



# Cinco de Mayo Festival



On Sunday, May 12, 2024, Office of Community Safety (OCS) staff had a table at the Cinco de Mayo festival on East Lake Street in Minneapolis. OCS staff engaged with 35 individuals at the event. After providing an explanation on the work of OCS, the safety center concepts and providing flyers and website information, individuals voted on what social services are important to have in a community safety center.

The following themes emerged around social services:

- Drug or alcohol addiction
- Mental Health
- Education Support
- Employment Support
  - Work
  - Help finding jobs
- Homeless Resources

Some individuals also gave input on other building uses and resources that they supported:

- Art
- Legal services
  - Immigration attorney
- Toy/tool library
- Community meals

Other idea shared by individuals:

- Provide help for the sick
- All services and resources are important
- Brief economic assistance
- Security
- Approval to provide bibles in public schools