



South Minneapolis Community Safety Center

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

To build a *Safer Minneapolis*, the OCS Design and Implementation team is leading a long-term initiative to create a **community safety ecosystem**. As part of this ecosystem, OCS is leading the development of a **South Minneapolis Community Safety Center**. The first-of-its-kind public building will serve as a hub for government and community-based services and resources.



To properly reflect the South Minneapolis community, OCS conducted several engagement methods from March to May 2024 to collect information on the types of services and resources that will be available in the future safety center.

Community members prioritized up to five social services and up to five resources that they would like to see in the community safety center.

ENGAGEMENTS

To ensure all voices were heard, particularly those from historically underrepresented groups and those most affected by the criminal justice and safety systems, OCS contacted numerous community-serving organizations, community partners, schools, and other groups to host in-person meetings. OCS also held several virtual sessions to gather feedback.



From March - May 2024, OCS held:

3
WALKING ENGAGEMENT
SESSIONS ALONG
E. LAKE ST &
FRANKLIN AVE.

40
IN-PERSON
ENGAGEMENT
EVENTS

3
FOOD SHELF EVENTS
TO CONNECT WITH
PEOPLE WHO USE
THIS SERVICE

1
ONLINE SURVEY
MAILED TO 58,000
ADDRESSES VIA
POSTCARD

Top 5 Social Services

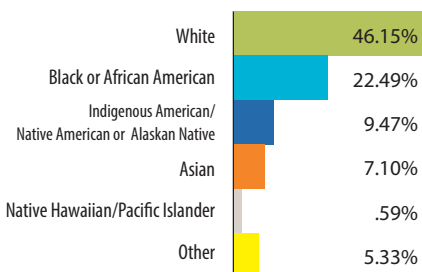
1. Mental Health
2. Unsheltered/Homeless Resources
3. Substance Use Disorder
4. Youth
5. Affordable Housing

Top 5 Resources and Other Uses

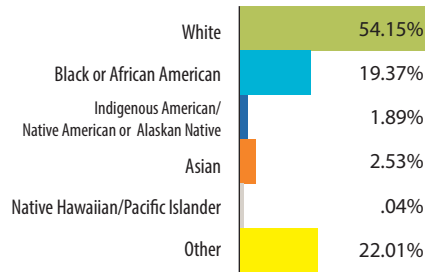
1. Legal Services
2. Space for Community Meals
3. Community Meeting Space
4. Medical Services
5. Childcare for Safety Center Users

Racial Demographics from Engagements

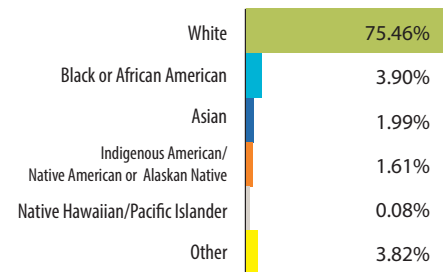
In-Person & Virtual Participants



South Minneapolis *



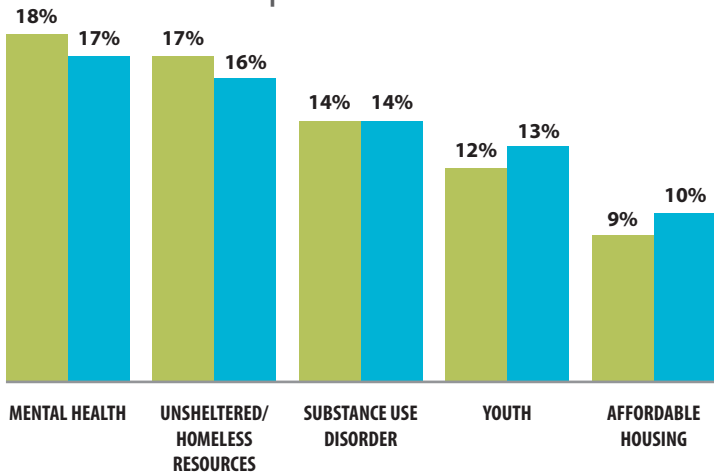
Survey Participants



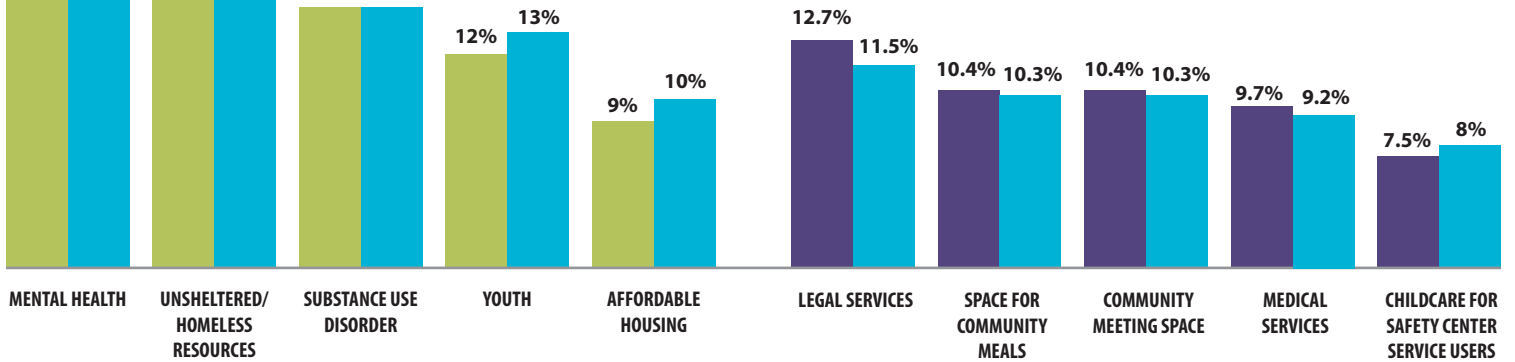
* Neighborhood demographic data of South Minneapolis taken from the 2020 Census.

Note: Providing demographic information was optional. The information presented reflects about 36% of in-person/virtual sessions and 87% of survey participants.

Top 5 Social Services



Top 5 Resources and Other Uses



■ All Participants (Social Services)

■ BIPOC and people with lived experiences

■ All Participants (Resources and other uses)

OCS combined responses from in-person and virtual engagement sessions and online survey, then segregated the data into “All Participants” responses and “Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and People with Lived Experience” responses.

Additional Services Based on Feedback

Community members were also asked to suggest items that may be missing from the list. Common themes and their meaning to the community included:

CULTURALLY SPECIFIC NAVIGATORS

- Connection to culturally specific resources
- Navigators who look like the community they are serving

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Connection to resources and referrals
- Case managers support and legal services
- Place for police and domestic violence advocates to collaborate

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Safe space for people experiencing trafficking
- Connection to services and resources

OTHER SERVICES

- Services provided by community-based organizations

NEXT STEPS

OCS staff are working on the next phase of Design and Implementation work, which includes:

- Requesting City Council approval for contracts including design firm, construction company, and service providers.
- Implementing a fair application process for service providers, gauging interest from community-based organizations, promoting creative ideas that come from the organizations, and responding to the needs of both the organizations and community.
- Partnering with community agencies to provide services. Services may be through no-cost contracts, existing contracts with the City, or creating new contracts.
- Balancing the needs of community while avoiding duplication of services.
- Returning to the community to continue engagement on this project.
- Accessing available funding including City funds, grants or donors.

SCAN TO READ THE FULL ENGAGEMENT REPORT

www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/community-safety-centers/community-engagement/south-mpls-engagement

