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Eliminating Disparities in Infant Mortality Task Force

Purpose

- To provide Governor DeWine with actionable recommendations on how to eliminate the racial disparity in the infant mortality rate.
- Create a roadmap that guides Ohio to meet the Healthy People 2030 goals for ALL babies (Infant Mortality rate= 5.0 per 1,000 births).
- Engage Black women, families, and communities throughout the process to ensure that recommendations are grounded in reality.



Timeline

March

- First Meeting
- Schedule local sessions

May-July

- Task Force meetings
- Draft ideas/recommendations

August

- Share draft recommendations with local communities
- Refine recommendations

October

- Complete recommendations
- Draft final report
- Start approval process
- Begin implementation planning

April-Mid May

- Family listening sessions
- 30 held between 5/1 and 5/15

July

- Refine draft recommendations
- Partner survey

September

- Last meeting of Task Force
- Finalize feedback from Task Force members

Task Force Meetings

- 28 members representing multiple organizations across the state.
- 6 monthly meetings and a supplemental Informational Session were held.
- 5 monthly meetings of the State Team were held and more are scheduled through 2022.
- Variety of tools were used to engage the Task Force, State Team, and Partners (e.g., small group work, surveys, chat, polls).
- Numerous resources were shared with the Task Force (e.g., past reports, summaries of family listening session themes and quotes, etc.).
- Surveys – several were administered to:
 - Task Force Members.
 - State Team Members.
 - State Partners/Host Agencies/Sponsors.



Primary Sources of Data



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AGENDA

- Opening Exercise
- Video: Family Voice
- Feedback/World Café
- Report-Outs
- Accountability Plan
- Closing Remarks



Opening Exercise

In pairs at your tables:

- Introduce yourselves to one another.
- Select an index card with a theme that resonates with you.
- Share with one another whether or not the theme resonates because we're progressing toward it or because it is a challenge.
 - If it's a challenge, what would help us move toward achieving it?



Family Video



Feedback Overview



May and August Listening Sessions

MAY 2021

- 30 sessions were held between May 1 and May 15.
- 11 counties.
- More than 200 participants.
- 62% (18/29) of Task Force members participated in at least one listening session.
- 50% (5/10) of the State Team members participated in at least one listening session.
- 25 unique host agencies.
- 20 unique facilitators.

AUGUST 2021

- 9 sessions were held between Aug. 23 and Sept. 1.
- 9 counties.
- More than 70 participants.
- 3 Task Force members participated in at least one listening session.
- 1 State Team member participated in at least one listening session.
- 16 unique host agencies.
- 5 unique facilitators.



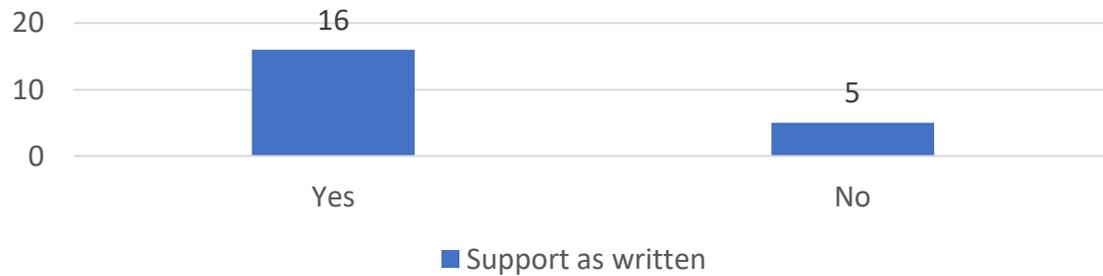
IMTF MEMBER SURVEY RESPONSES

- 21 responses.
- 16 IMTF members.
 - 53% of IMTF members.
- 5 state support team members.
 - 56% of state support team.

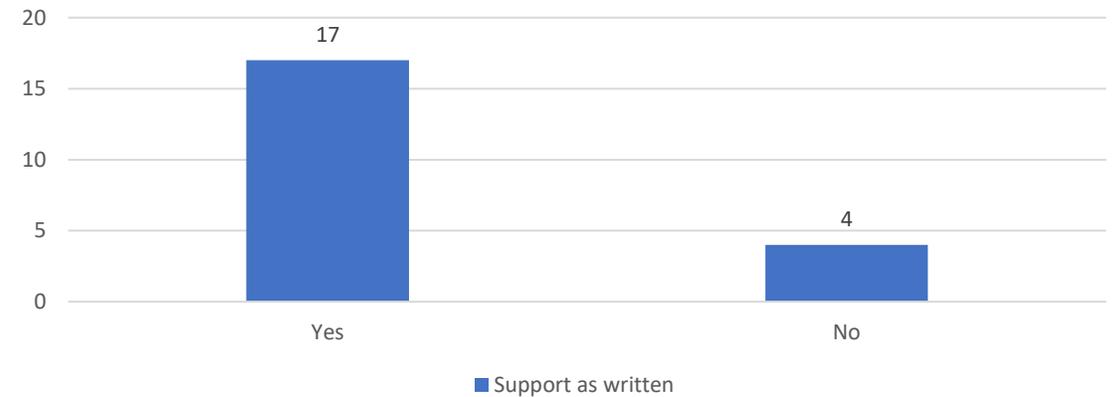


HEALTH CARE ACCESS & QUALITY

Create a tool developed and driven by Black patients that measures the healthcare experiences, important to them, and establishes accessible information for Black patients to choose where to access quality care.

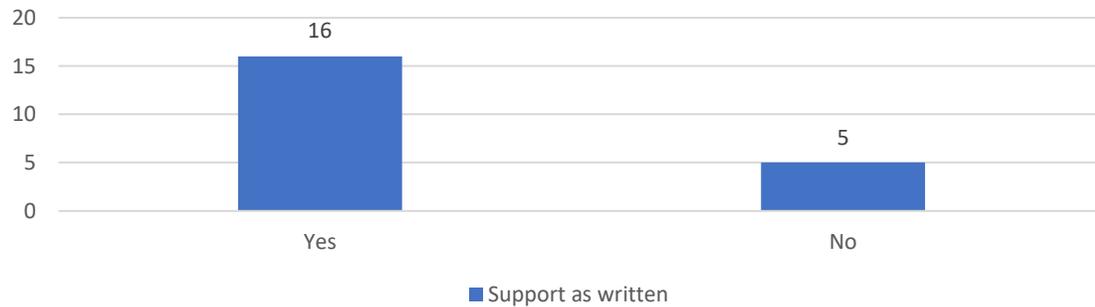


Increase access and choice, within the 11 counties with high Black infant mortality rates, to quality, non-biased healthcare for Black women, fathers and communities.

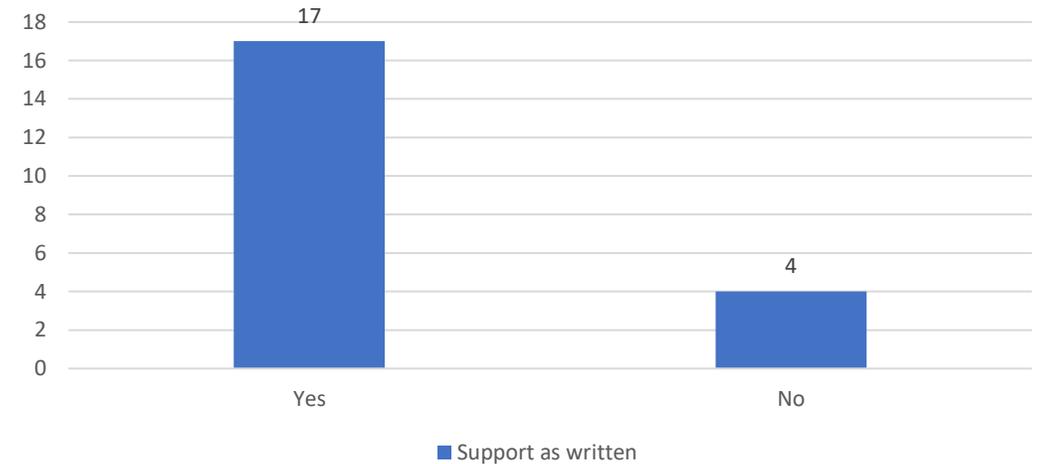


EDUCATION

Increase access and remove barriers to comprehensive health education, inclusive of reproductive health, within the school systems and communities that have the largest proportion of Black student enrollment and rates of teen pregnancy.

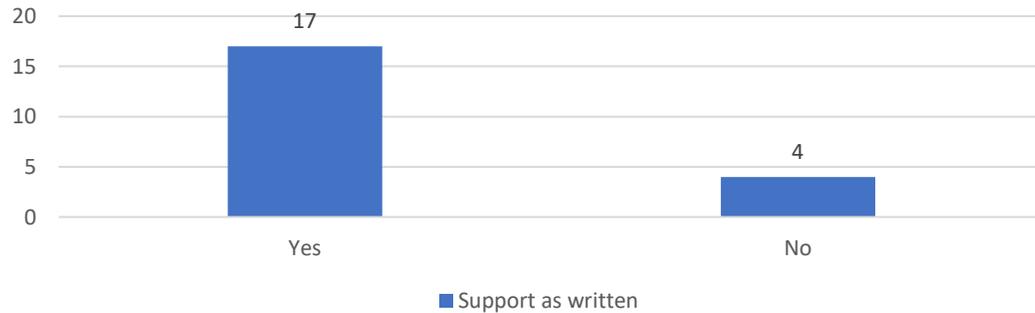


Create or enhance school policies that support whole family units (however defined by the family), empower family leadership and the distribution of equitable resources to increase access to programming and supports for Black children, families, and communities.

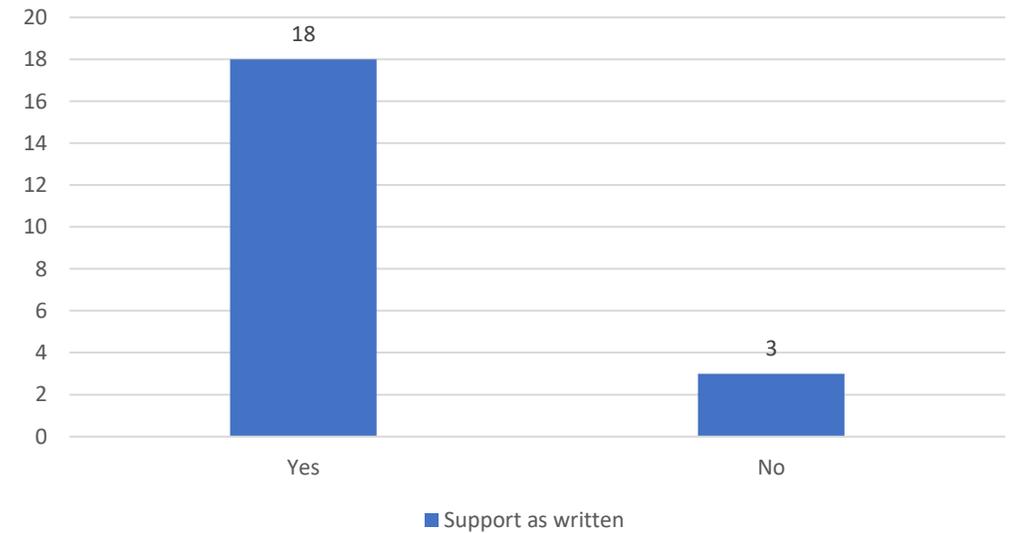


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Increase connection to and remove barriers for families to access quality early childhood resources in Black communities within the 11 counties with high rates of Black infant deaths.

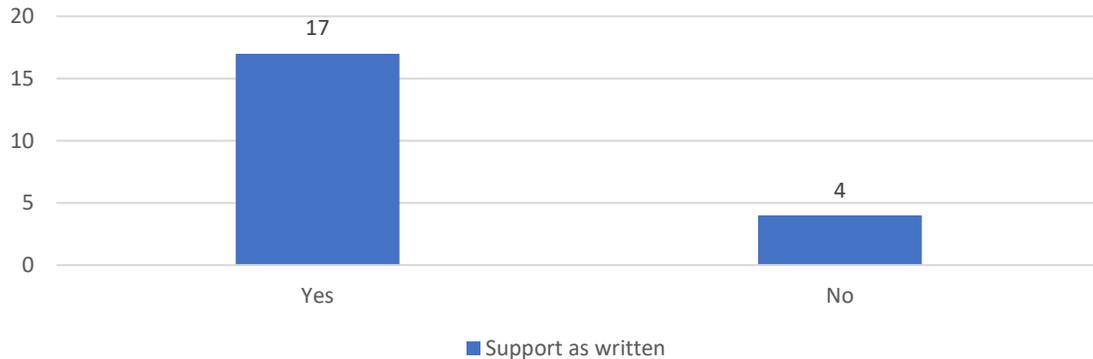


Invest in and support the development of a Black and culturally competent early care and education and educational (K-12) workforce that reflects the children, students, and families in the 11 counties with high rates of Black infant deaths.

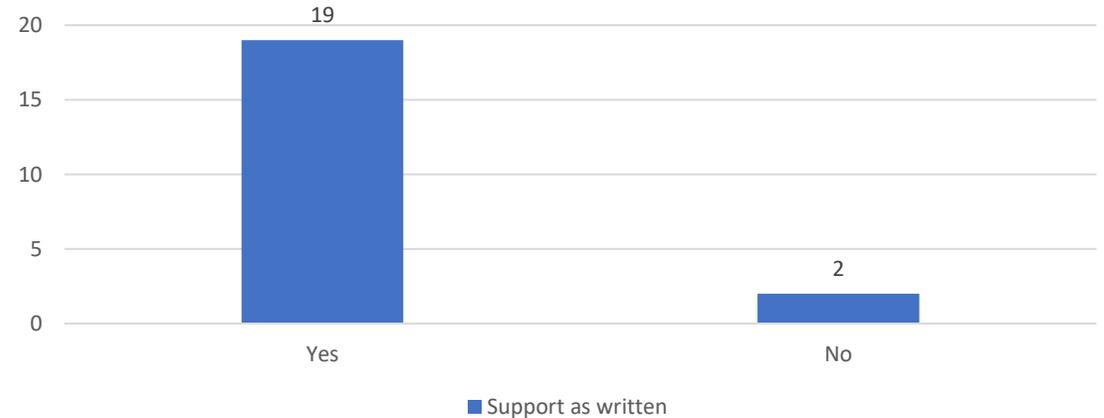


ECONOMIC STABILITY

Work with Black businesses, community members, and community-based organizations to strengthen safety net policies and increase skill development and opportunities to obtain employment.

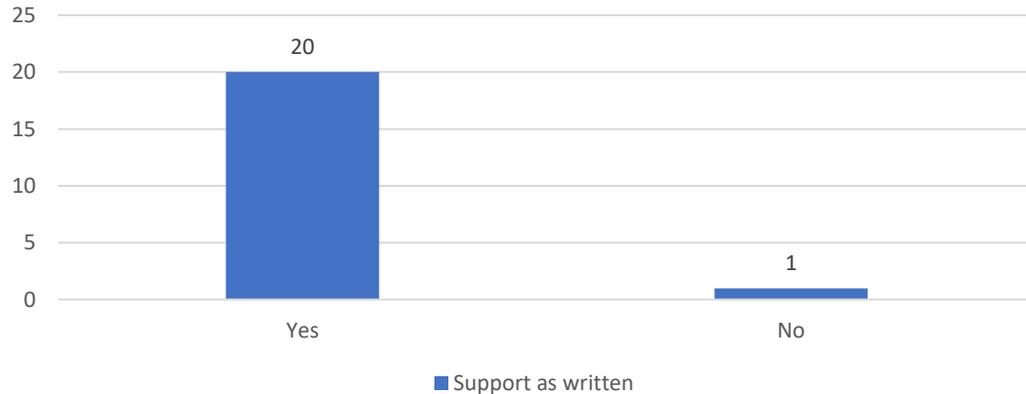


Work with Black businesses, community members, and community and faith based organizations to identify policies and practices limiting generational wealth building, and identify adjustments or new resources that support generational wealth building for Black families, growth of Black-owned businesses, and equitable access to capital.

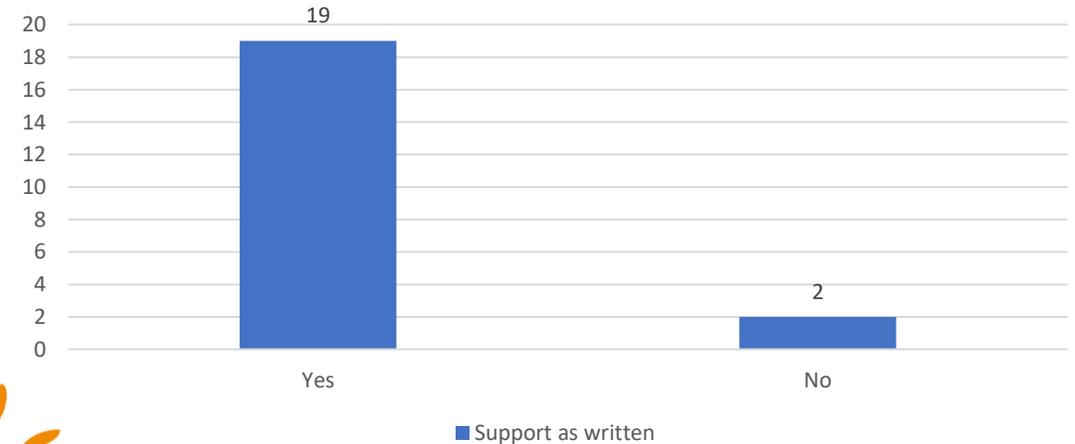


NEIGHBORHOOD & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Create and enforce housing programs, policies, and practices that respond to the expressed needs of marginalized communities, with an intentional focus on Black women, fathers, and families, to increase and sustain access to safe, healthy, affordable high-quality housing within the 11 counties with high rates of Black infant deaths.

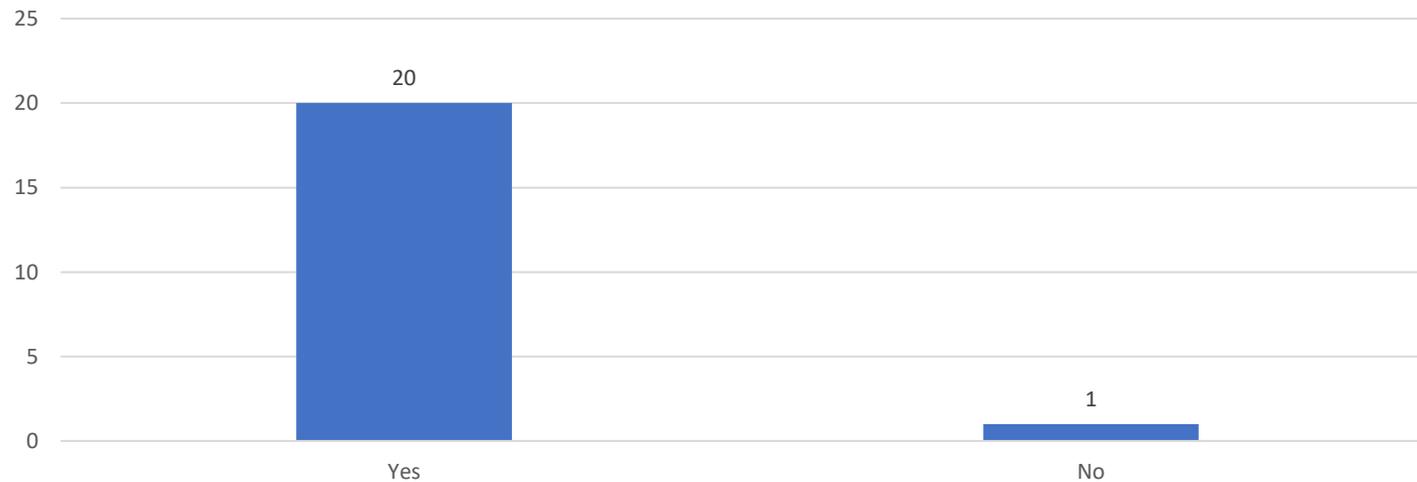


Increase access to sufficient, quality, nutritious foods within Black communities by developing, expanding, or funding business development; and creating alternative healthy food distribution, community gardens, in response to the transportation, shopping and buying patterns of Black women, families and communities.



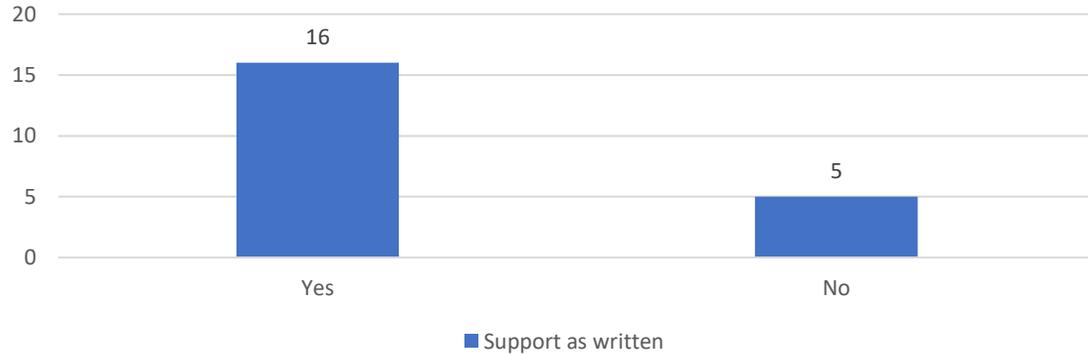
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Partner with local governments to plan and invest in economic development including broadband strategies that are responsive to the living, housing, social networks, and transportation preferences of Black communities in the 11 counties aligned with opportunities for safe, healthy and affordable housing.

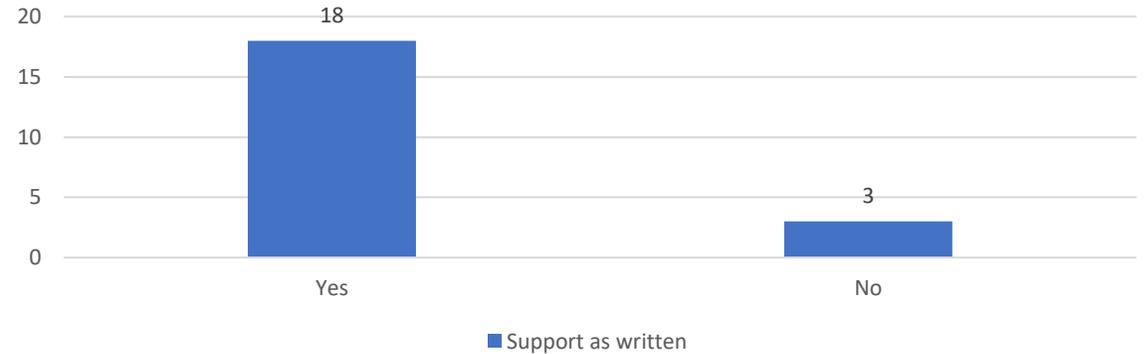


SOCIAL & COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Remove economic barriers and increase supports for Black fathers, including expecting fathers, by reviewing and tailoring policies.

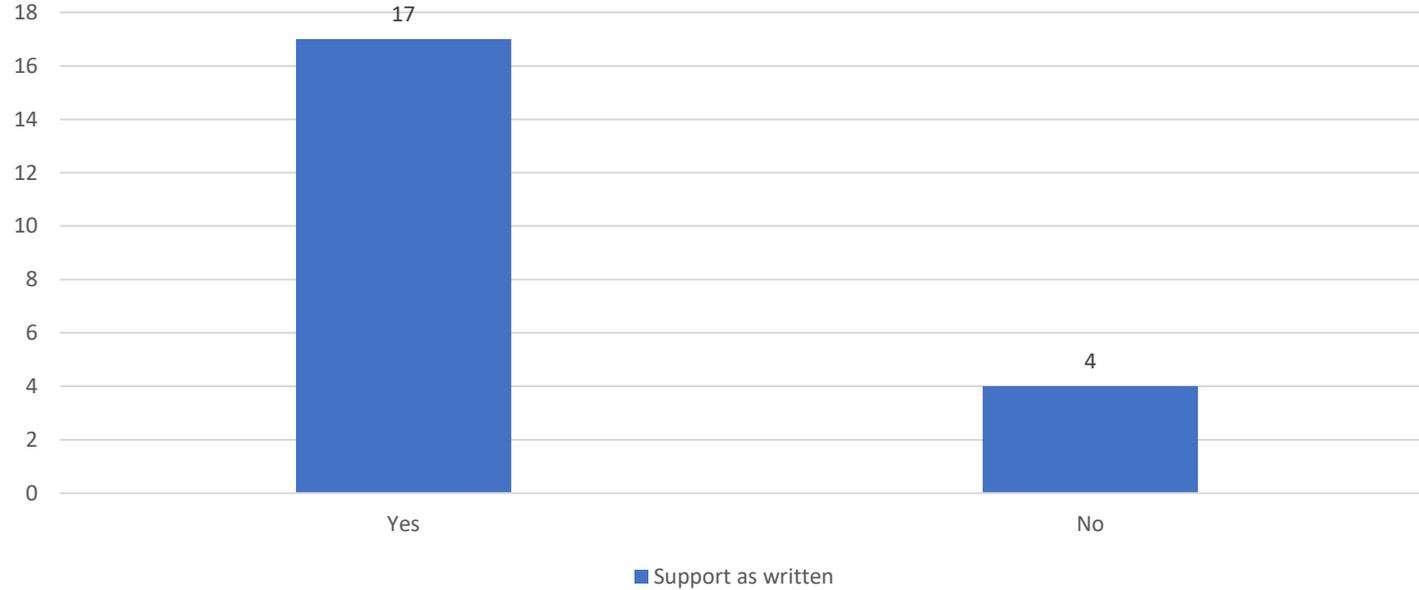


Create state standards, that are culturally competent, to be utilized by state agencies, that require program and policy decisions to engage Black communities on decisions specific to programming in the 11 counties.



SOCIAL & COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Provide more culturally competent mental health prevention, screening, and services within Black communities. Utilize trusted relationships to promote healing and wellness and to decrease stress, trauma, and stigma.



World Café Instructions

- 15-minute sessions through each of the five domains.
- Facilitators will assist with transitions and discussion.
- Identify a Time-Keeper and a Reporter (for your last station).
- Questions to consider:
 - Is the input from **community members** and **Task Force members** included in the revision?
 - Will the recommendations bring those most impacted — Black women, fathers, and communities — into processes, activities, and decision/policymaking in a way that involves them in the design, implementation, and monitoring of the recommendation?
 - Does the recommendation help remediate systemic injustice and inequities experienced by Black women, fathers, children, and communities?
 - Is anything missing from the recommendations?
- At the end of your time, please place a sticker next to each recommendation:
 - Agree: green.
 - Agree with modifications: yellow.
 - Disagree: red.



Accountability Plan



Implementation Phase

- Create communication plan, including a website, to share progress from State agencies and for partners to share actions/investments that aligned with the recommendations.
- Partners (such as Task Force members) will be able to share feedback and suggestions during implementation.
- A process for gathering feedback from families will also be implemented.



ACCOUNTABILITY TIMELINE

- Fall 2021
 - Release recommendations.
- October 2021 -February 2022
 - Develop implementation plan.
 - Identify the state agencies, commissions, existing advisory groups, and key partners critical to the success of each recommendation.
 - Communication plan
 - Develop site for state and community updates to be posted and submitted for the recommendations.
- Spring 2022
 - Partner sharing and feedback on implementation plan.
 - Input from families on any design and communication strategies.



Closing

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