CA 95023
831.637.1094

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PERCEIVED BARRIERS TO REPORTING

- **70%** of survey respondents felt domestic violence and sexual assault victims don’t report to law enforcement because they believe they will not be treated in the right way.
- **84%** of survey respondents felt domestic violence and sexual assault victims don’t report because they are afraid of retaliation by the alleged perpetrator.
- **90%** of Spanish survey respondents felt domestic violence and sexual assault victims don’t report because they are afraid no one will believe them.
- **96%** of Spanish-speaking survey respondents and **72%** of all respondents felt domestic violence victims don’t report because they are fearful of their family and friends finding out.

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN BELIEFS AND PERCEPTIONS

**SPANISH SURVEY RESPONSES**
- **5%** believe victims occasionally lie about sexual assault to seek revenge against the perpetrator.
- **11%** believe victims occasionally lie about domestic violence to seek revenge against the perpetrator.
- **0%** believe victims very frequently lie about domestic violence to protect their reputations.
- **0%** believe victims very frequently lie about sexual assault to protect their reputations.

**ENGLISH SURVEY RESPONSES**
- **20%** believe victims occasionally lie about sexual assault to seek revenge against the perpetrator.
- **25%** believe victims occasionally lie about domestic violence to seek revenge against the perpetrator.
- **20%** believe victims very frequently lie about domestic violence to protect their reputations.
- **17%** believe victims very frequently lie about sexual assault to protect their reputations.

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