

# Are Youth Detention Centers Providing Adequate Training on Trauma Informed Care?

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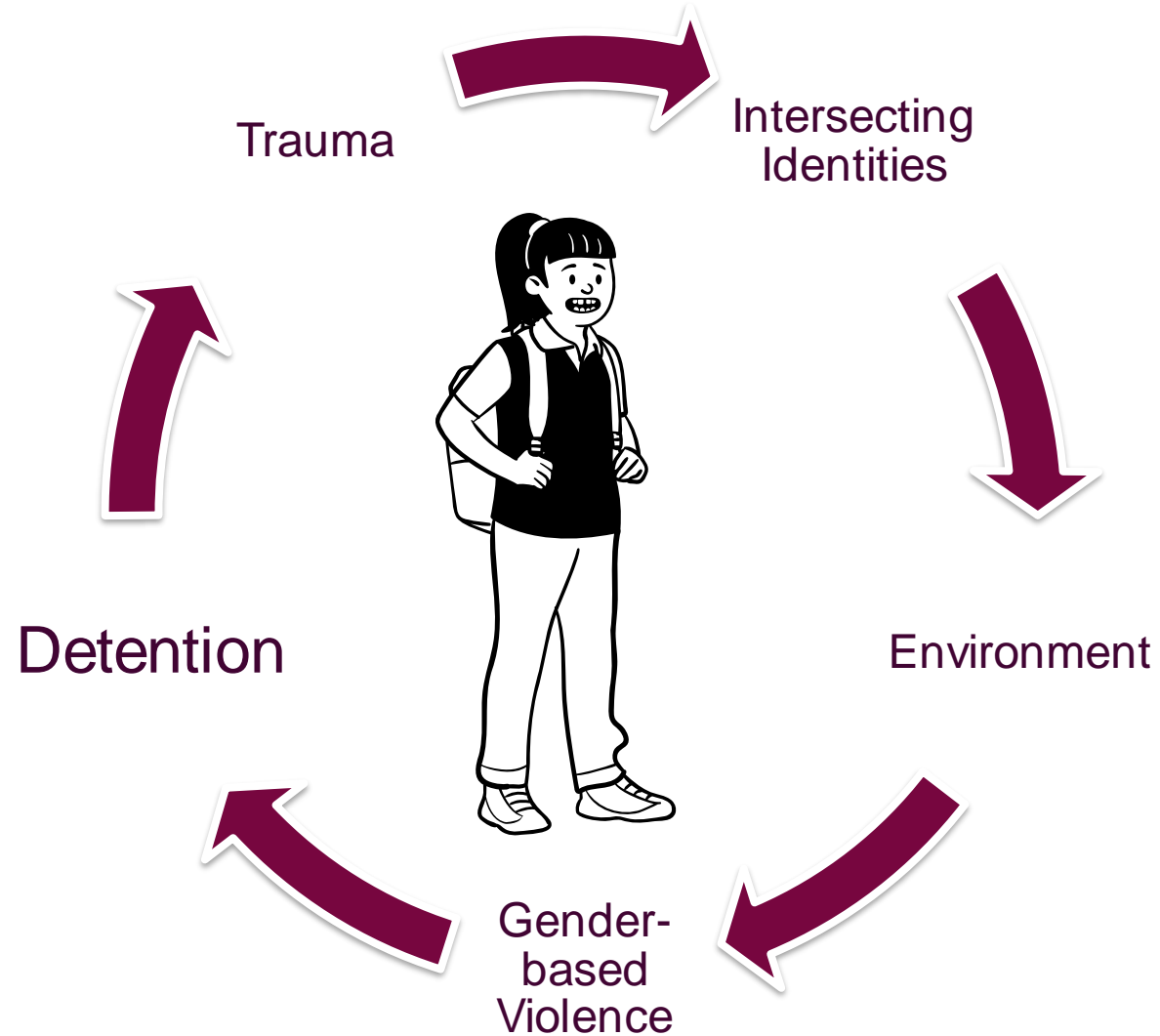
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# Introduction

- Upwards of 80% of youth involved in the juvenile legal system have been exposed to some type of traumatic event in their lifetime (Abram et al., 2004; Dierkhising et al., 2015; Simkins et al., 2002).
  - Brought into facilities that further traumatizes the victim
  - Practices in detention centers
  - Lack of mental resources



# Previous Trauma and Detention

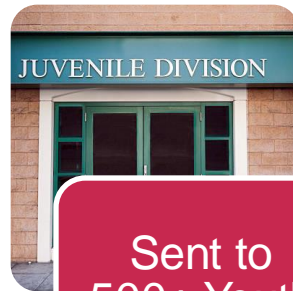


# Method and Survey

- Throughout my time research I used an IRB approved survey that asked youth detention centers about trauma informed care training to staff and administrators



Created  
Survey



Sent to  
500+ Youth  
Detention  
Centers



Across the  
United  
States



Received  
34  
responses

# Research Questions

Are juvenile detention centers providing training to staff and administrators?

Are they providing intersectional training to their staff?

Does your facility provide training on or implement practices in line with gender-responsive programming?

Does your facility provide training on the effects of structural racism?

# Results

## RQ

■ % yes ■ % no

DOES YOUR FACILITY PROVIDE TRAINING REGARDING HOW INTERSECTING IDENTITIES IMPACT YOUTHS' EXPERIENCES?

28.00%

53.50%

DOES YOUR FACILITY PROVIDE TRAINING ON OR IMPLEMENT PRACTICES IN LINE WITH GENDER-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING?

35.70%

46.40%

DOES YOUR FACILITY PROVIDE TRAINING ON THE EFFECTS OF STRUCTURAL RACISM?

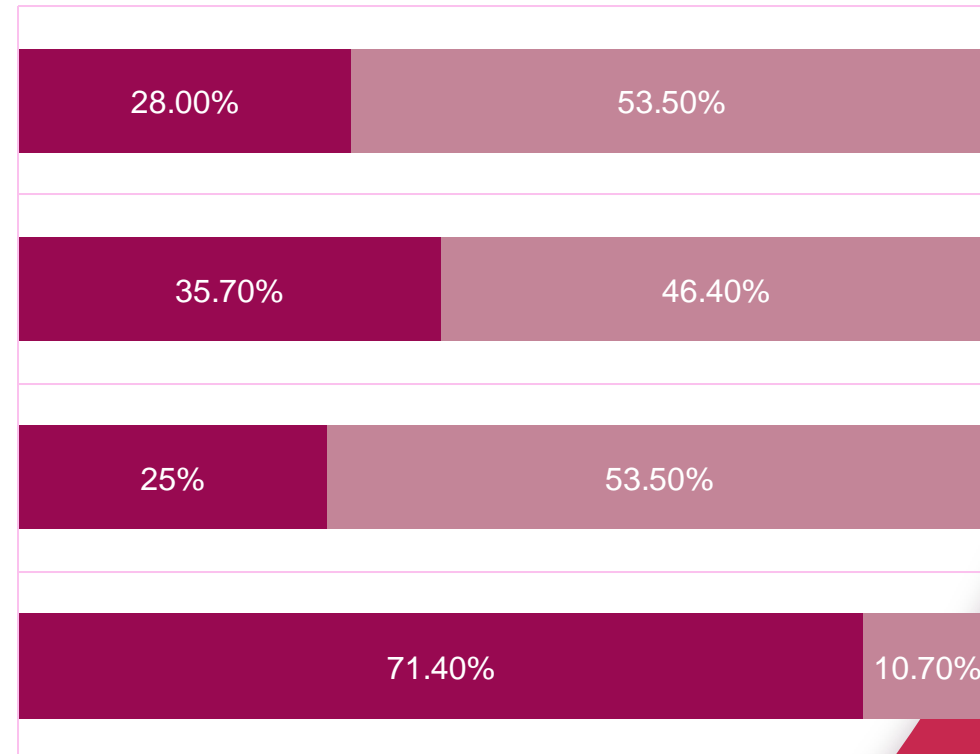
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53.50%

DOES YOUR FACILITY PROVIDE TRAINING ON CULTURAL, RACIAL, AND GENDER INCLUSION?

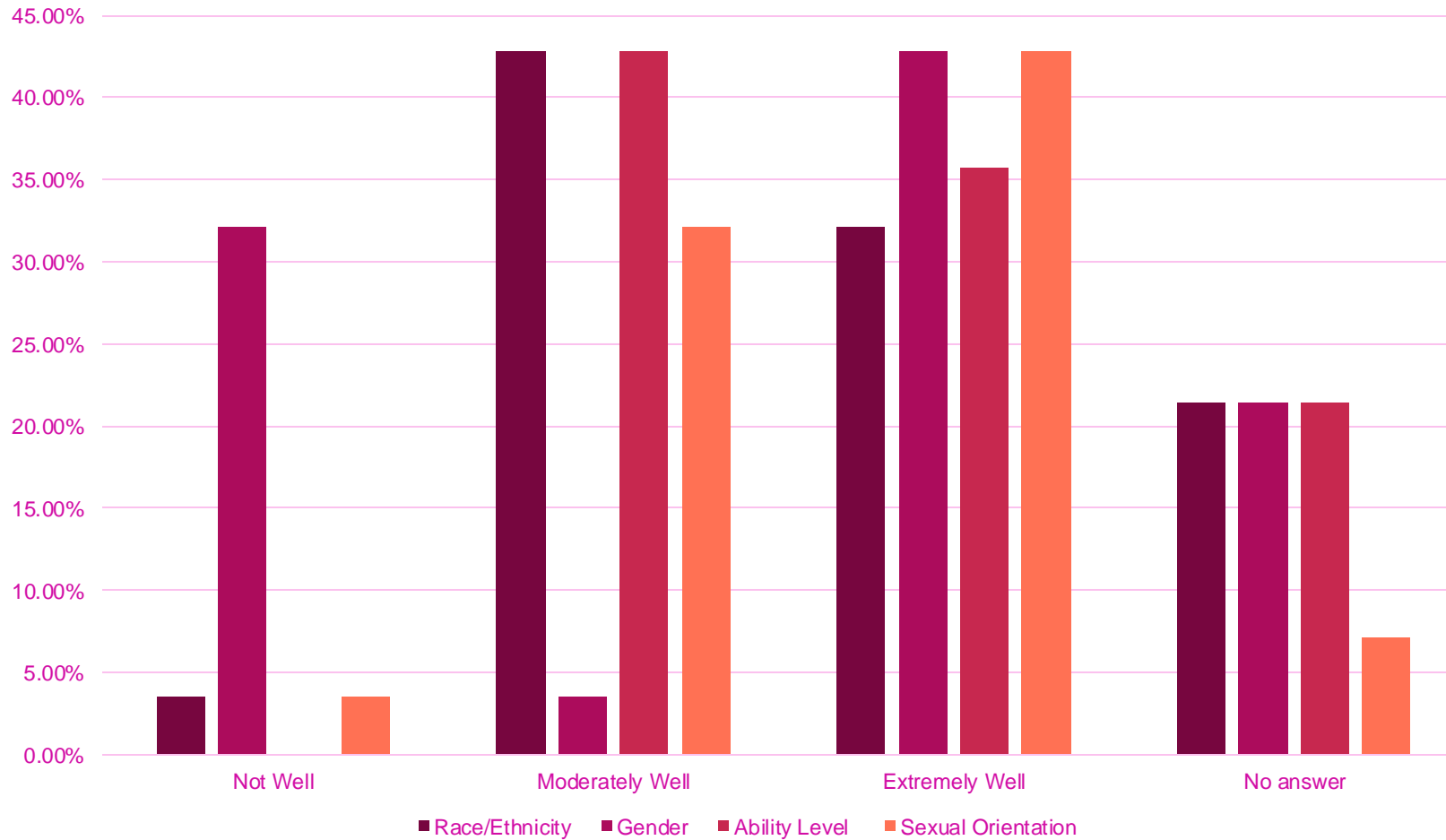
71.40%

10.70%



# Results cont.

How well does your facility address issues



# Recommendations

