

# Exploring Law Enforcement Support for Community Violence Intervention Strategies

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# TODAY'S AGENDA

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**BACKGROUND**

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**AGENCY  
SURVEY**

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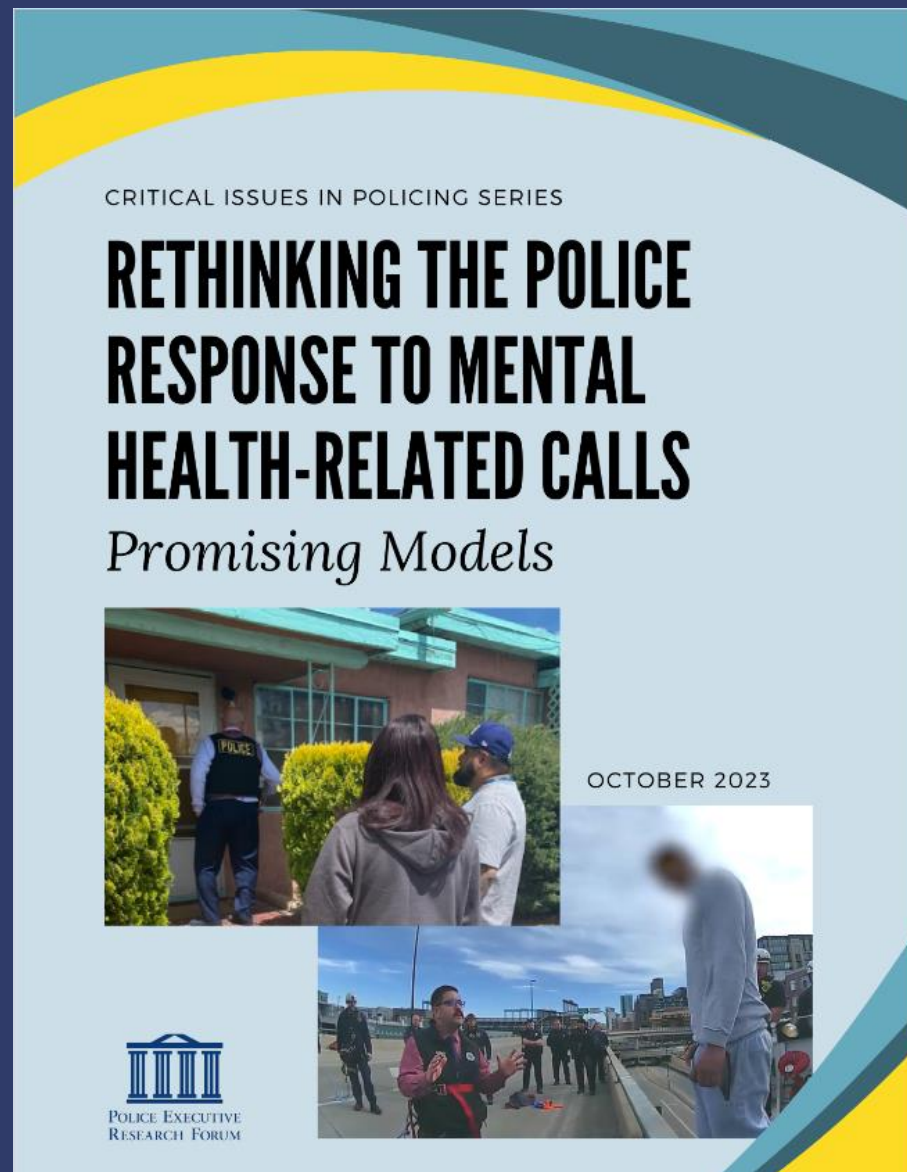
**EXPERT  
WORKSHOP**

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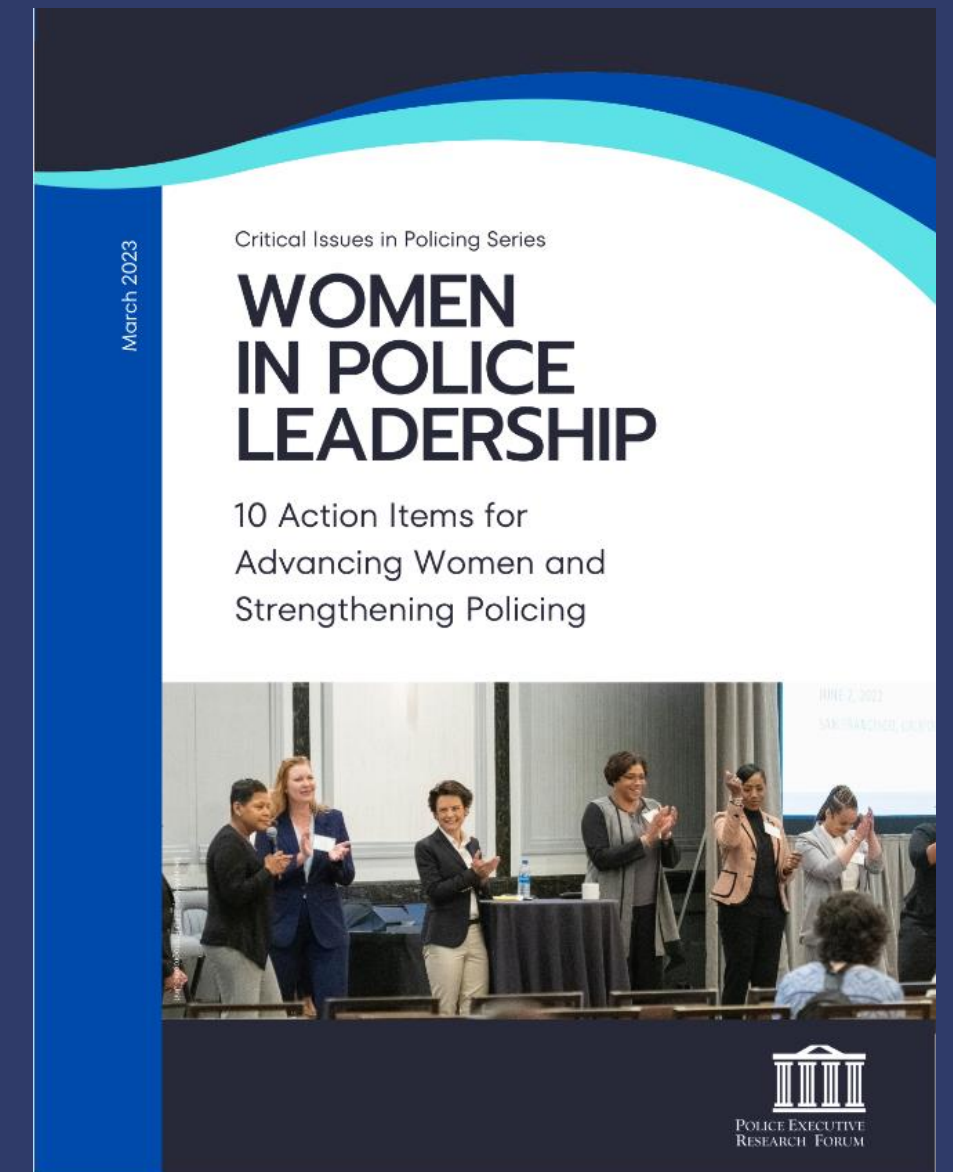
**IMPLICATIONS  
FOR THE FIELD**



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organization that focuses on  
critical issues in policing





# WHAT ARE COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTIONS?



Address root causes, *holistically*



Provide support



Establish partnerships





# STUDY OVERVIEW

## Part I

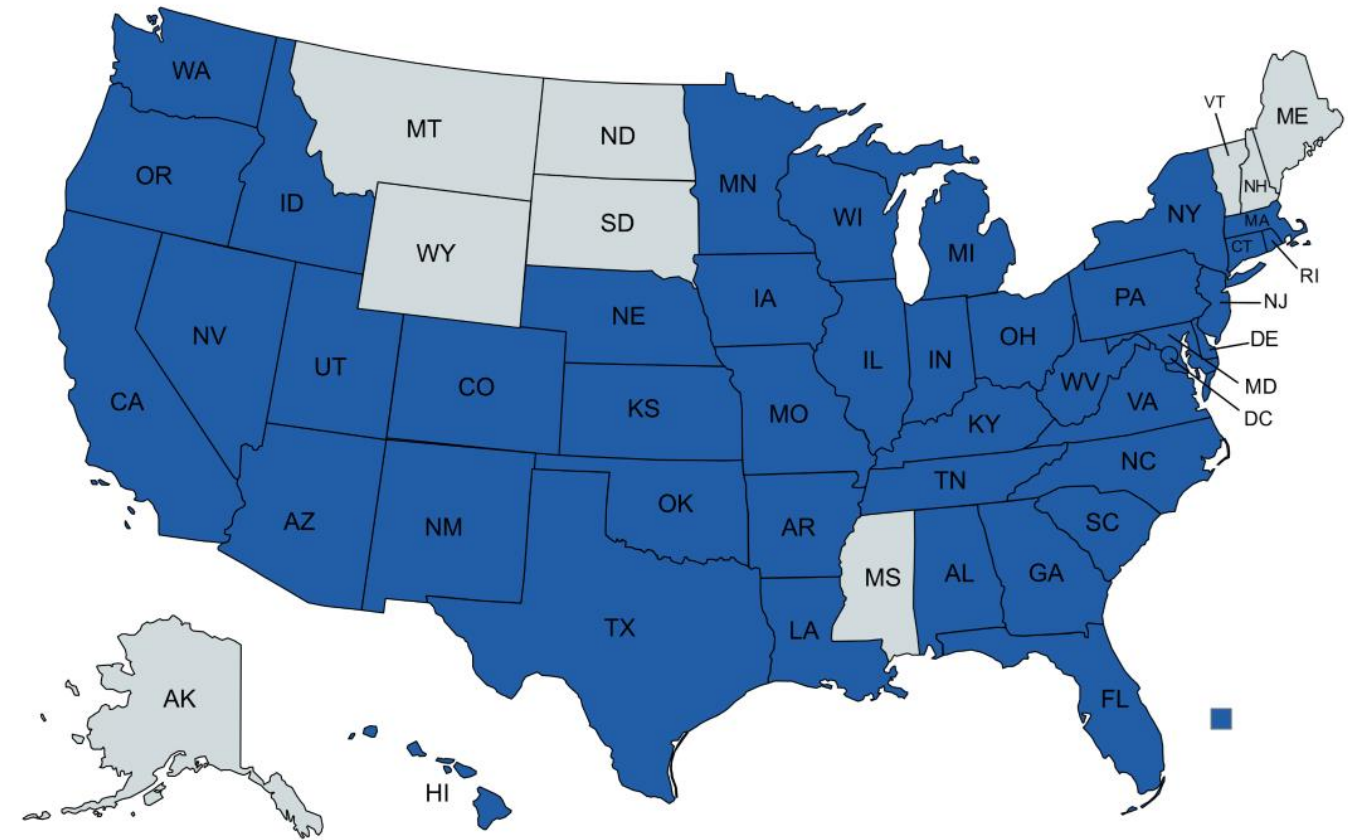
Law enforcement agency (LEA) survey measuring support for and involvement in CVI initiatives

## Part II

Expert workshop for identifying how LEAs can be effective partners in CVI initiatives

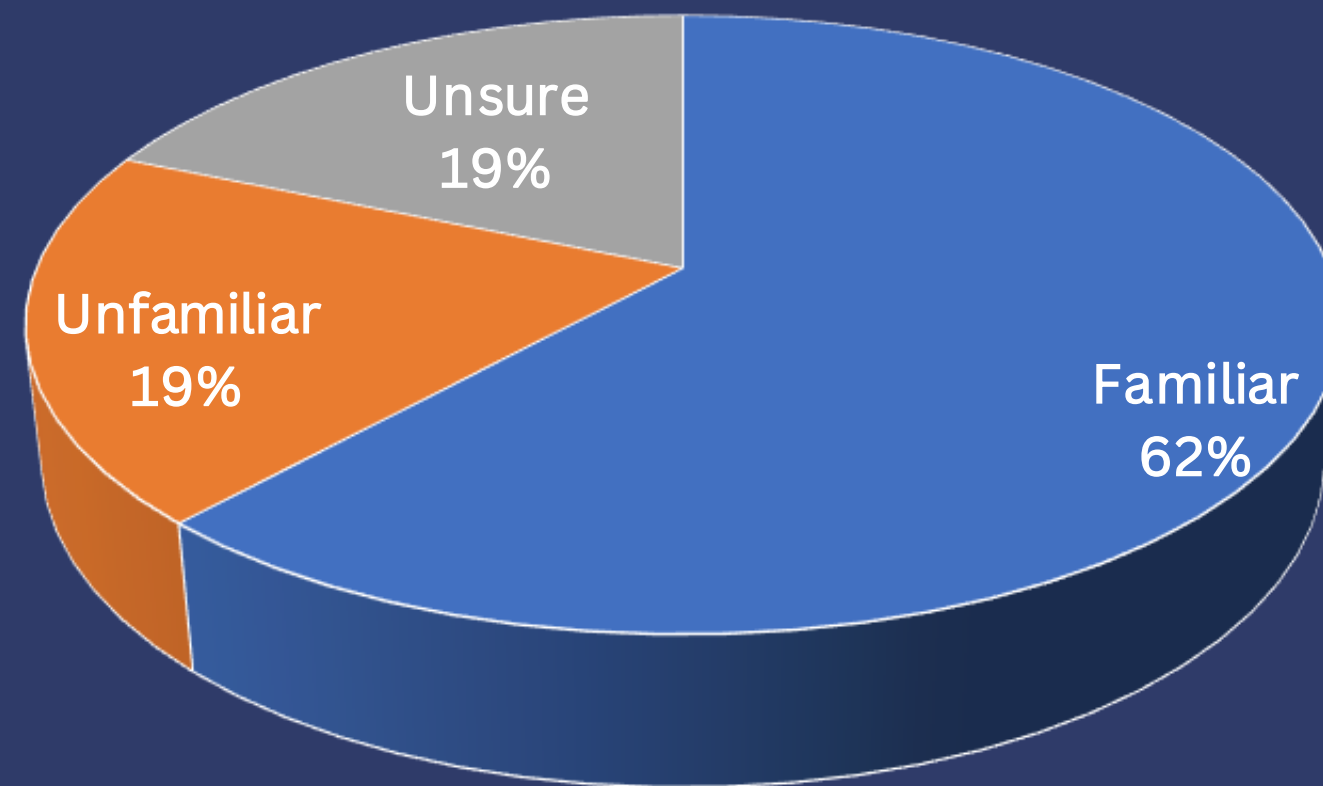
# SURVEY SAMPLE

- ✓ N = 226
  - ✓ PERF member agencies
  - ✓ Large agencies (150+ sworn)
- ✓ 41 states + DC represented
- ✓ 575 officers per agency, on average



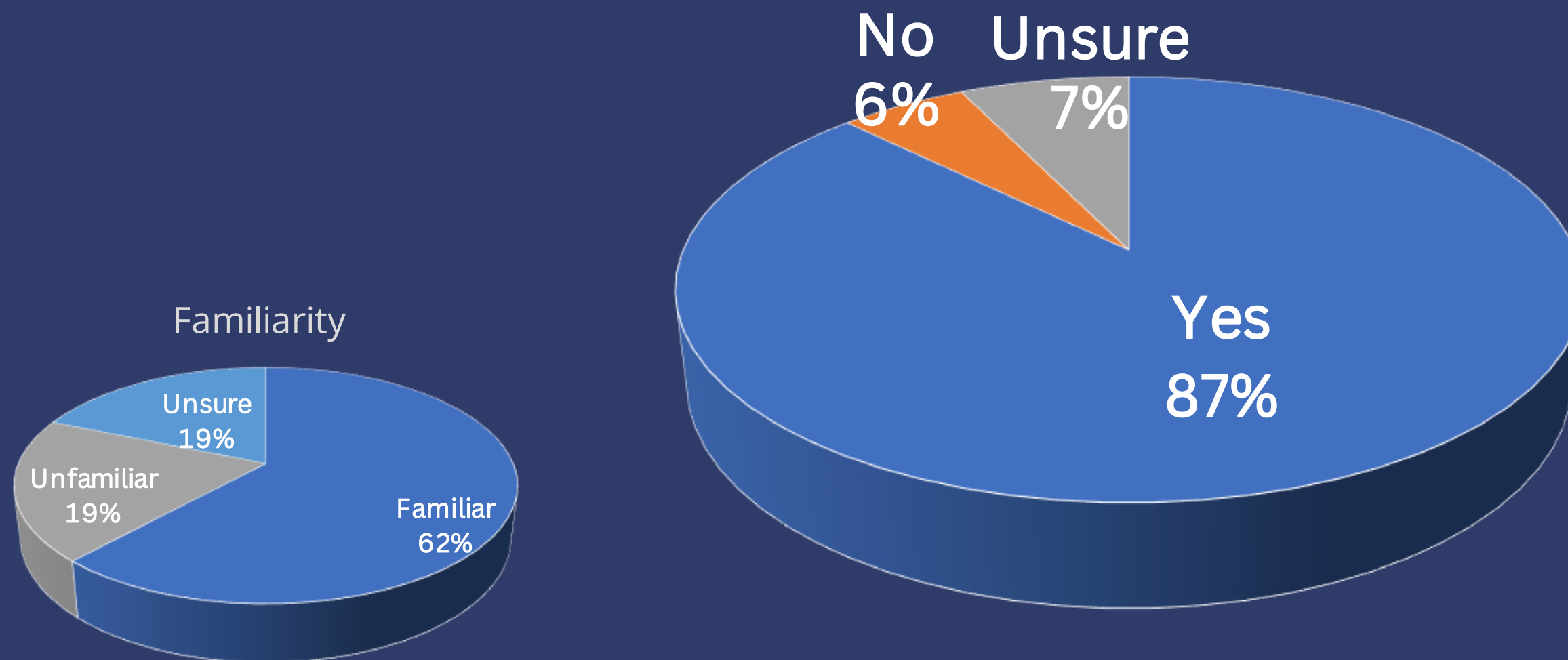
# LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT FOR CVIs

Is agency familiar with CVI strategies?



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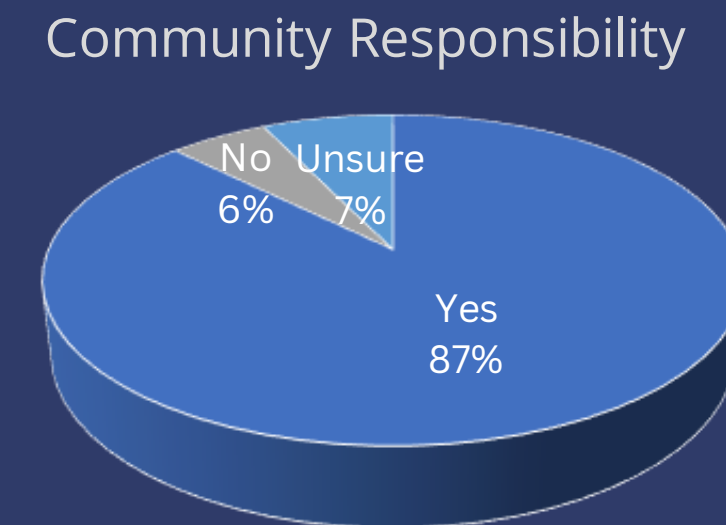
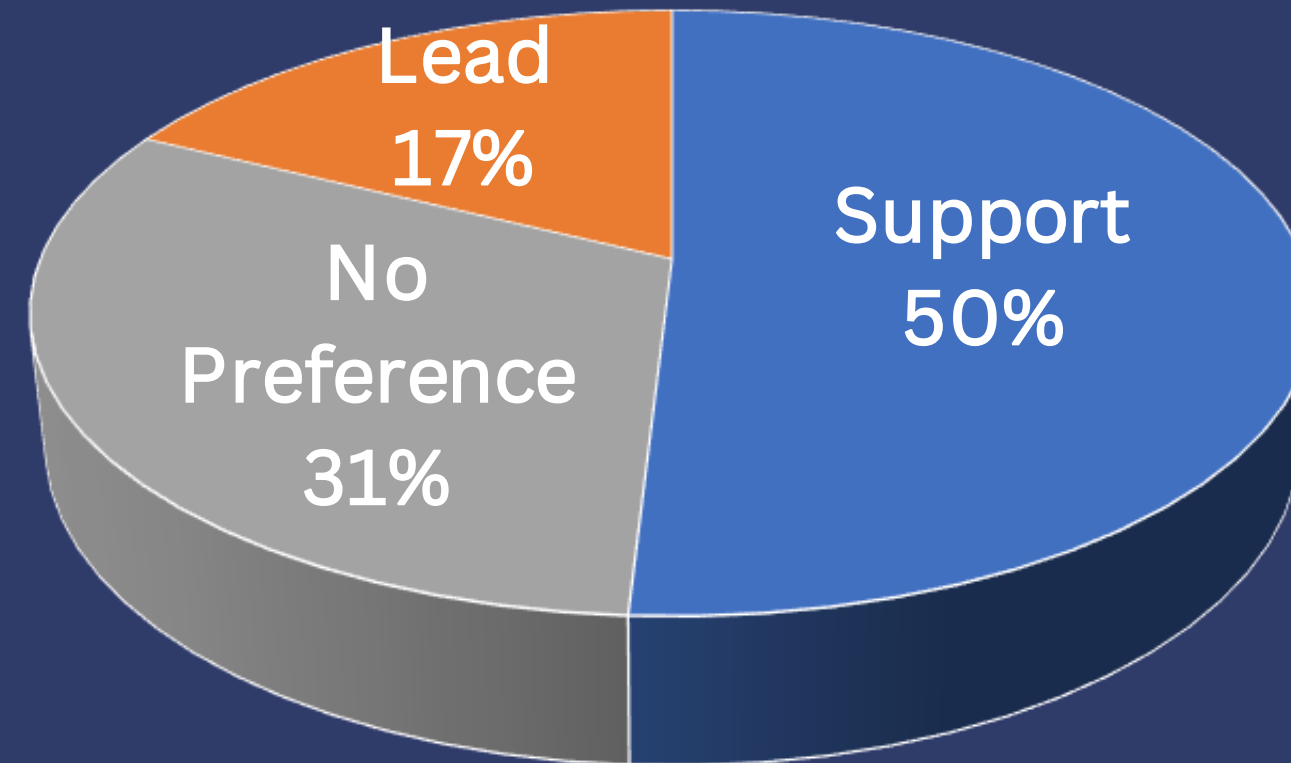
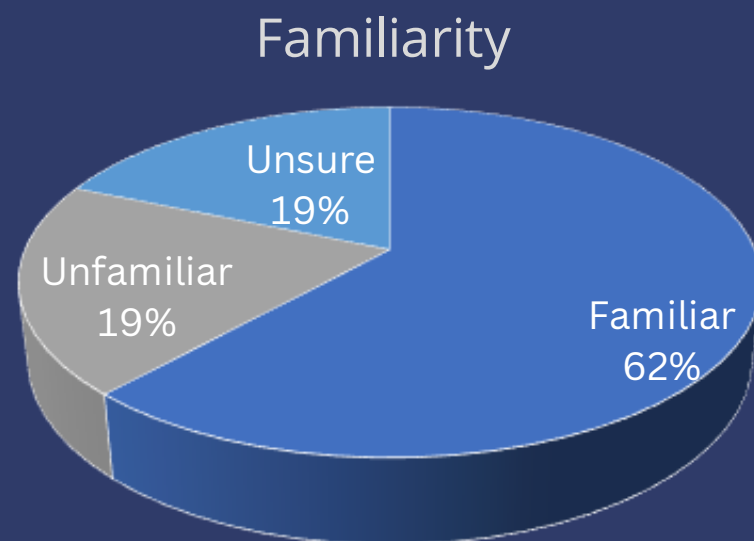
Do community stakeholders share responsibility for addressing violence?





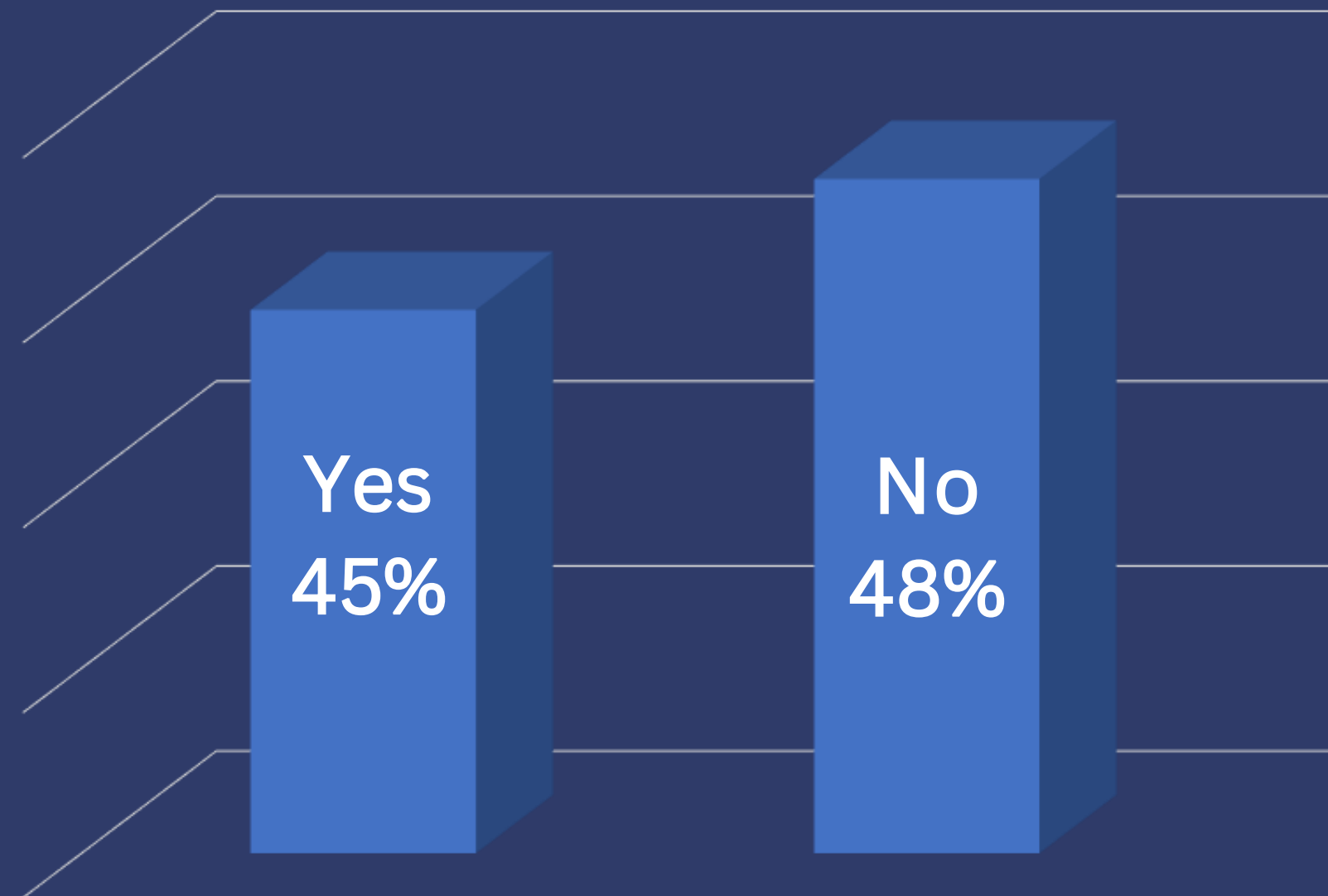
# LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT FOR CVIs

Would agency prefer to lead CVI or provide support to a community group  
leading the intervention?



# LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVEMENT IN CVIs

Has agency ever participated in a CVI?



# WHAT HAS INVOLVEMENT LOOKED LIKE?



Most agencies  
became involved  
in 2020 or later

Most used agency  
budget to fund  
participation



## Motivations

1. Improve community relations
2. Address crime





# EXPERT WORKSHOP





# LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERTS



Aurora, CO



Baltimore, MD



Kalamazoo, MI



Los Angeles, CA



Miami-Dade, FL



Milwaukee, WI



Nashville, TN



New Haven, CT



Portland, OR



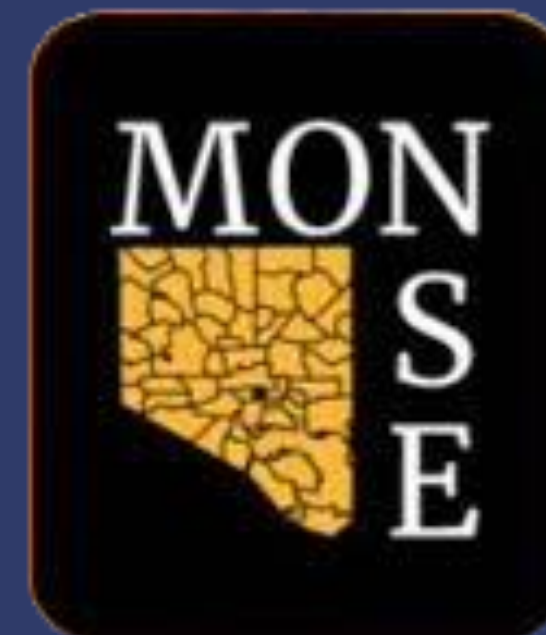
# CVI EXPERTS



**Community Based  
Public Safety Collective**



THE  
HEALTH ALLIANCE  
*for* VIOLENCE  
INTERVENTION



# KEY THEMES

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**Organizational  
Change**

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**Implementation**

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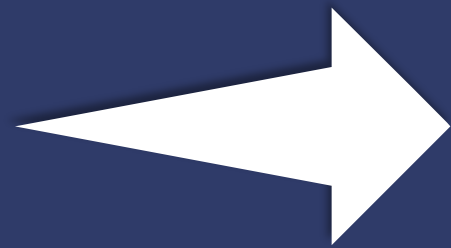
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**Partnerships**



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE



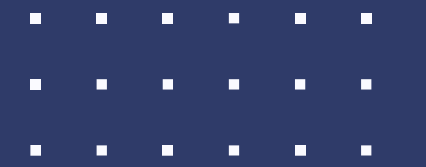
Traditional policing  
differs considerably  
from CVI work



Identify the  
appropriate officers



Reward behaviors  
that drive change



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE



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# IMPLEMENTATION



Assess agency's  
capacity to engage  
in the work



Establish the  
appropriate  
partnerships

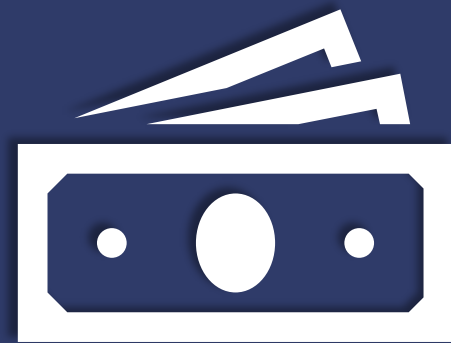


Incorporate the  
community





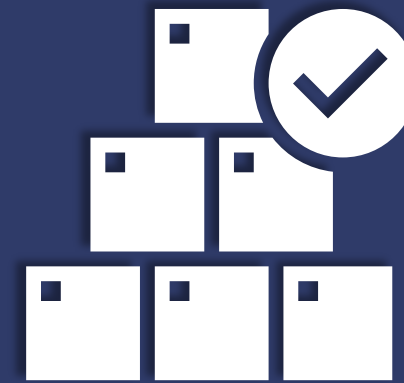
# BUY-IN



Promote and  
incentivize the work



Address officers'  
concerns



Follow through  
on promises



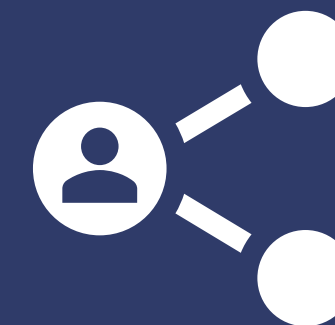
# PARTNERSHIPS



Identify appropriate  
partners



Acknowledge past  
harm



Establish parameters  
for information sharing



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# IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FIELD

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