Nebraska Olmstead Plan Evaluation Update

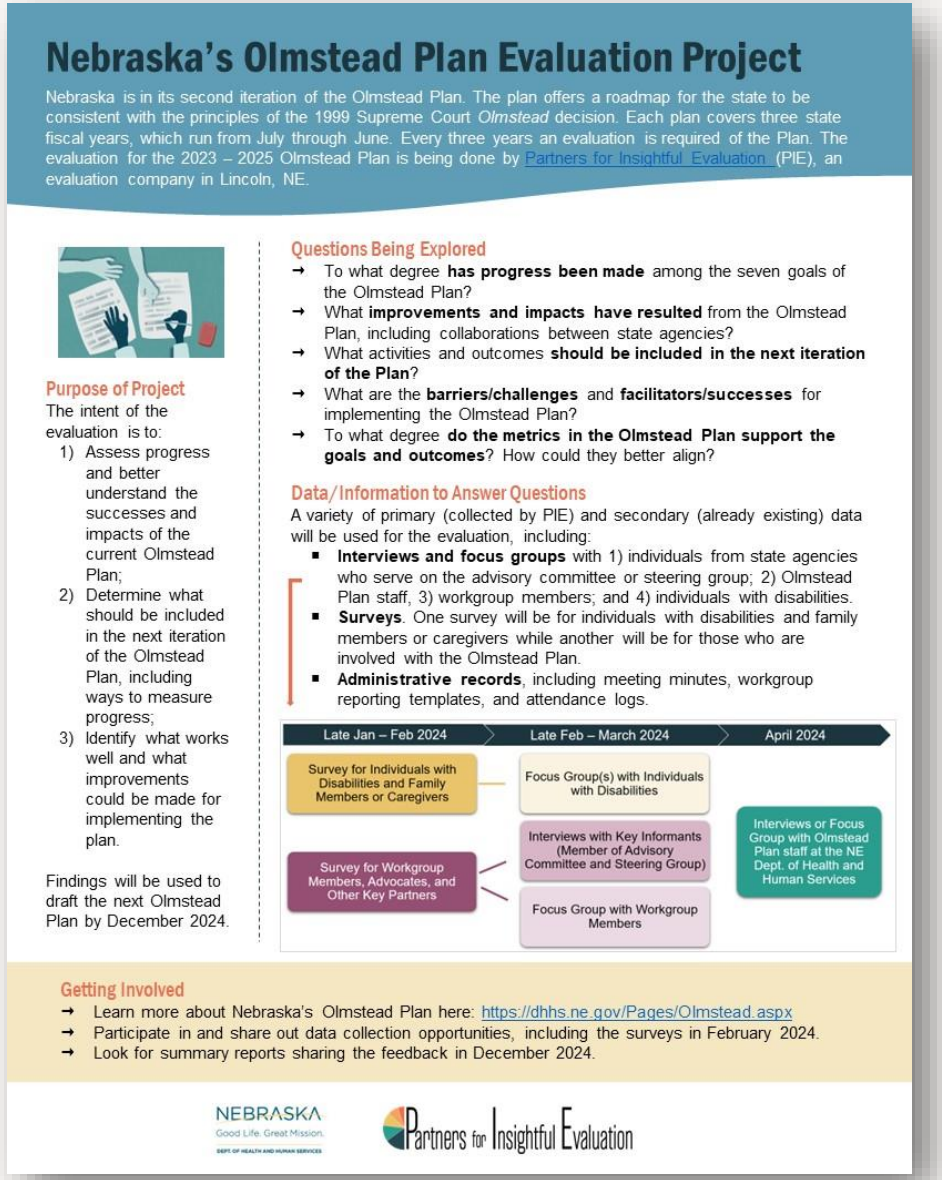
Partners for Insightful Evaluation

April 30, 2024

Partners for Insightful Evaluation

Evaluation Data

- Two surveys
- Four focus groups
- Interviews with key partners at state agencies
- Administrative data
  - Meeting minutes
  - Workgroup reports/updates
  - Olmstead Plans from other states



Nebraska's Olmstead Plan Evaluation Project

Nebraska is in its second iteration of the Olmstead Plan. The plan offers a roadmap for the state to be consistent with the principles of the 1999 Supreme Court *Olmstead* decision. Each plan covers three state fiscal years, which run from July through June. Every three years an evaluation is required of the Plan. The evaluation for the 2023 – 2025 Olmstead Plan is being done by Partners for Insightful Evaluation (PIE), an evaluation company in Lincoln, NE.

Purpose of Project

The intent of the evaluation is to:

1) Assess progress and better understand the successes and impacts of the current Olmstead Plan;
2) Determine what should be included in the next iteration of the Olmstead Plan, including ways to measure progress;
3) Identify what works well and what improvements could be made for implementing the plan.

Findings will be used to draft the next Olmstead Plan by December 2024.

Questions Being Explored

- To what degree **has progress been made** among the seven goals of the Olmstead Plan?
- What **improvements and impacts have resulted** from the Olmstead Plan, including collaborations between state agencies?
- What activities and outcomes **should be included in the next iteration of the Plan**?
- What are the **barriers/challenges** and **facilitators/successes** for implementing the Olmstead Plan?
- To what degree **do the metrics in the Olmstead Plan support the goals and outcomes**? How could they better align?

Data/Information to Answer Questions

A variety of primary (collected by PIE) and secondary (already existing) data will be used for the evaluation, including:

- **Interviews and focus groups** with 1) individuals from state agencies who serve on the advisory committee or steering group; 2) Olmstead Plan staff, 3) workgroup members; and 4) individuals with disabilities.
- **Surveys**. One survey will be for individuals with disabilities and family members or caregivers while another will be for those who are involved with the Olmstead Plan.
- **Administrative records**, including meeting minutes, workgroup reporting templates, and attendance logs.

Getting Involved

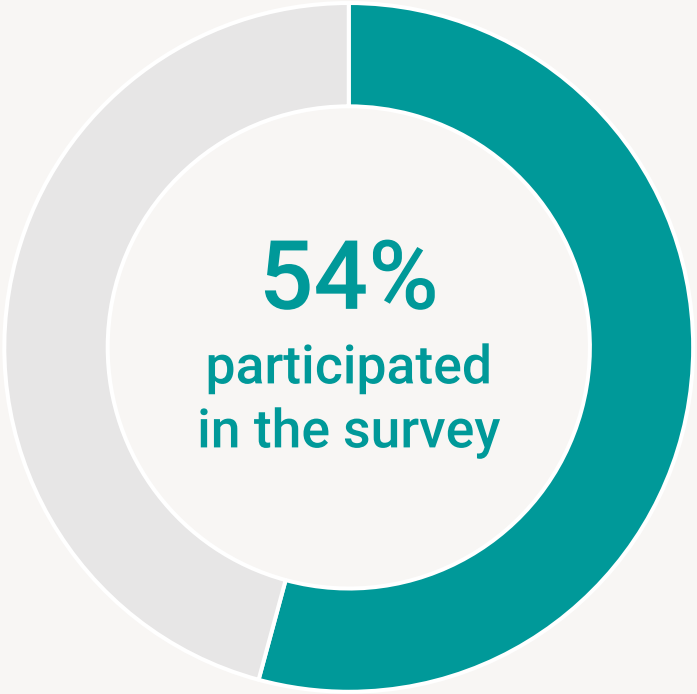
- Learn more about Nebraska's Olmstead Plan here: https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Olmstead.aspx
- Participate in and share out data collection opportunities, including the surveys in February 2024.
- Look for summary reports sharing the feedback in December 2024.

NEBRASKA Good Life. Great Mission. DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Partners for Insightful Evaluation

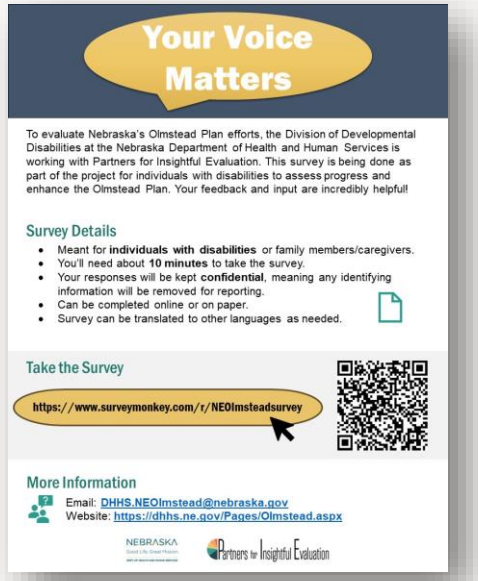
Workgroup, Partner & Advocate Survey

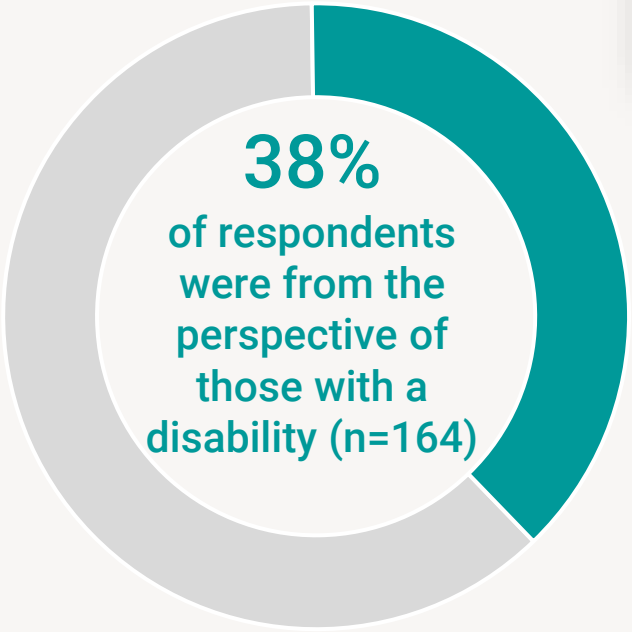
- Sent to 83 individuals
- Available February 9 through March 22
  - Four reminder emails through SurveyMonkey were sent to those who had not completed or had partially completed the survey
  - DHHS Olmstead Plan staff also reached out to encourage participation



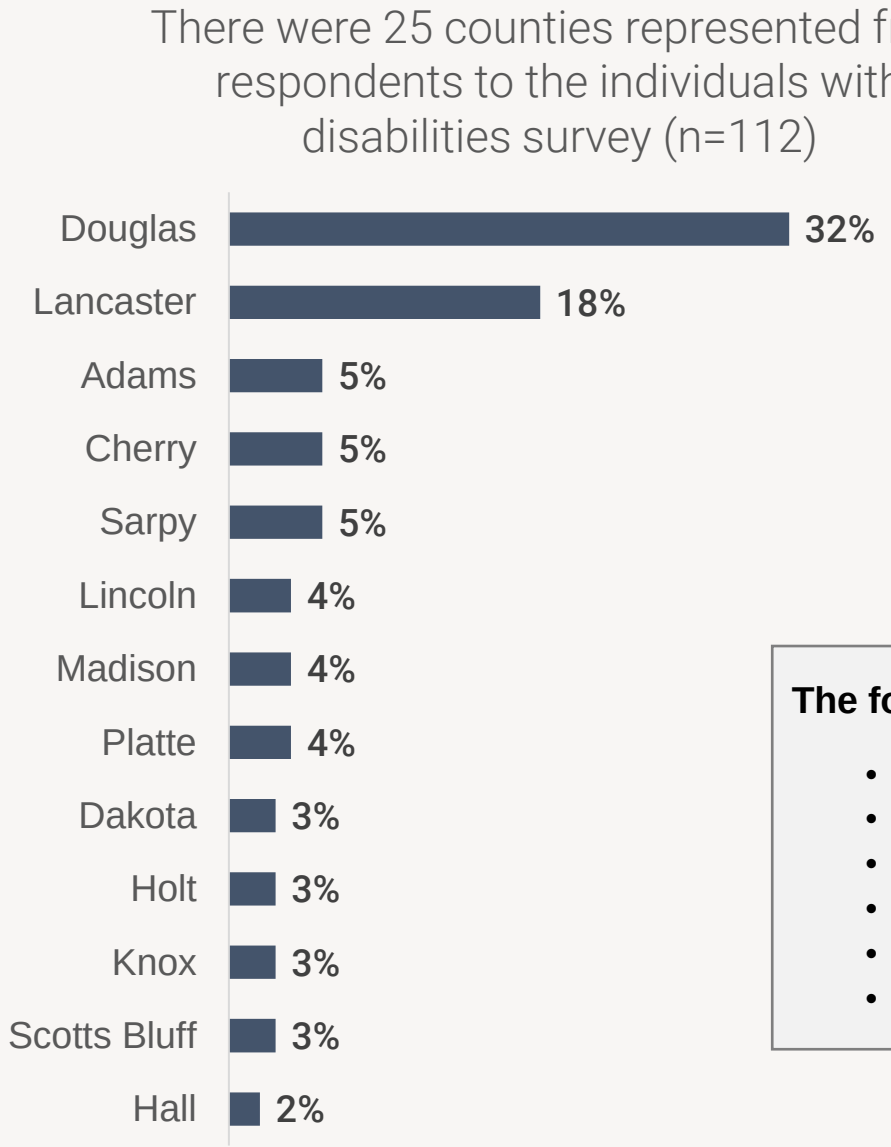
Individuals with Disabilities Survey

- Piloted survey to check for language and user-friendliness
- Available February 4 through March 22
- Sent to 33 people at key organizations to encourage them to promote the survey
- 172 people completed at least one survey question





Individuals with Disabilities Survey Respondents



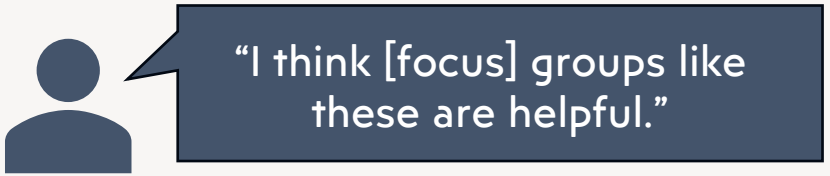
The following counties had 1 respondent:

- Antelope
- Buffalo
- Cass
- Cumming
- Dawes
- Dixon
- Keith
- Nuckolls
- Red Willow
- Stanton
- Wayne
- York

Focus Groups

Family Member/Caregiver Focus Group

- Promoted to 20 individuals who responded to survey and indicated an interest in the focus group
- Held on April 4 at 6 PM
- 2 participated
- 5 provided feedback to the focus group questions online



Individuals with Disabilities Focus Group

- Promoted to 8 individuals who responded to survey and indicated an interest in the focus group
- Held on April 9 at 6 PM
- Survey sent beforehand regarding any accommodation needs
- 4 participated
- 2 provided feedback to the focus group questions online

Focus Groups

Workgroup Member Focus Group

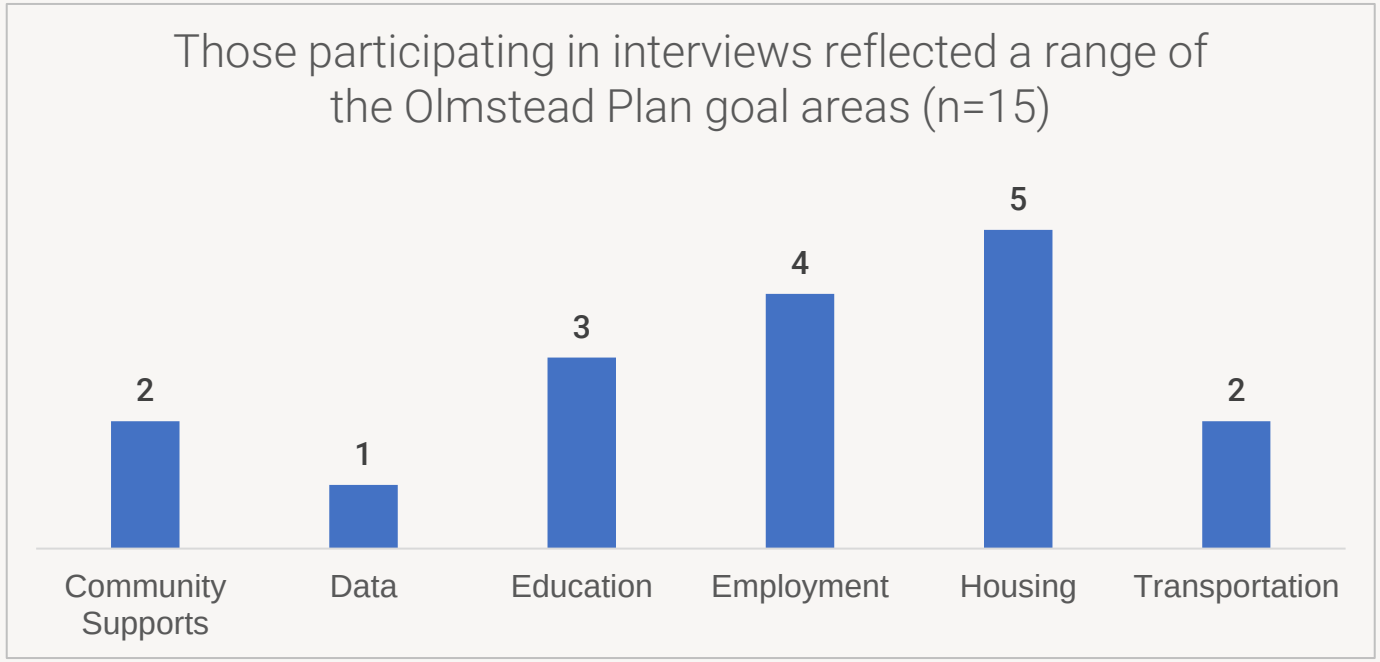
- Promoted to 13 individuals representing a range of workgroups
- Held on April 5 at 10 AM
- 6 participated
- 1 provided feedback to the focus group questions online

Olmstead Plan Staff Focus Group

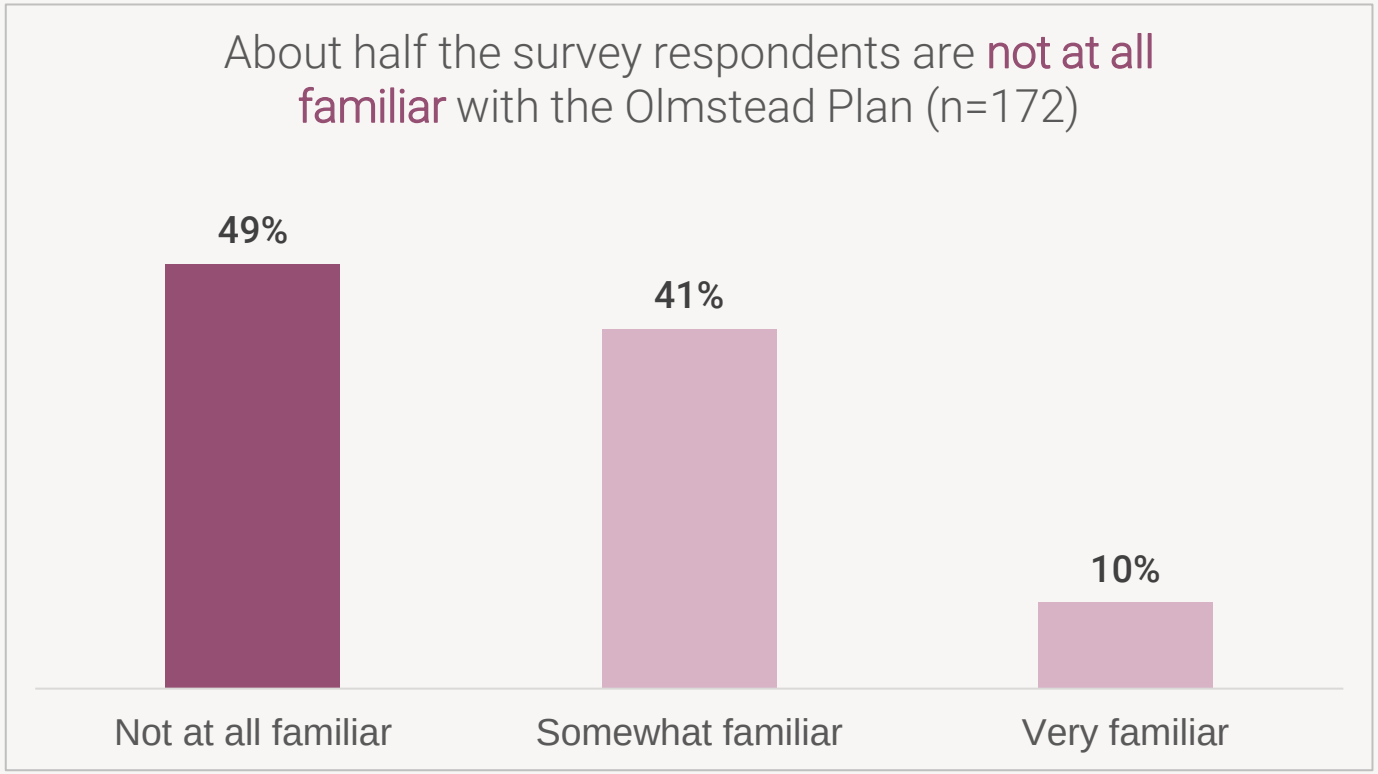
- *Being scheduled*

Key Informant Interviews

- Interviewed 15 individuals between March 26 and April 15
- Some organizations included Dept. of Health and Human Services (four different divisions), Dept. of Education, Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Transportation, etc.



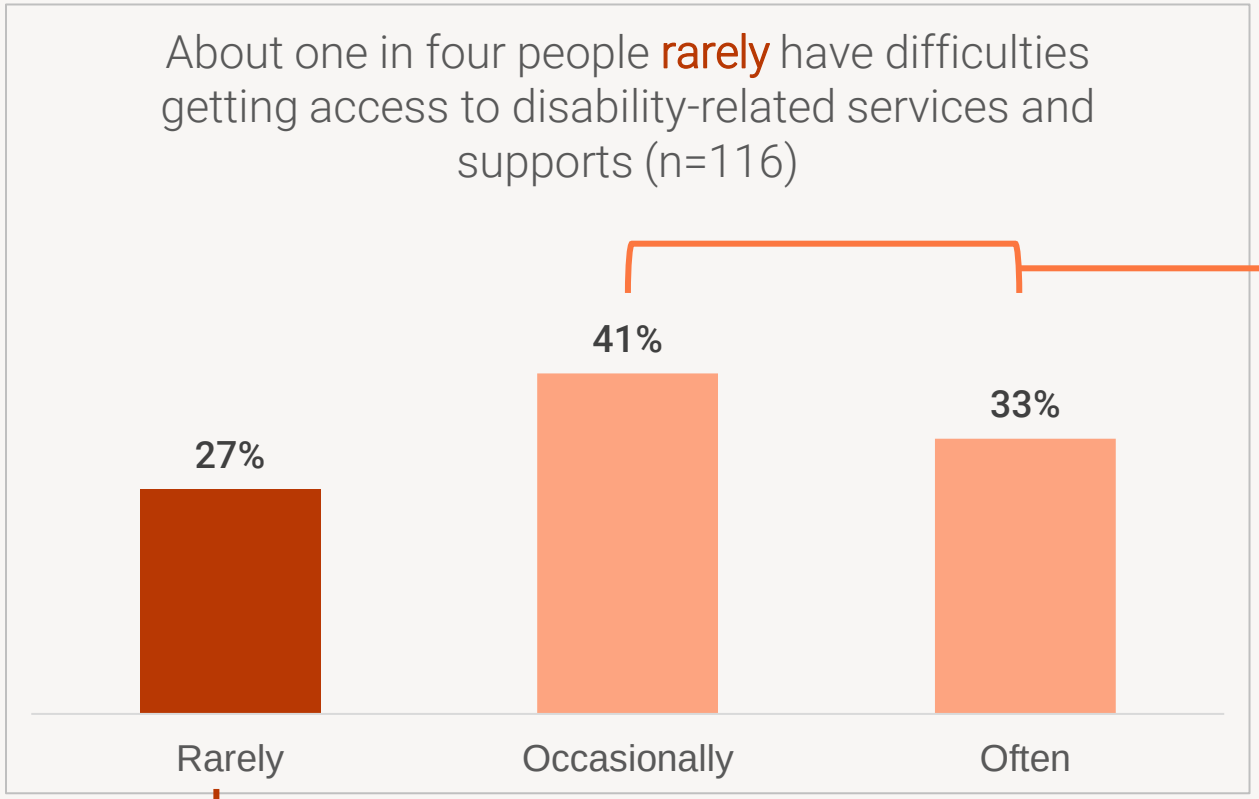
Individuals with Disabilities Survey Preliminary Results



Individuals with Disabilities Survey Data

"What jumps out to me is that we just haven't done a good job of marketing what Olmstead is."

Individuals with Disabilities Survey Preliminary Results

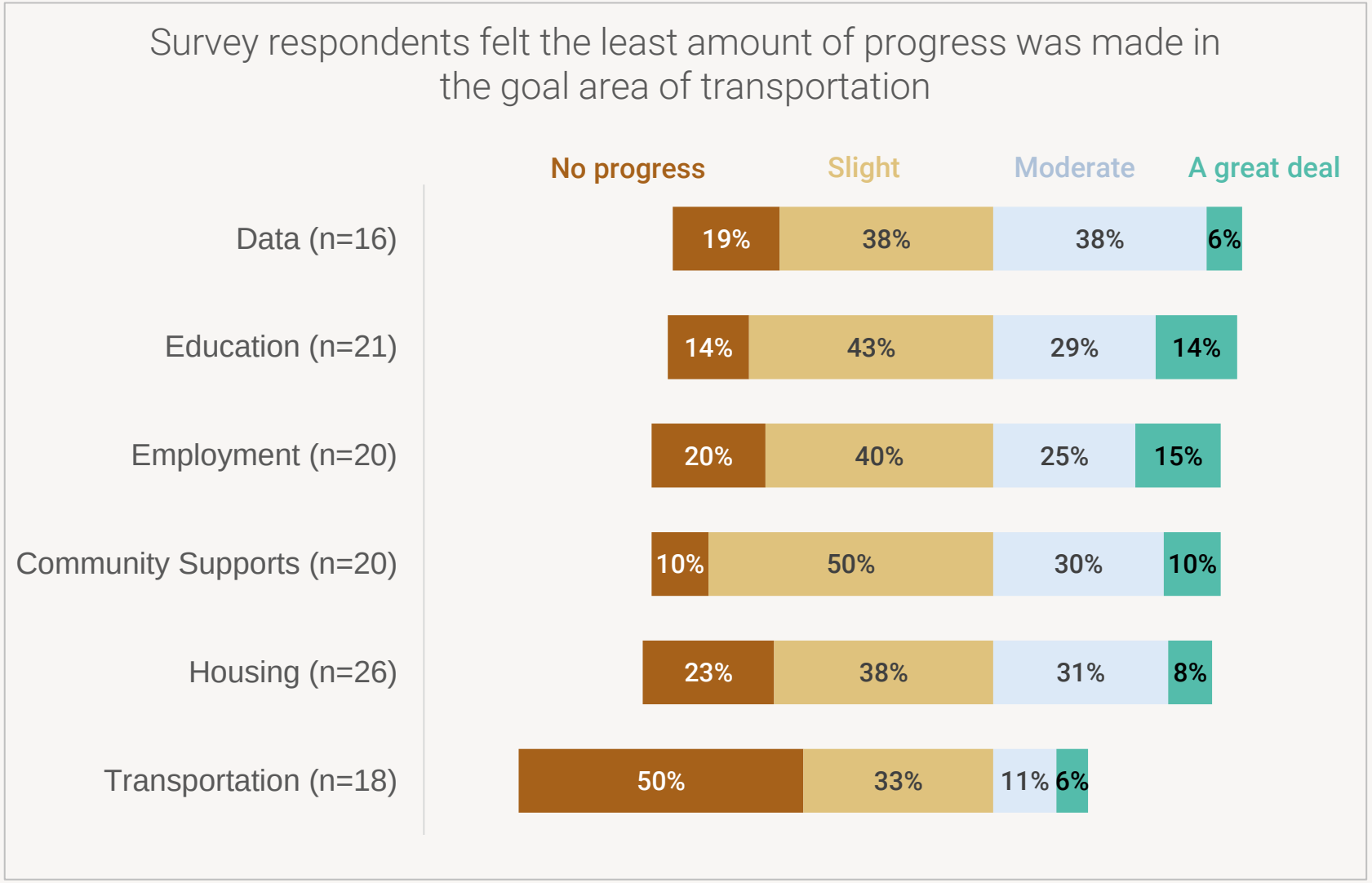


Individuals with Disabilities Survey Data

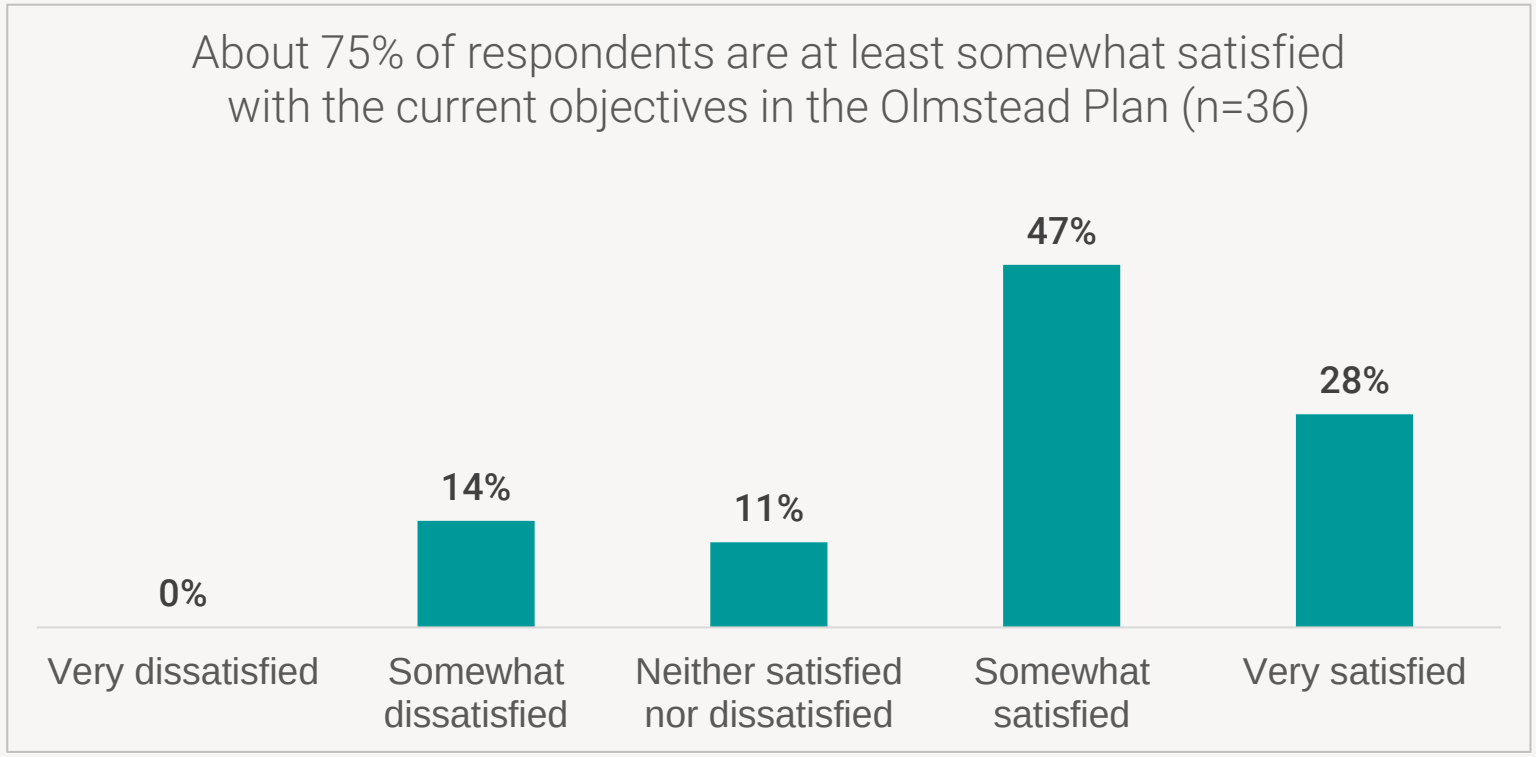
Among those who "occasionally" or "often" had difficulties getting access to services and supports – only 57% reported traveling less than 30 minutes

Among those who selected "rarely" – 84% reported traveling less than 30 minutes to get to disability-related services and supports

Workgroup, Partner & Advocate Survey Preliminary Results



Workgroup, Partner & Advocate Survey Preliminary Results



Workgroup Member Survey Data

"Sometimes there's confusion as to what we're actually working towards. I think it's that overarching 'yes, we want to do a good job,' but what is something we can actually fix right now?"

Next Steps with Project

April-Mid May

Finalize data collection and compilation

May – June

Analyze data and draft final report, including recommendations

Mid July

Share draft recommendations with Olmstead Plan staff

Aug – Sept

Finalize report; Olmstead Plan staff begin drafting next Plan

Oct. 15

Submit final report to Olmstead Plan staff; begin public dissemination

Questions? Reactions?

Partners for Insightful Evaluation

hello@pievaluation.com