

# PARENT SURVEYS

**Entrance / Exit Parent Survey Data  
Compared to  
Randomly-Selected Parent Survey Data**

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# METHODOLOGY

- In order to construct a representative sample of the entire population, a formula using the following variables determines the required sample size:

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$$\sqrt{\text{Sample Size} = (\text{Population Variability}) \times (\text{Z-Score for Confidence}) \times (1/\text{Degree of Accuracy})}$$

Confidence Level = 95%; Sampling Error = +/-5%:

**Requires 245 Surveys.**

- Narrative: *“We can be 95% certain that the entire population would score within a range of +/-5% from the sample’s score.”*
- The randomly-selected parent survey serves as a validation tool for the results gathered from the entrance/exit survey.

# METHODOLOGY (cont).

Surveys Distributed: 282

Surveys Undeliverable: - 17

Households Reached: 265

Surveys Returned: 101

**Response Rate:  $101/265 = 38\%$  (Very Good)**

**-Comparison-**

**Entrance/Exit Survey Response Rate: 9%**

# COMPARATIVE RESPONSES TO BOTH SURVEYS

- The Entrance/Exit survey is distributed to every parent of a child entering or exiting Part C services in Kansas.
- The Random Survey was scientifically distributed to a random representative sample of parents with children in Part C services in Kansas.
- Data from the two surveys encompass the same time period.

In learning to meet my child's needs, EI services have been...

**73.5% Very Helpful**

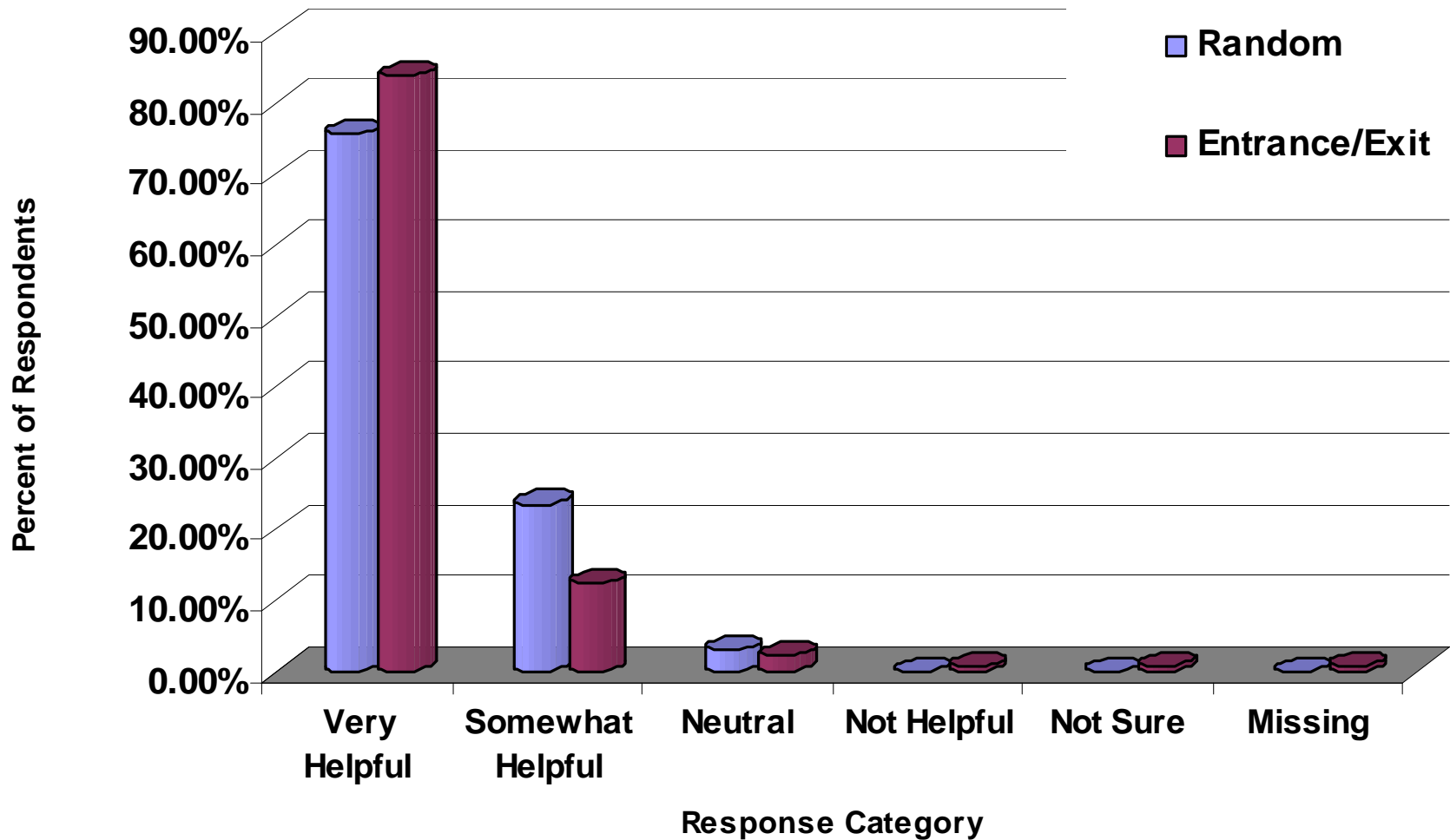
**23.5% Somewhat Helpful**

**2.9% Neutral**

**0% Not Helpful, Not Sure, or Missing**

- 97% of Random Survey responses were positive.
- 96% of Entrance/Exit Survey responses were positive.
- 1% Discrepancy

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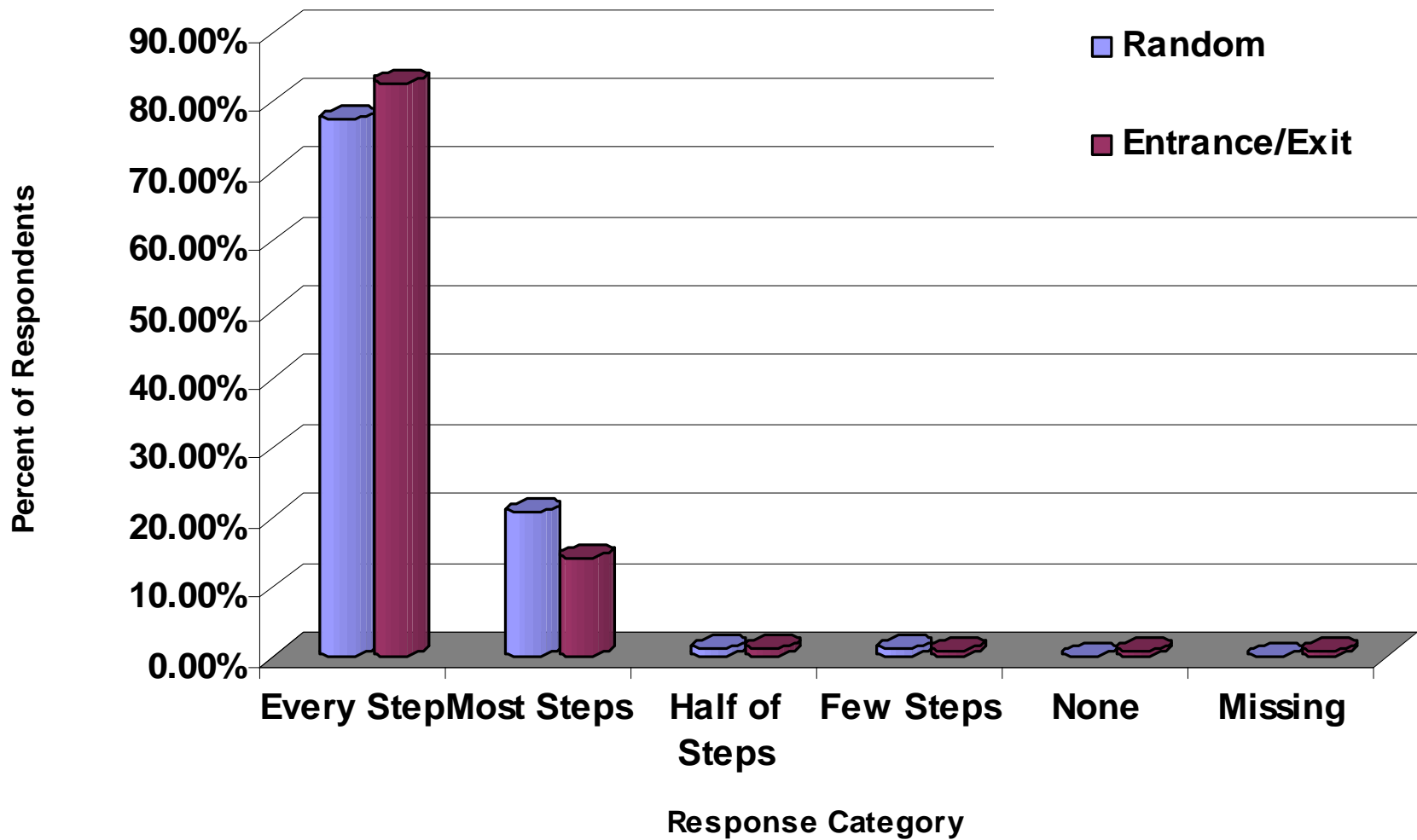


As a parent(s), how involved were you in developing your child's plan?

**77.5% I/we were involved in every step of the process.**  
**20.6% I/we were involved in most steps of the process.**  
**0.9% I/we were involved in about half of the process.**  
**0% I/we were not involved in the process much.**  
**0% Missing**

- 98.1% of Random Survey responses were positive.
- 96.9% of Entrance/Exit Parent Survey responses were positive.
- 1.2% Discrepancy

# As a parent(s), how involved were you in developing your child's plan?



Is your child receiving all the services written on his or her plan?

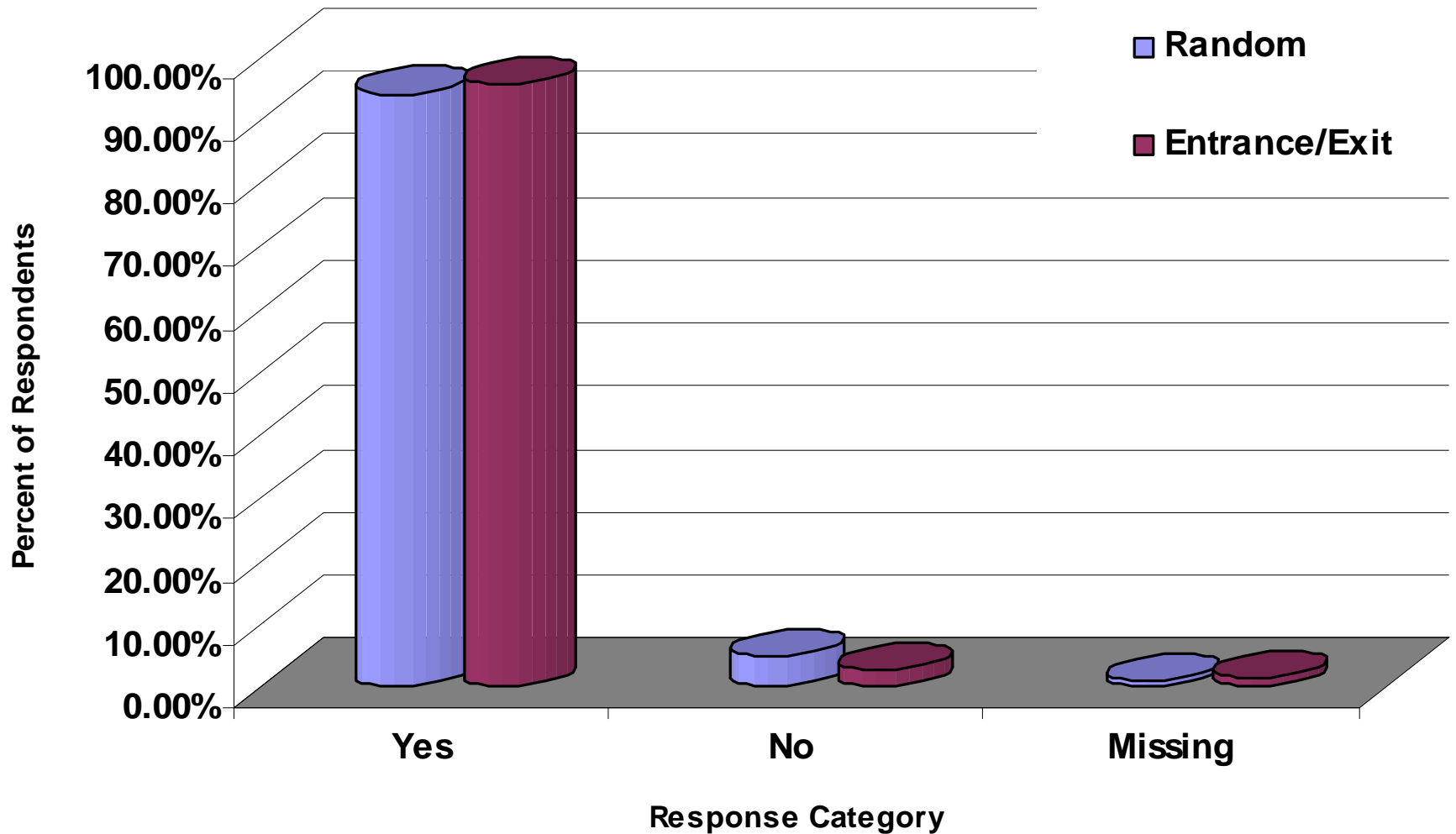
**94.1% Yes**

**4.9% No**

**0.9% Missing**

- 94.1% of Random Survey Responses were positive.
- 95.7% of Entrance/Exit Survey Responses were positive.
- 1.6% Discrepancy

# Is your child receiving all the services written on his or her plan?



Do you know whom to contact outside of your local EI program if you have a concern?

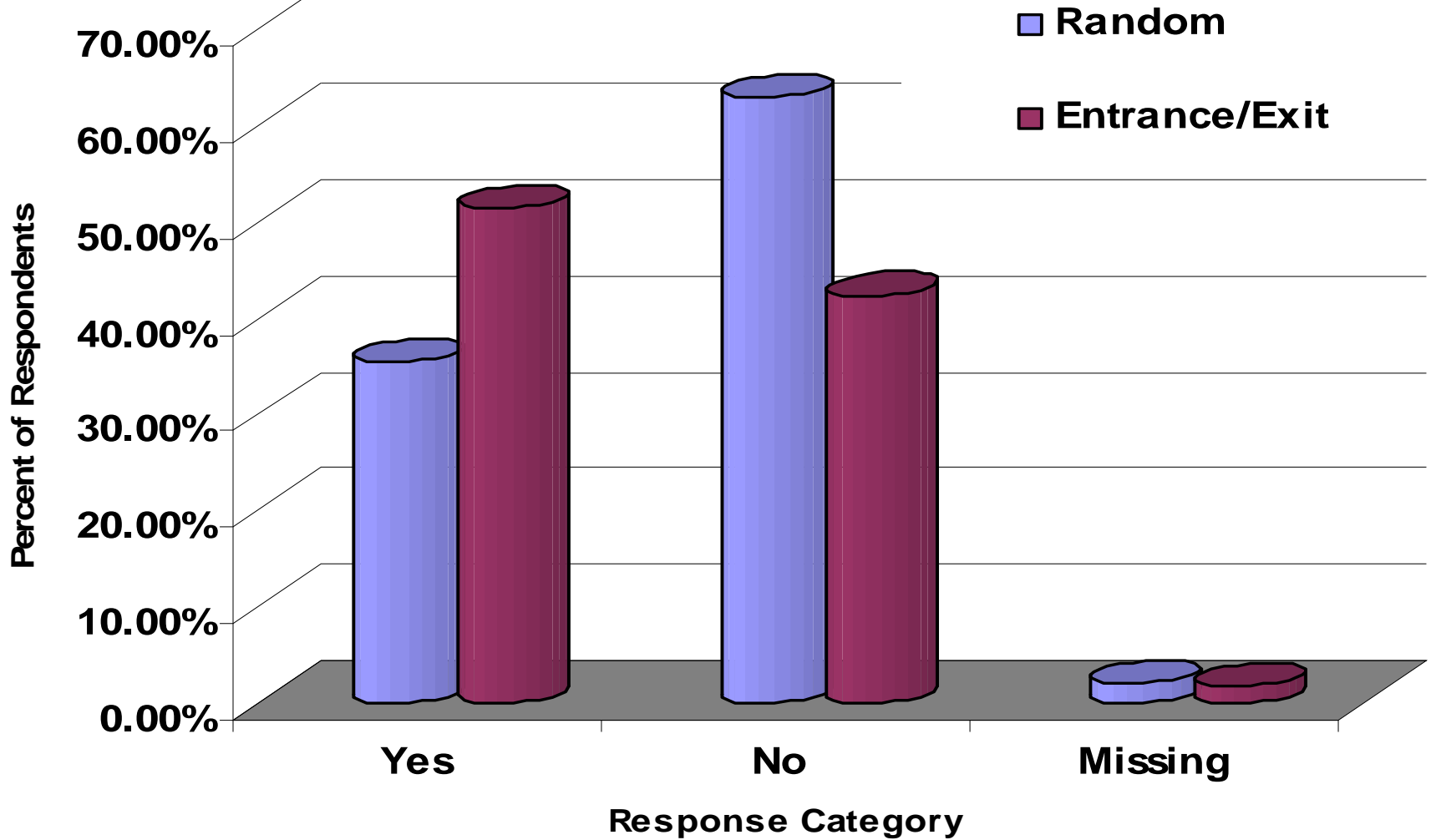
**35.3% Yes**

**62.7% No**

**2.0% Missing**

- *35.3% of Random Survey Responses were positive.*
- *56.2% of Entrance/Exit Survey Responses were positive.*
- 20.9% Discrepancy

# Do you know whom to contact outside of your local EI program if you have a concern?



On a scale from 1 to 10, please rate your expectations for your child's future.

### Random Survey

High: 10

Low: 1

Mean: 8.75

- Range Discrepancy: 0
- Mean Discrepancy: 0.16
- Median Discrepancy: 0

### Entrance/Exit Survey

High: 10

Low: 1

Mean: 8.91

How often are services being provided to your child in his or her natural environment (where your child would play, eat, and learn if he or she did not have a disability)?

**82.4% Always**

**9.8% Frequently**

**2.9% About Half the Time**

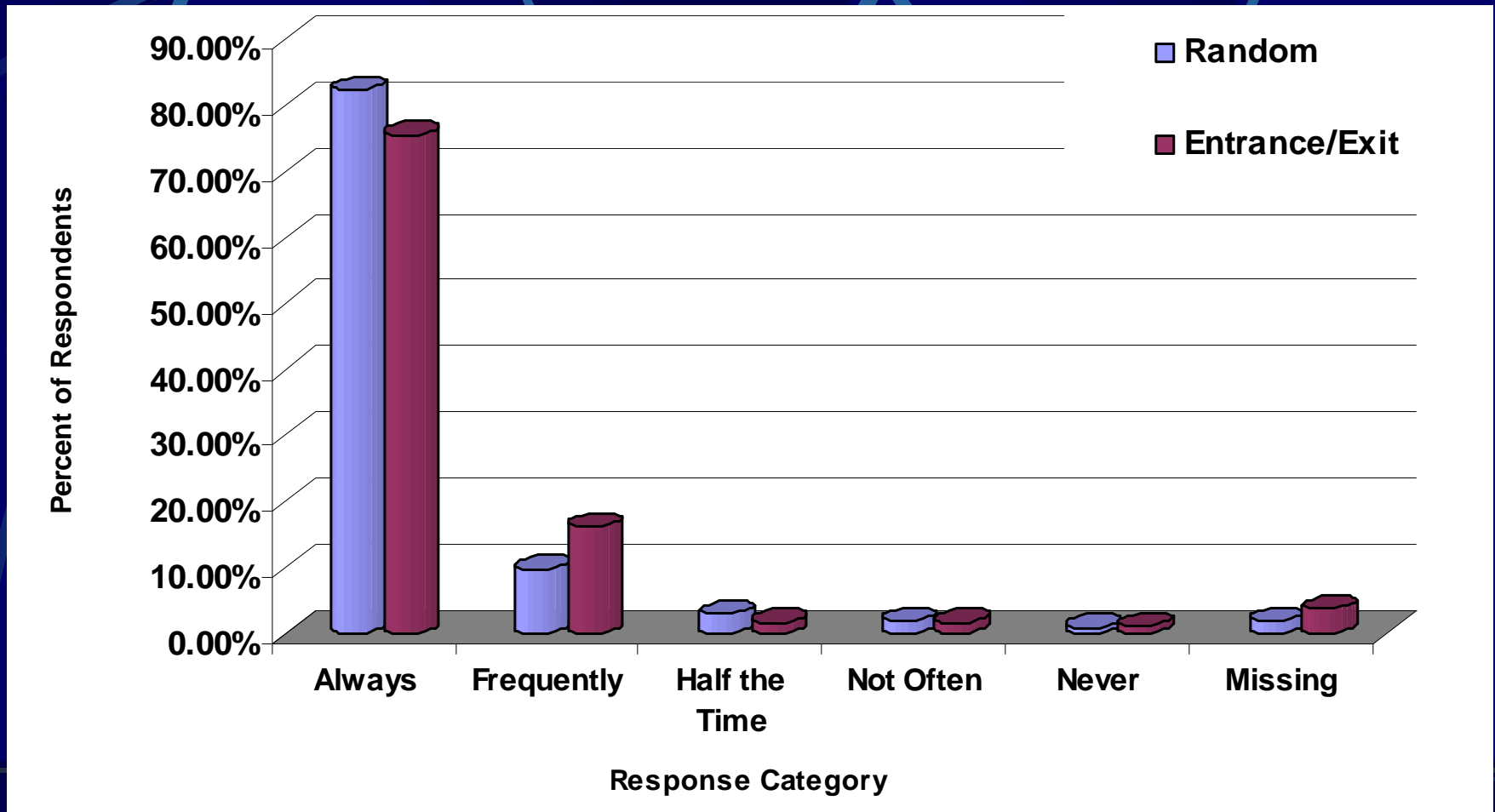
**2.0% Sometimes, but not Often**

**0.9% Never**

**2.0% Missing**

- 92.2% of Random Survey responses were positive.
- 91.8% of Entrance/Exit Survey responses were positive.
- 0.4% Discrepancy

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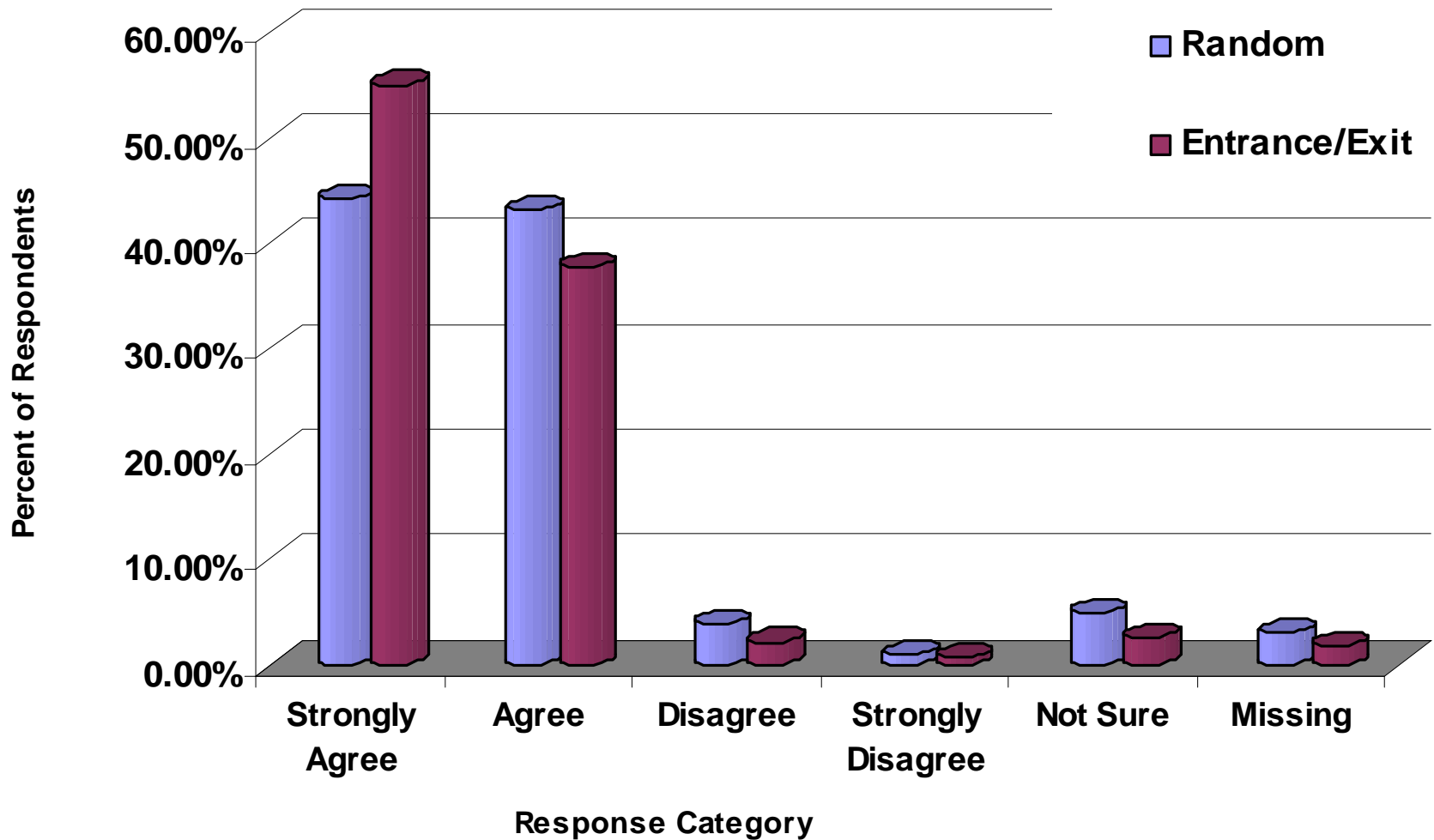


Please rate the following statement: EI services have helped me find resources and speak out for the needs of my child and family.

**44.1% Strongly Agree**  
**43.1% Agree**  
**3.9% Disagree**  
**0.9% Strongly Disagree**  
**4.9% Not Sure**  
**2.9% Missing**

- 87.2% of Random Survey responses were positive.
- 92.8% of Entrance/Exit Survey responses were positive.
- 5.6% Discrepancy

Please rate the following statement: EI services have helped me find resources and speak out for the needs of my child and family.



About how many days passed from the time that your child's plan was written to the day that services began?

**30.4% Less than 5 days**

**51.0% 5-15 days**

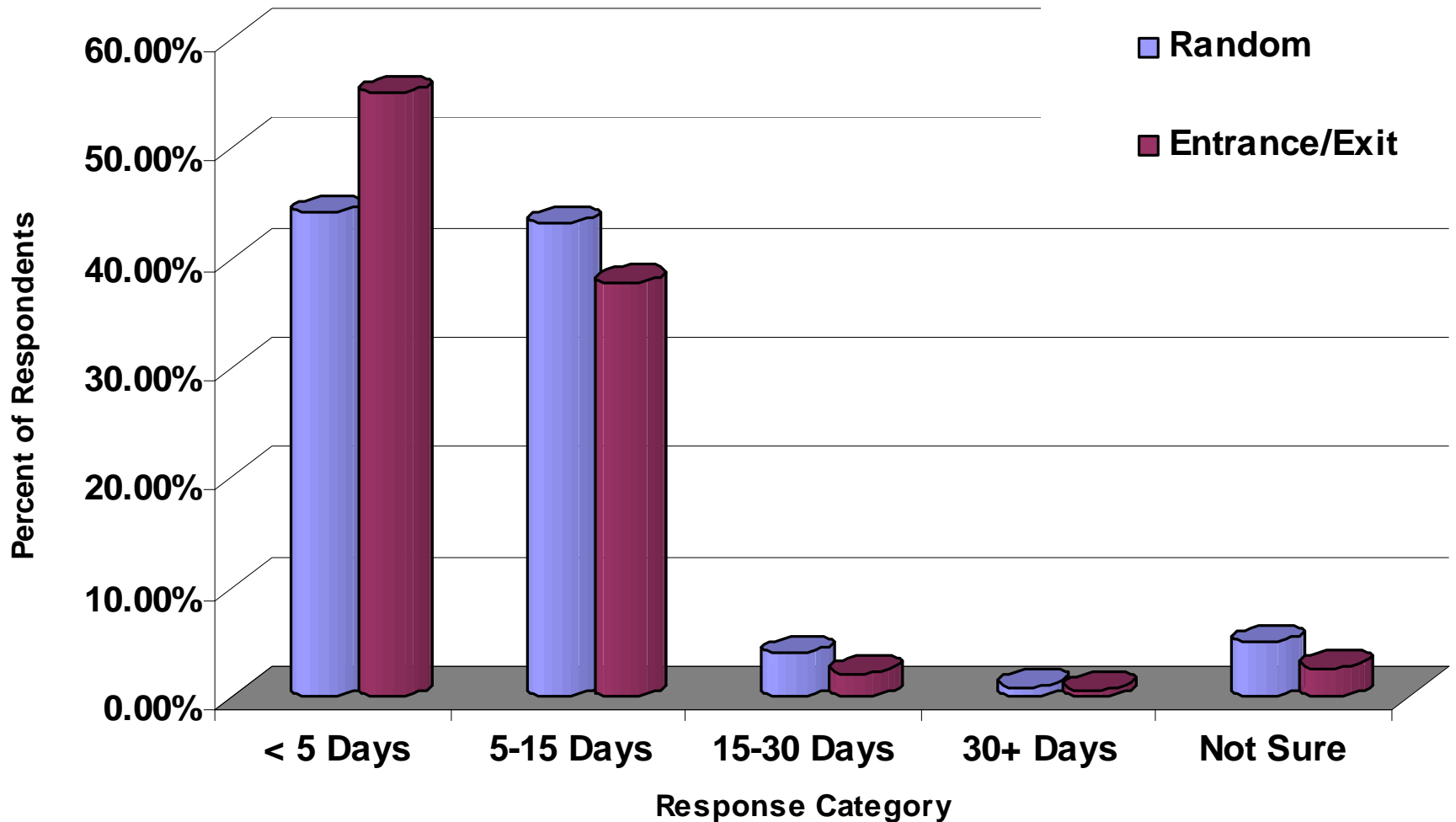
**10.8% 15-30 days**

**5.9% 30 or more days**

**2.0% Not sure**

- 92.2% of Random Survey responses indicated services began within 30 days.
- 90.6% of Entrance/Exit Survey responses indicated services began within 30 days.
- 1.6% Discrepancy

About how many days passed from the time that your child's plan was written to the day that services began?



If your child is exiting EI services, have you been made aware of other services that are available?

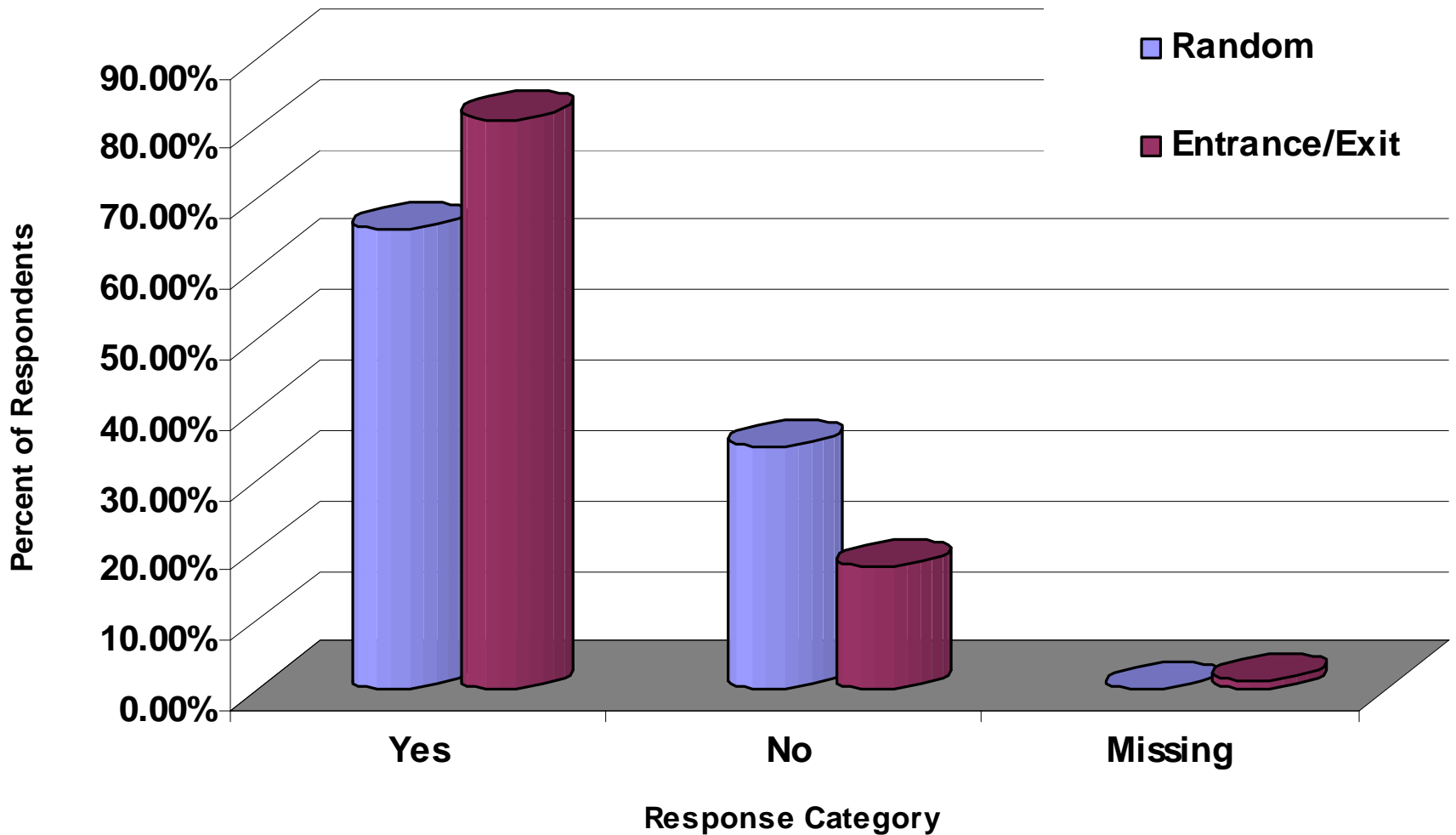
**65.6% Yes**

**34.4% No**

**0.0% Missing**

- 65.6% of Random Survey responses were positive.
- 81.2% of Entrance/Exit Survey responses were positive.
- 15.6% Discrepancy

If your child is exiting EI services, have you been made aware of other services that are available?



# OBSERVATIONS

- There exists a strong correlation between the results from the scientific random survey and the entrance/exit survey.
  - The two surveys include 9 comparative questions.
    - 6 comparative questions have a discrepancy of  $<2\%$ .
    - 1 comparative question has a discrepancy of  $5.6\%$ .
    - 2 comparative questions have a discrepancy  $>15\%$ .

# OBSERVATIONS (cont.)

- Parent knowledge of Procedural Safeguards were particularly weak in the Random Survey. KDHE theorizes that the 20.9% discrepancy between the surveys is a result of different information included in the instructions on the two surveys
- The Entrance/Exit survey includes a statement in the instructions that addresses parents' rights.

# OBSERVATIONS (cont.)

- Parent perceptions regarding Transition planning were 15.6% lower on the Random Survey than on the Entrance/Exit Survey.
- KDHE believes that this discrepancy can be attributed to the fact that half of Entrance/Exit Surveys come from families exiting Part C, and therefore have recently participated in the transition process.
- Parents responding to the Random Survey could have a child at any stage of Part C service—not just entering or exiting, and therefore may answer the question even though it is not currently relevant to them.

# OBSERVATIONS (cont.)

- Based on the correlation in responses to common questions on the two surveys, KDHE believes that responses to the non-scientific Entrance/Exit survey accurately reflect the perceptions of parents statewide.
- The scientifically-designed Random Survey will continue to be used to validate data collected through the Entrance/Exit Survey. Statewide results from both surveys will also continue to be reported to OSEP.

# RESPONSES EXCLUSIVE TO THE RANDOM SURVEY

**After comparing the 9 questions in common with those on the Entrance/Exit Survey, the Random Survey seeks parent input on 6 additional questions.**

Please rate the following statement: *There are enough service providers on my team to meet the needs of my child.*

**52.0% Strongly Agree**

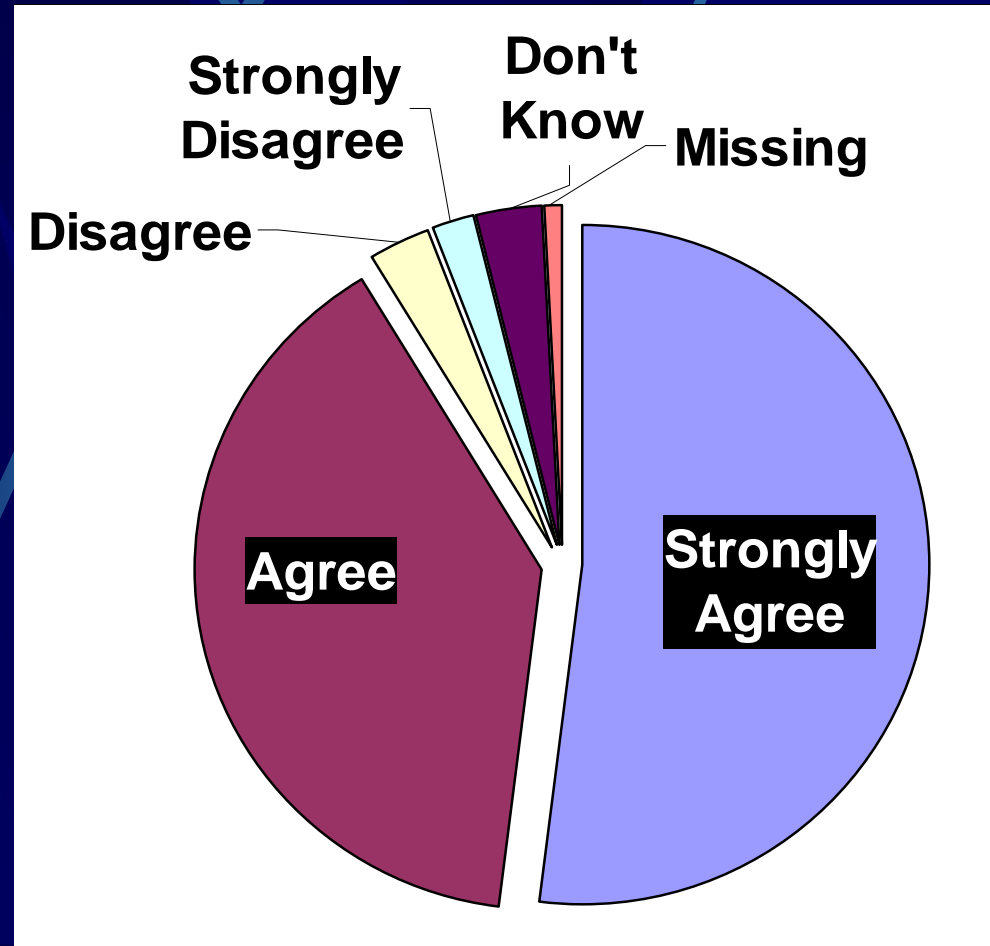
**39.2% Agree**

**2.9% Disagree**

**2.0% Strongly Disagree**

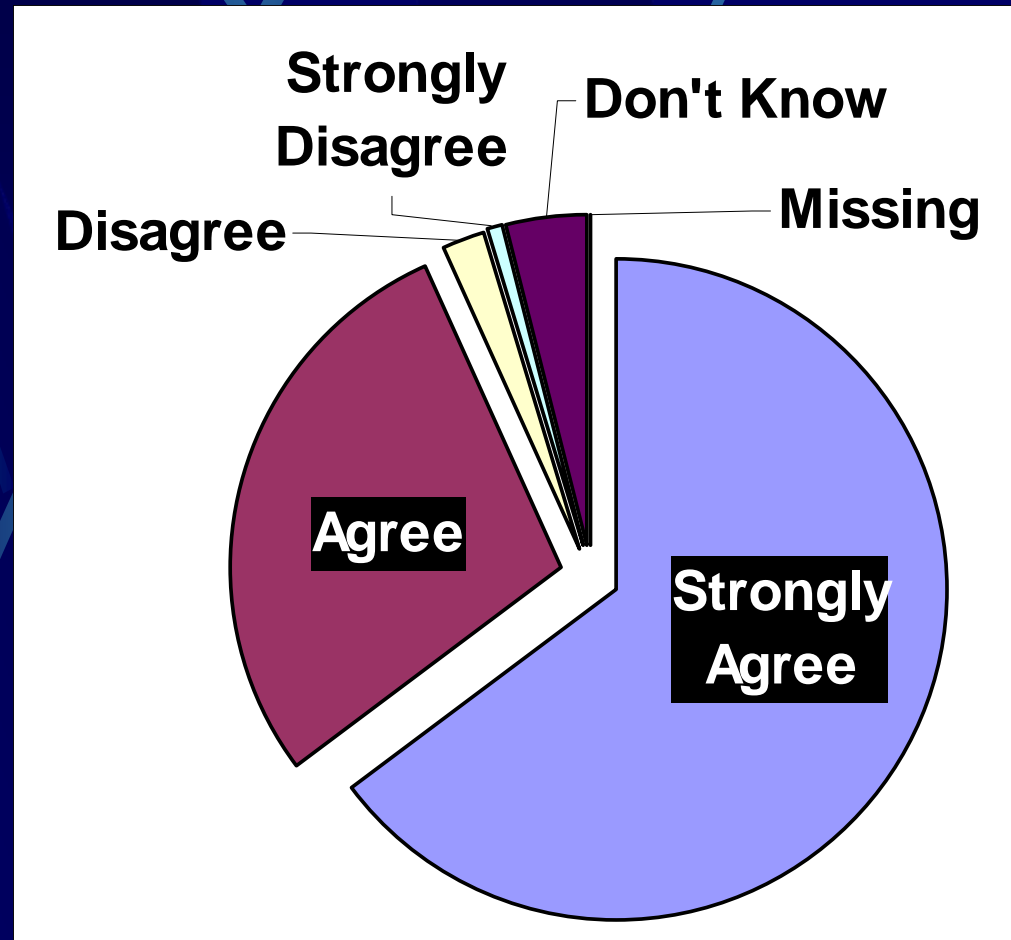
**2.9% Don't Know**

**0.9% Missing**



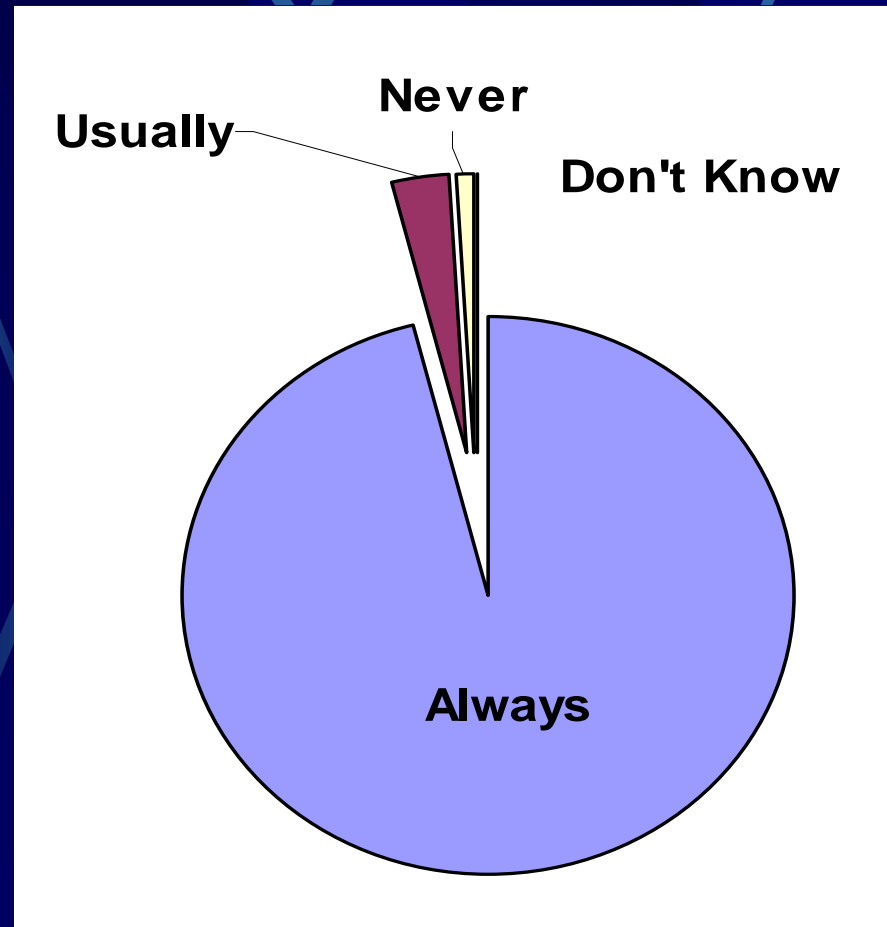
Please rate the following statement: *The service providers are qualified to handle the needs of my child*

**64.7% Strongly Agree**  
**28.4% Agree**  
**2.0% Disagree**  
**0.9% Strongly Disagree**  
**3.9% Don't Know**  
**0.9% Missing**



How frequently did the service providers talk/write to you in the language spoken in your home?

**96.1% Always**  
**2.9% Usually**  
**0.9% Never**



On a scale from 1 to 10, how simple was it for you to find early intervention services for your child?

<b>Mean:</b>	<b>8.89</b>
<b>Median:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>High:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Low:</b>	<b>1</b>

Have you been *invited* to participate in your local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) meetings?

**15.7% Yes**

**16.6% No**

***66.7% I've never heard of my LICC***

Please rate your participation in shaping the services that your child receives.

**88.1% I participated greatly in shaping my child's services.**

**5.0% I had limited participation in shaping my child's services**

**0.9% I did not participate in shaping my child's services.**

**5.9% Don't know**

**0% Other**

# QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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