



Opportunities for Crisis and Pre-Arrest Diversion in Rural and Urban Texas Counties:

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSPECTIVES

Developed in collaboration with the Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA), the HHSC Office of Forensic Coordination, and UT-TIEMH, this survey sought to gain law enforcement perspectives on what would assist in diverting Texans experiencing mental illness (MI), substance use disorders (SUD), or intellectual development disabilities (IDD) from justice involvement into more appropriate behavioral health crisis and treatment services.

Of the 557 responders from 153 Texas counties,

58%



are from rural counties

42%



are from urban counties

80%



are police chiefs or in leadership roles

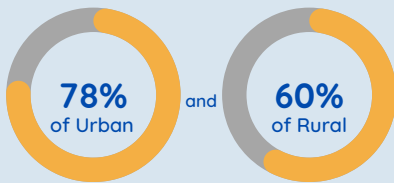
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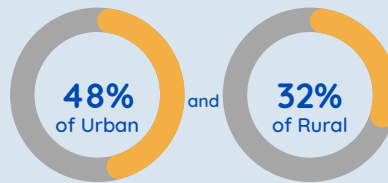
are Male, White, between the ages of 51-60



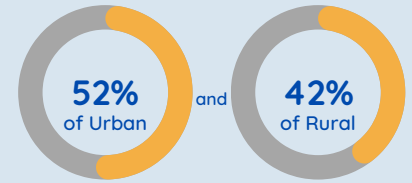
Pre-Arrest Diversion is a Priority (60% Urban and 50% Rural)



survey responders report MH/SUD crisis training is provided to officers



survey responders report Mental Health diversion focus over SUD/IDD



survey responders report involved discussions with community partners

Diversion Barriers



Treatment Access



Time



Resources (Staffing, Funds)



Treatment Provider Support

Diversion Opportunities



Access to Services



Treatment Provider Support and Collaboration



Training



Resources (Time, Staff, Funds, Planning)