

2022

Annual Survey Report

INTRODUCTION

The Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) Annual Survey is conducted to gauge the satisfaction of its network members.

Survey responses help the DD Council gain a better understanding of the issues and topics that are a priority while identifying new opportunities for the future.

SURVEY RESPONDENTS ARE ASKED TO:

- Self-identify
- Rate their level of satisfaction with various DD Council and infoNET resources
- Identify how available resources helped them in becoming better advocates
- Share topics they discussed with legislators
- Recommend how DD Council resources can further benefit them moving forward

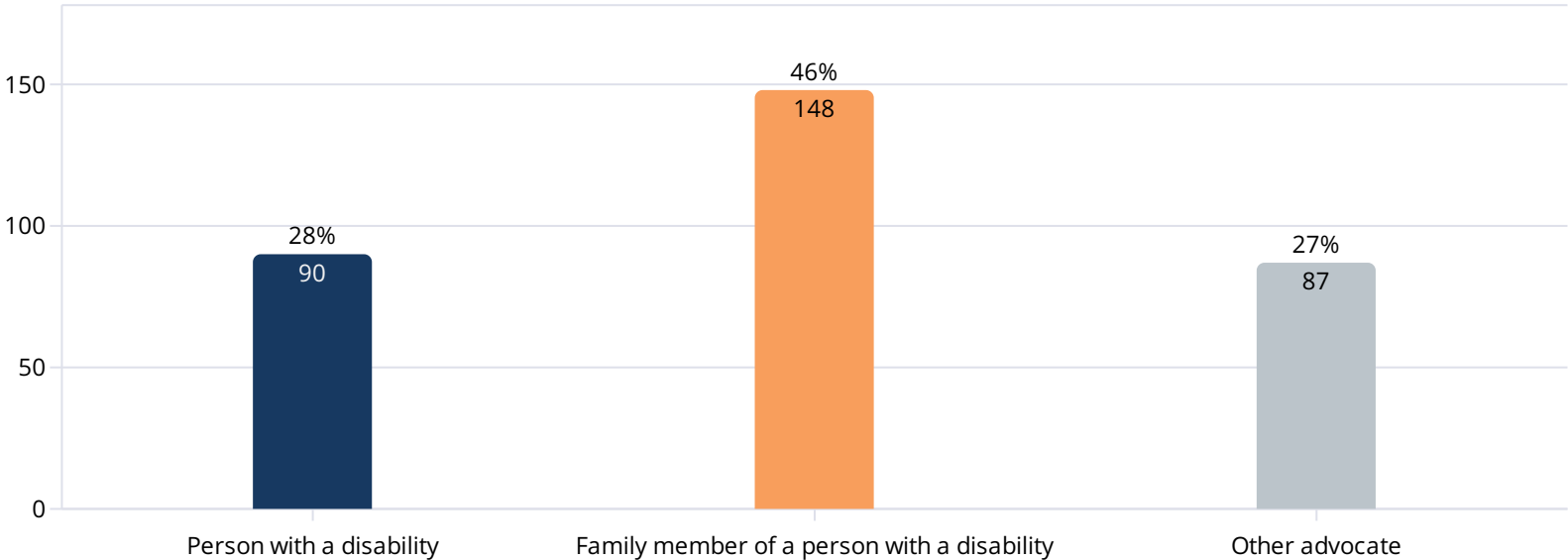
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ANALYSIS

- The primary respondents of this survey are family members of a person with a disability.
- 60% of respondents are white.
- 49% of respondents are female and 46% are male.
- 72% of respondents attended a DD Council or infoNET event in 2022.
- The majority of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the information and resources provided by the Iowa DD Council and infoNET.
- The majority of respondents found infoNET communications to be helpful or very helpful.
- 76% of respondents like the change to less print and more electronic communication.
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- 89% of respondents are more likely to vote in upcoming elections due, in part, to their involvement with the DD Council and staying informed on issues most important to them.
- 50% of respondents spoke with their elected officials in 2022 about issues that are most important to them. 78% saw a change as a result of their conversation.
- 70% of respondents have used infoNET's Take Action Center.
- 79% of respondents have used info-NET's Guide to the Iowa Legislature to gain information about legislators.
- 79% of respondents viewed or utilized the #LookingForward vaccine toolkit. 99% of those respondents found it to be very helpful or kind of helpful.

SURVEY RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

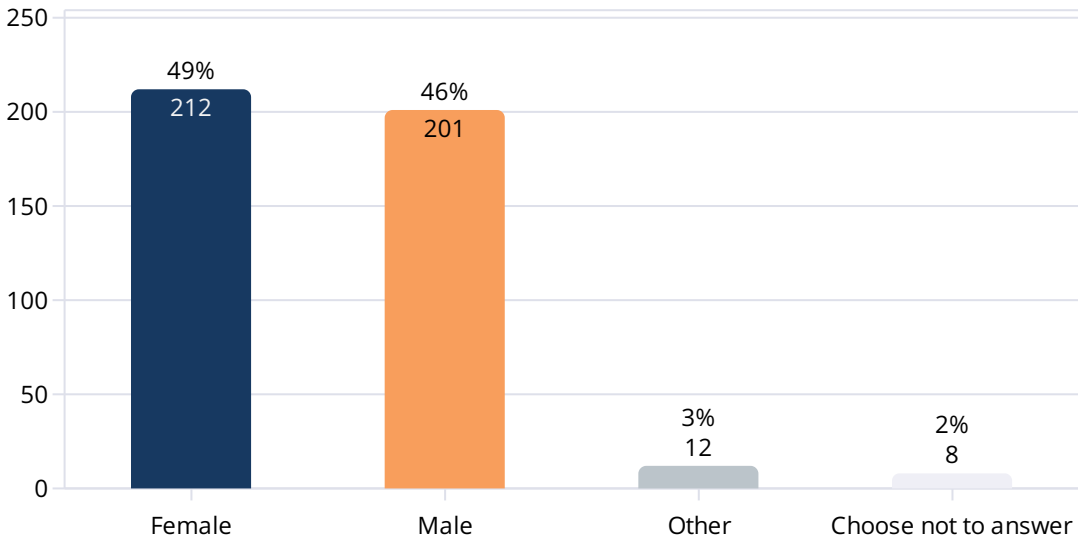
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Data	Response	%
Person with a disability	90	28%
Family member of a person with a disability	148	46%
Other advocate	87	27%

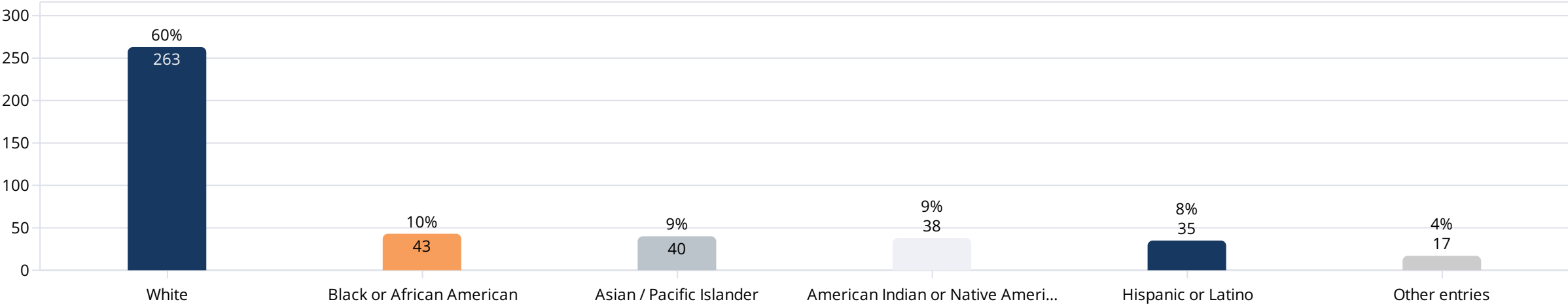
GENDER

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Data	Response	%
Female	212	49%
Male	201	46%
Other	12	3%
Choose not to answer	8	2%

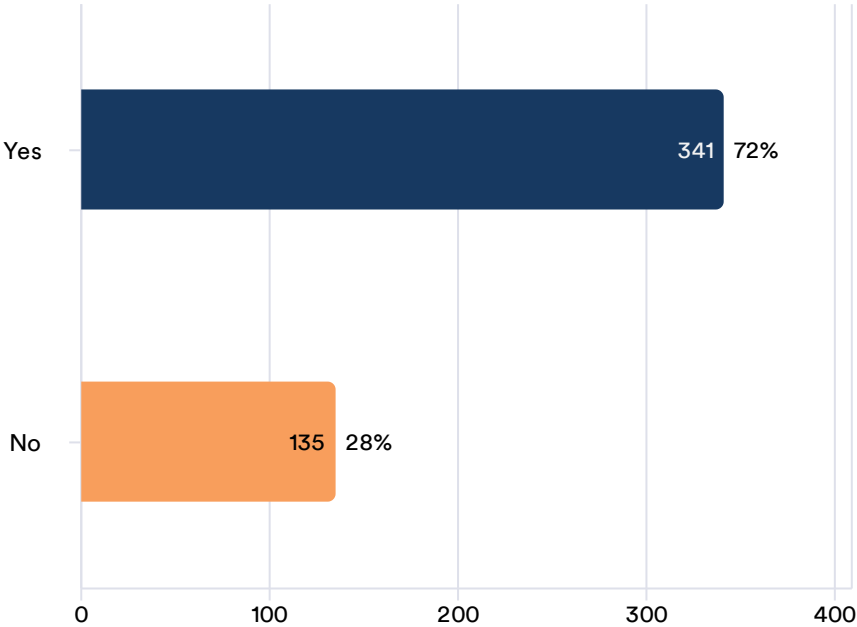
ETHNICITY



Data	Response	%
White	263	60%
Black or African American	43	10%
Asian / Pacific Islander	40	9%
American Indian or Native American	38	9%
Hispanic or Latino	35	8%
Other entries	17	4%

1. Did you attend a DD Council or infoNET event in 2022?

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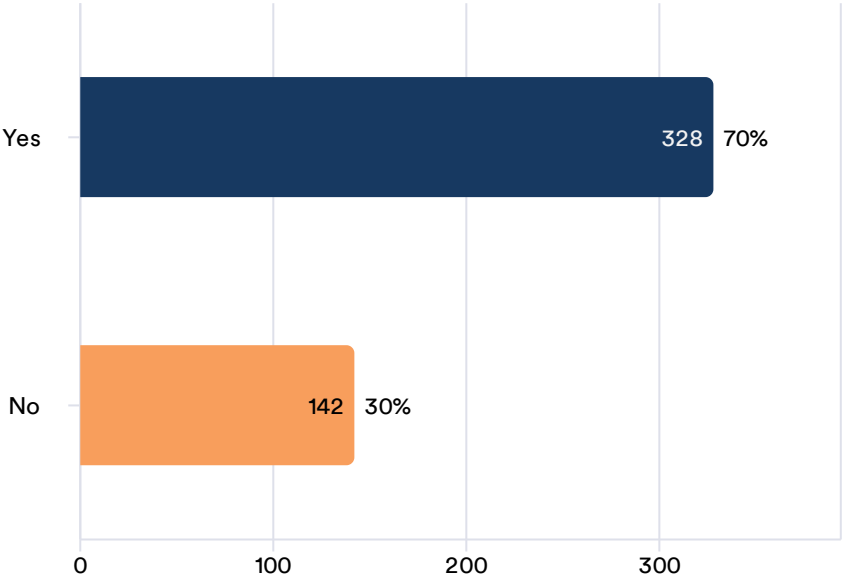
Data	Response	%
Yes	341	72%
No	135	28%

Those who answered YES describe themselves as:

- 16% Person with a disability
- 30% Family member of a person with a disability
- 20% Other
- 34% Chose not to answer

2. Have your advocacy efforts increased due to participating in DD Council activities or by using DD Council resources?

470 Responses- 13 Empty



Data	Response	%
Yes	328	70%
No	142	30%

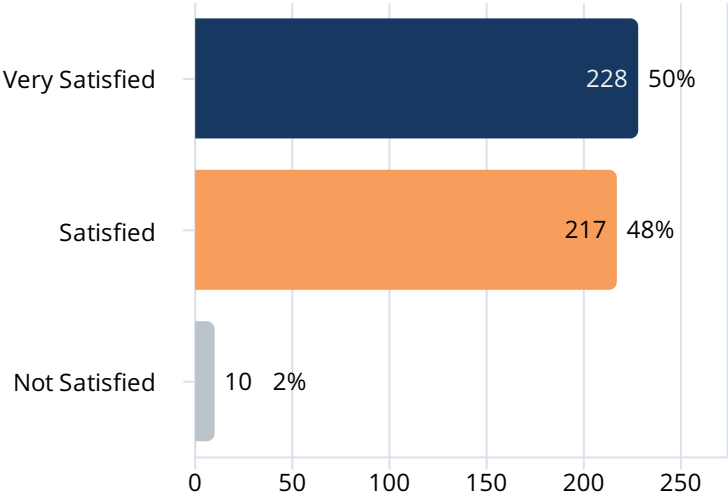
Those who answered YES describe themselves as:

- 17% Person with a disability
- 31% Family member of a person with a disability
- 21% Other
- 31% Chose not to answer

How satisfied are you with the following information and resources?

3. Website

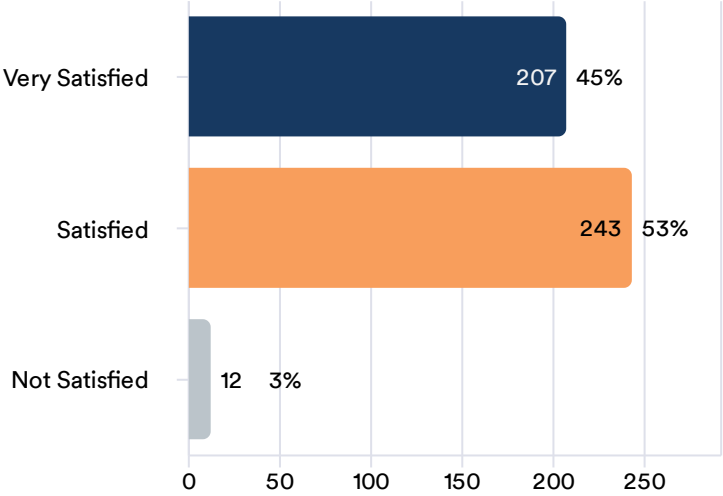
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Data	Response	%
Very Satisfied	228	50%
Satisfied	217	48%
Not Satisfied	10	2%

4. Voter Resources

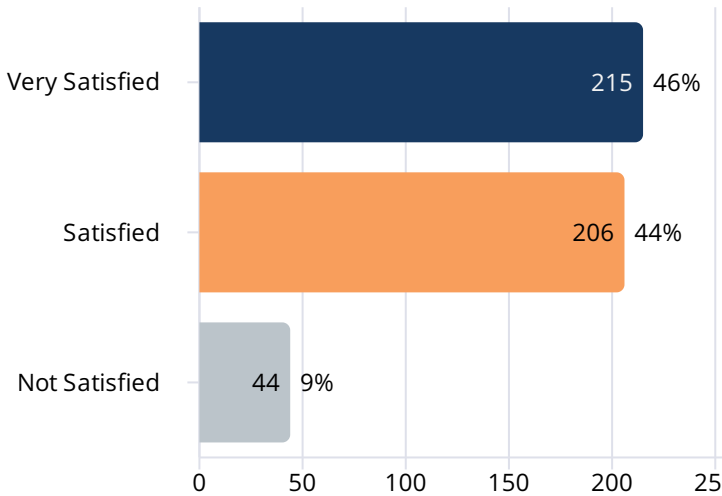
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Data	Response	%
Very Satisfied	207	45%
Satisfied	243	53%
Not Satisfied	12	3%

5. Guide to the Iowa Legislature

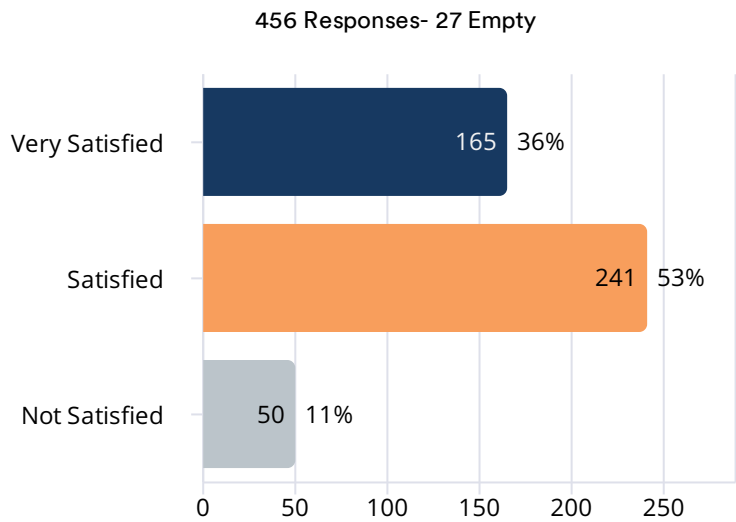
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Data	Response	%
Very Satisfied	215	46%
Satisfied	206	44%
Not Satisfied	44	9%

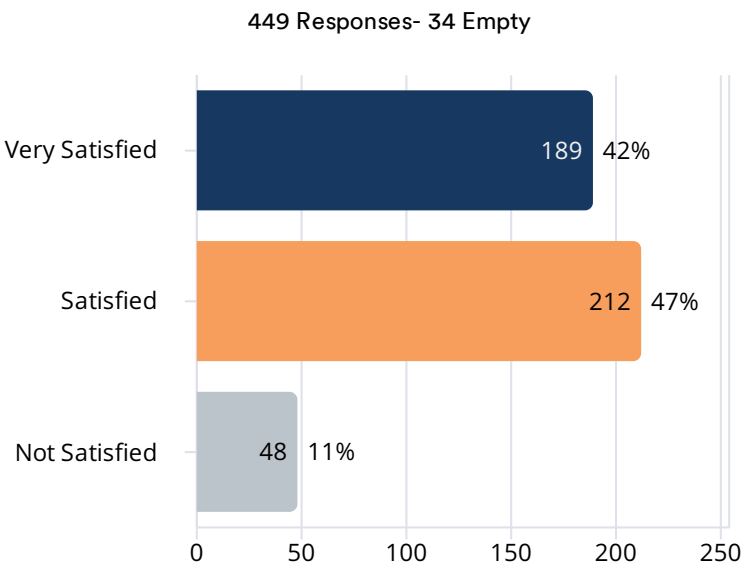
How satisfied are you with the following information and resources?

6. Events / Webinars (E.g., IAbile Webinar, Make Your Mark! Conference, Voter Trainings, etc.)



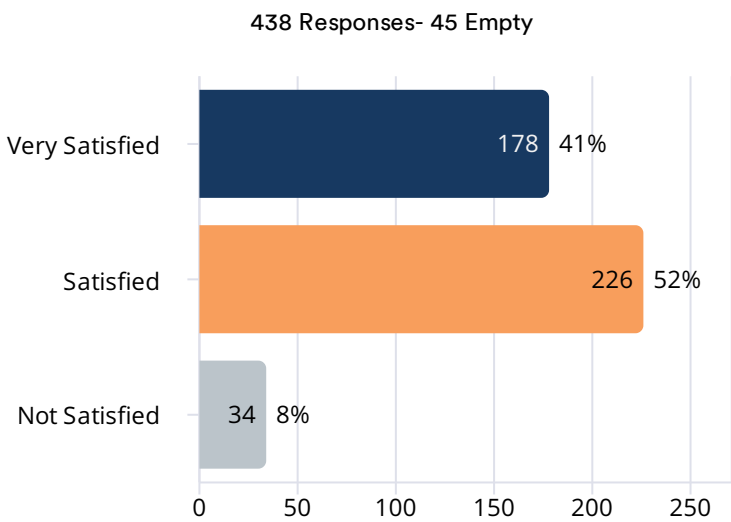
Data	Response	%
Very Satisfied	165	36%
Satisfied	241	53%
Not Satisfied	50	11%

7. Email Communications



Data	Response	%
Very Satisfied	189	42%
Satisfied	212	47%
Not Satisfied	48	11%

8. Social Media (E.g., Facebook, Instagram, YouTube)

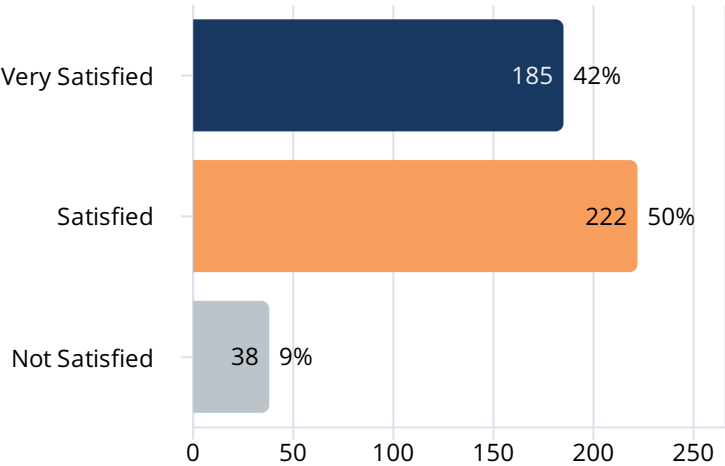


Data	Response	%
Very Satisfied	178	41%
Satisfied	226	52%
Not Satisfied	34	8%

How satisfied are you with the following information and resources?

9. Annual Magazine

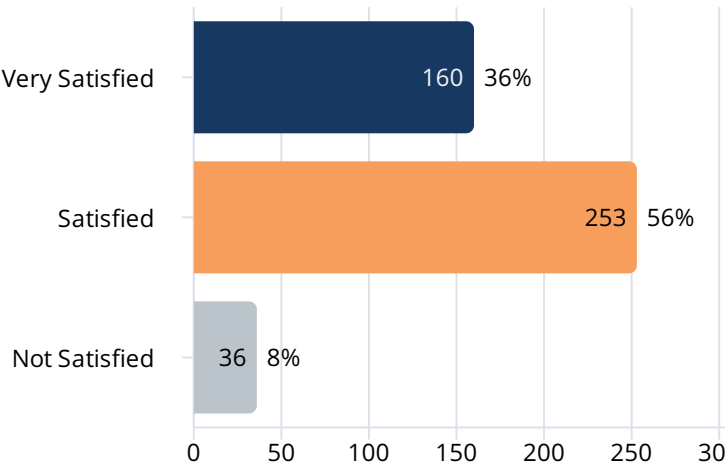
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Data	Response	%
Very Satisfied	185	42%
Satisfied	222	50%
Not Satisfied	38	9%

10. Vaccine Campaign

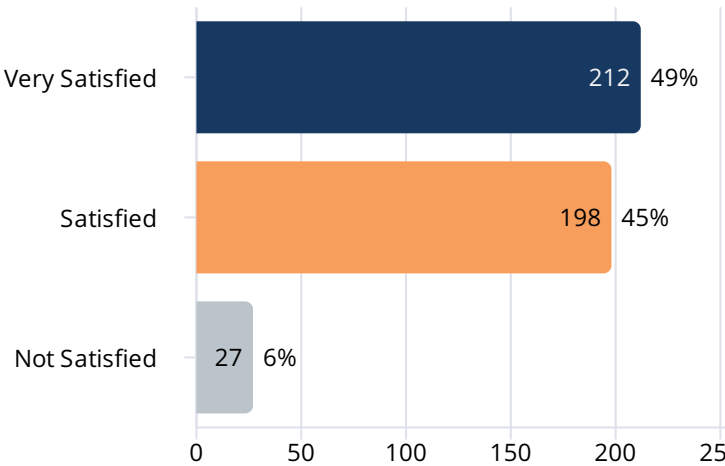
449 Responses- 34 Empty



Data	Response	%
Very Satisfied	160	36%
Satisfied	253	56%
Not Satisfied	36	8%

11. Advocacy Toolkit

437 Responses- 46 Empty



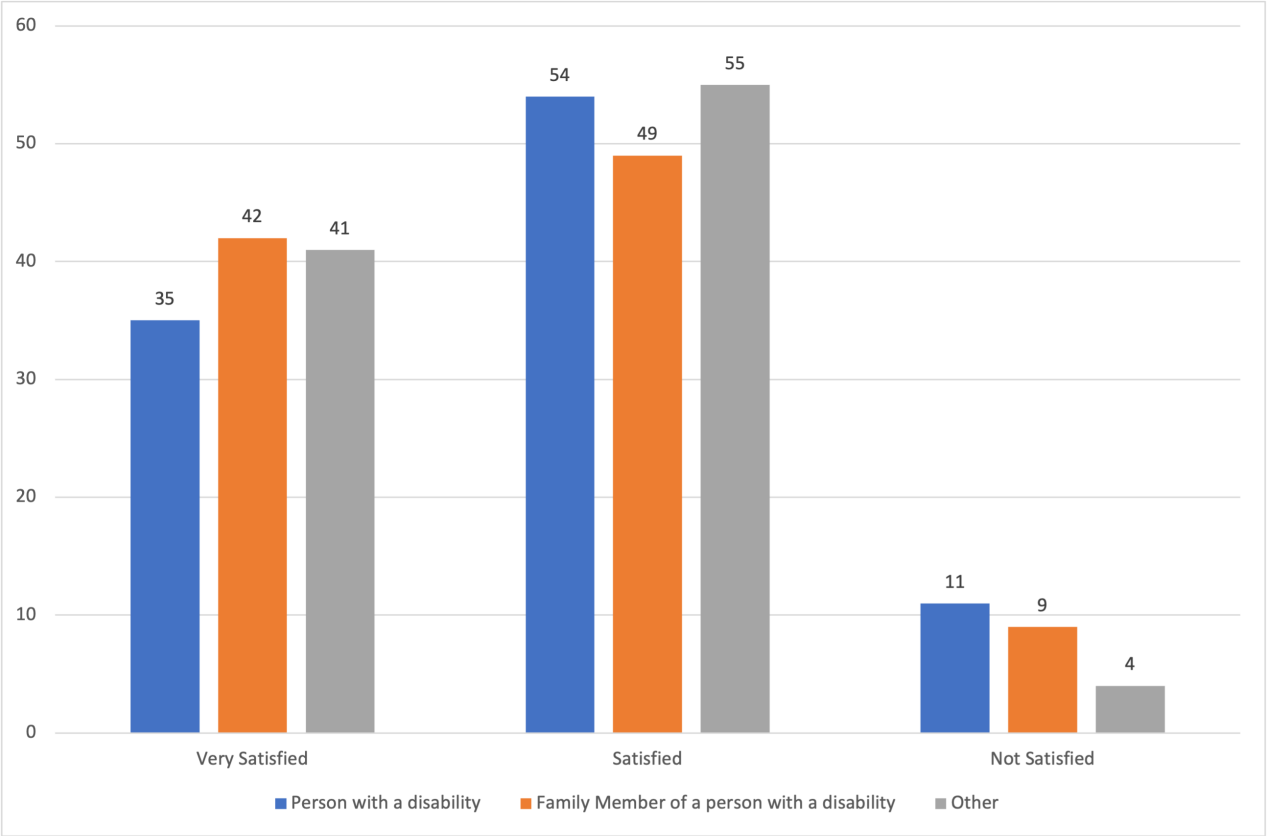
Data	Response	%
Very Satisfied	212	49%
Satisfied	198	45%
Not Satisfied	27	6%

12. Of the resources listed, which has been the most helpful to you and why?

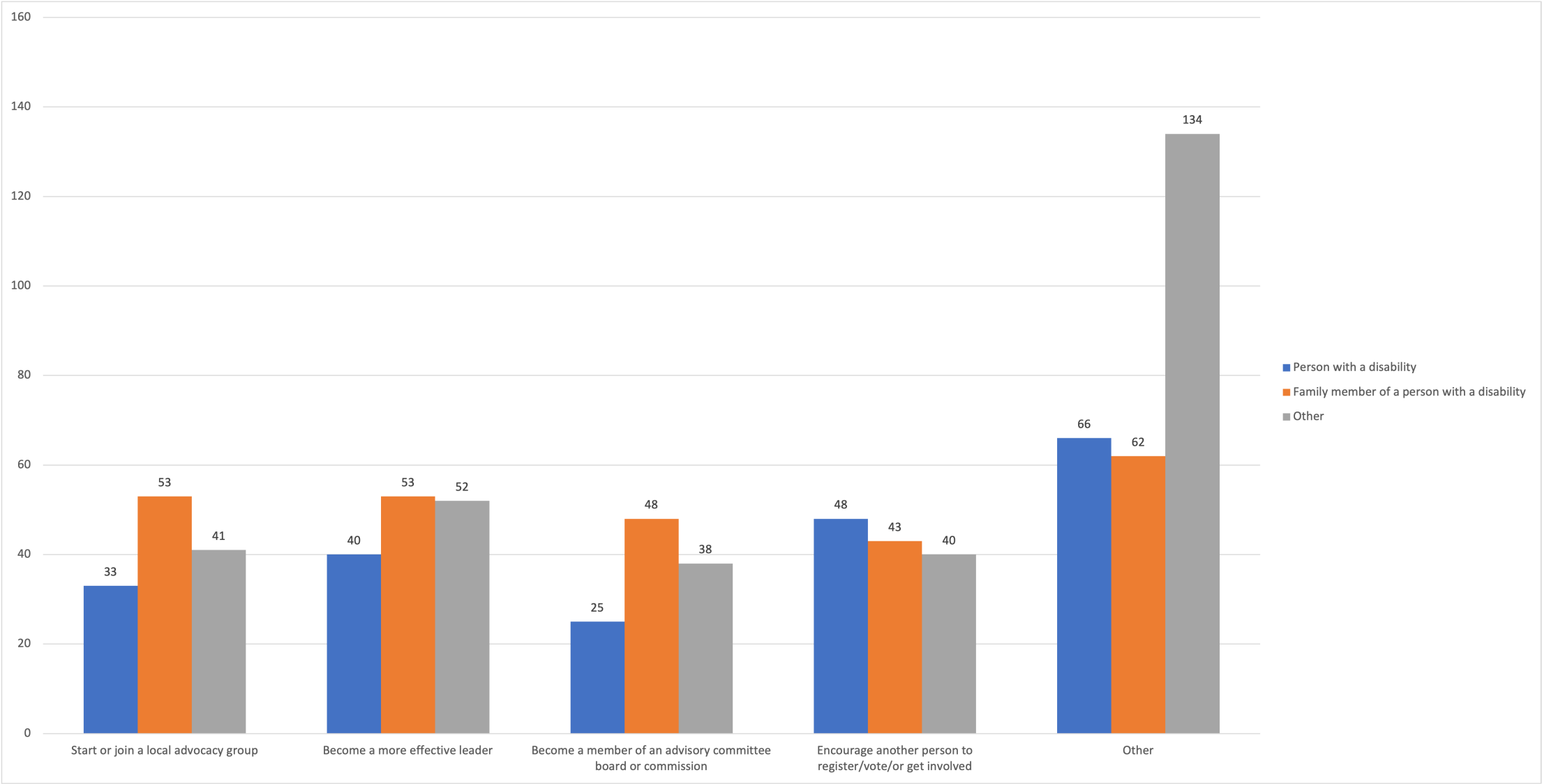
184 Responses- 299 Empty

Data
Events / Webinars
Advocacy Toolkit
Of the resources selected, the publicity kit was the most helpful to me because it contained information about the resources that were useful to me
Vaccine Campaign
Email
The vaccine activity was of great help to us, because it made us deeply understand the importance of the preventive effect of vaccine, and also made us understand the knowledge of vaccine.
Events/webinars
no
Social media makes it possible for me to make new friends
All useful

Overall, how satisfied are you with the information and resources the DD Council provides?



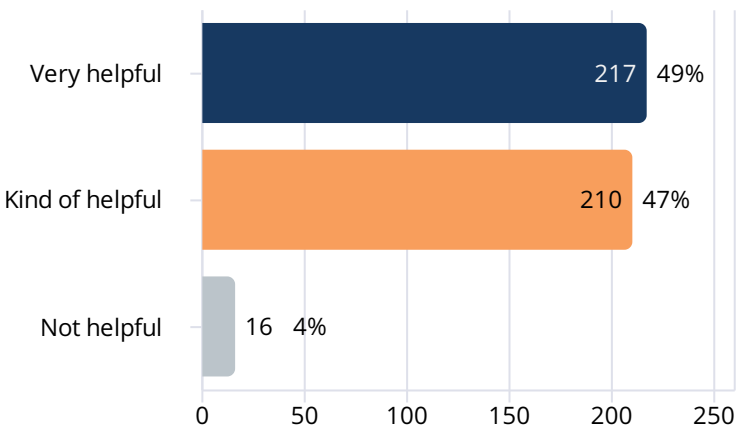
13. Select which actions the DD Council has helped you take. (Select all that apply.)



We changed how infoNET communicates with you (less print, more electronic means).
How helpful have the following been in assisting you in your advocacy efforts?

14. infoNET Newsletter (winter, spring, summer, fall)

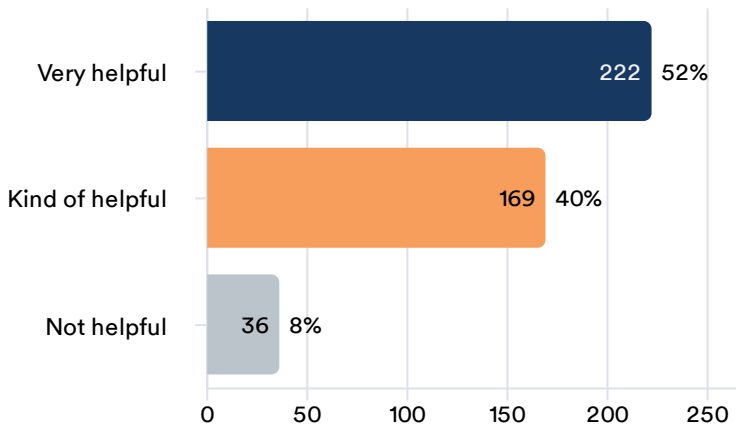
443 Responses- 40 Empty



Data	Response	%
Very helpful	217	49%
Kind of helpful	210	47%
Not helpful	16	4%

15. This Week at the Capitol (emailed every Monday during the legislative session)

427 Responses- 56 Empty

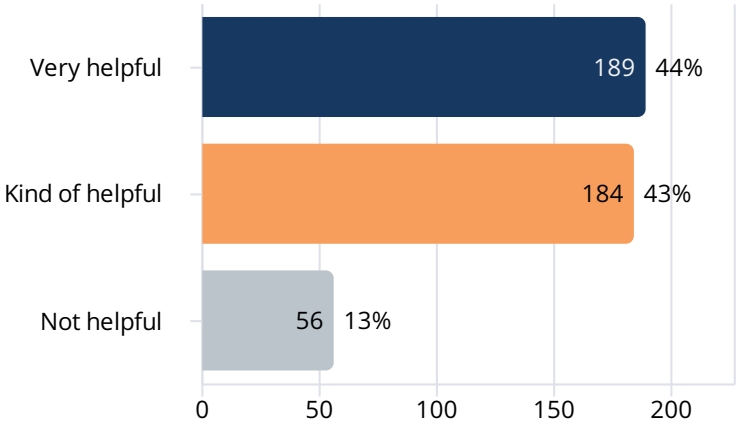


Data	Response	%
Very helpful	222	52%
Kind of helpful	169	40%
Not helpful	36	8%

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16. Capitol Snapshot (video update posted every Monday during session)

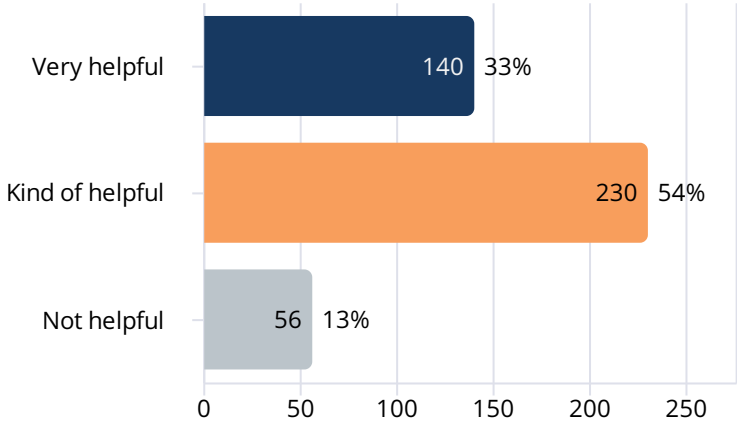
429 Responses- 54 Empty



Data	Response	%
Very helpful	189	44%
Kind of helpful	184	43%
Not helpful	56	13%

17. Capitol Chat (monthly zoom meetings for advocates)

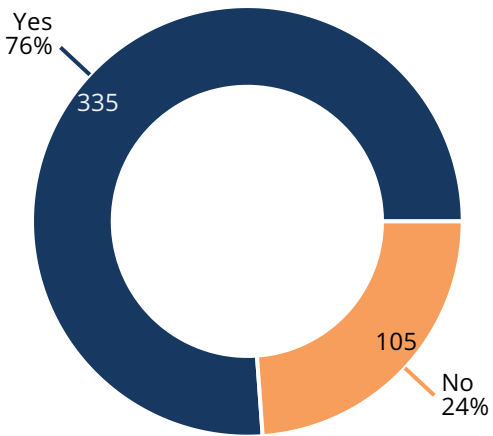
426 Responses- 57 Empty



Data	Response	%
Very helpful	140	33%
Kind of helpful	230	54%
Not helpful	56	13%

18. Do you like the change to less print and more electronic communication?

440 Responses- 43 Empty



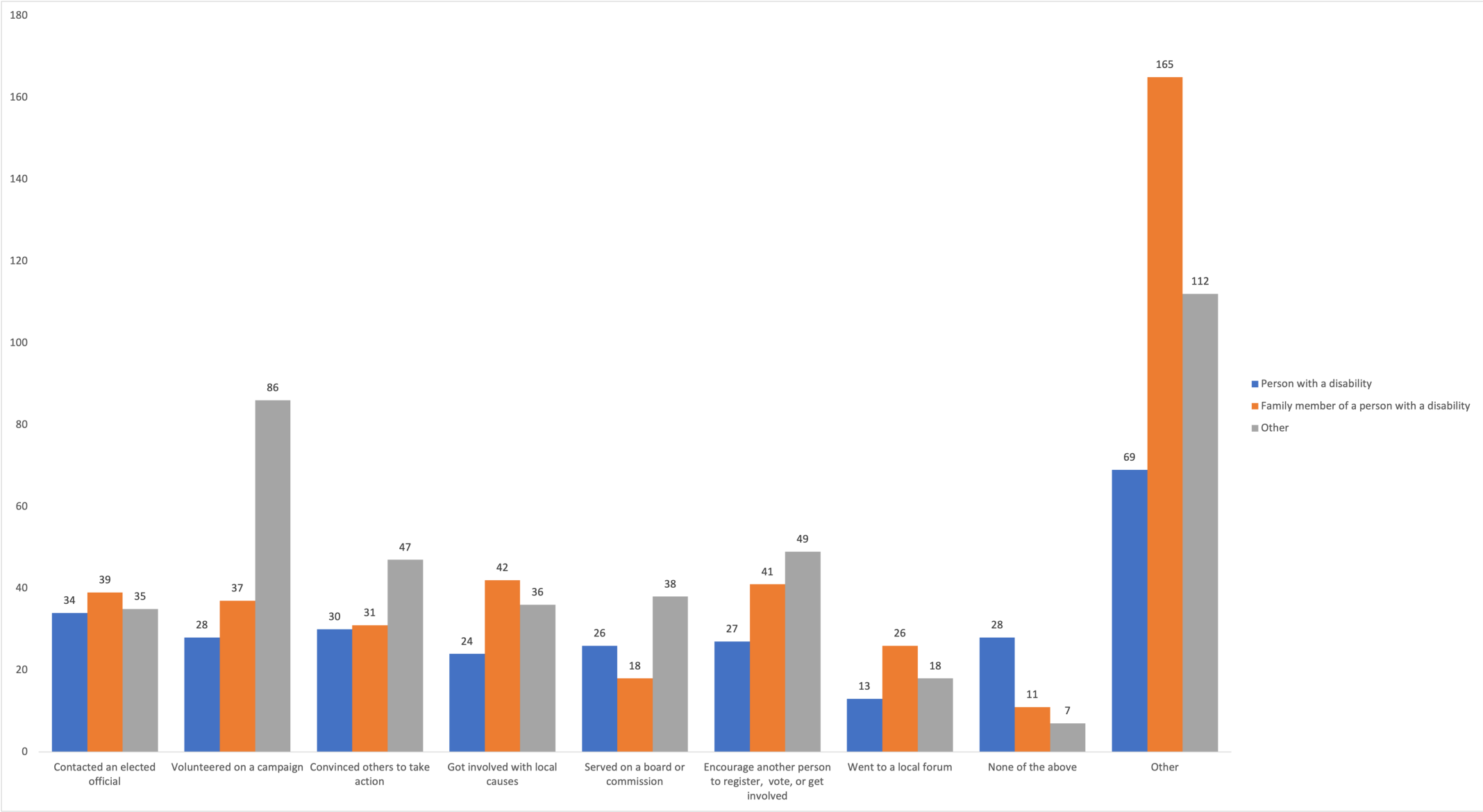
Data	Response	%
Yes	335	76%
No	105	24%

18.1. Comments

74 Responses- 403 Empty

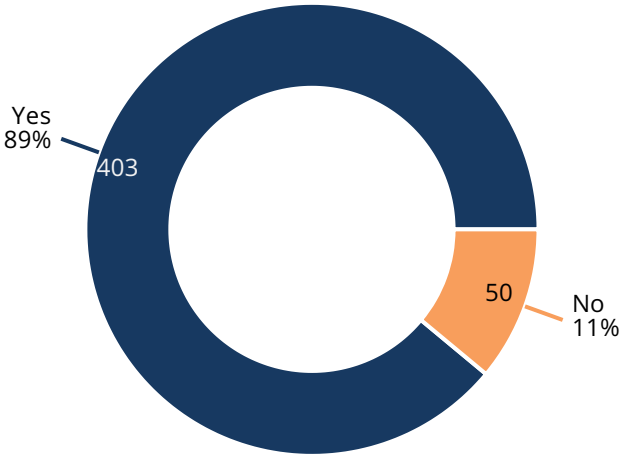
Data
In the information, science and technology developed today, the price and cost of text and paper printed matter is too high, and electronic communication is used, which is convenient and fast
Can very good reduce waste, more environmental protection
I receive SOO many emails, often, emails are overlooked. Unless, I know the DD Council will be sending out meeting info/ committe info. I usually don't even open emails.
Paperwork is fine to hand out but less paperwork is less stressful.
But sometimes we still need to hold and see things physically.
Using PhotoBooth to take pictures of people sharing their stories, that way it communicates information imagery to the internet. Using zoom for social interaction, and using Keynote to share Documents from the Iowa Legislature so that everyone can know what the Iowa legislature is about.
SO accessible.
Print is great for regular scheduled events or conferences but legislative times need to move more to electronic as the rate of change is to great.
Electronic communication is more convenient and fast

19. As a result of reading infoNET and using the infoNET website, what actions have you taken? (Select all that apply.)



20. Are you more likely to vote in upcoming elections due, in part, to your involvement with the DD Council and staying informed on issues that are important to you?

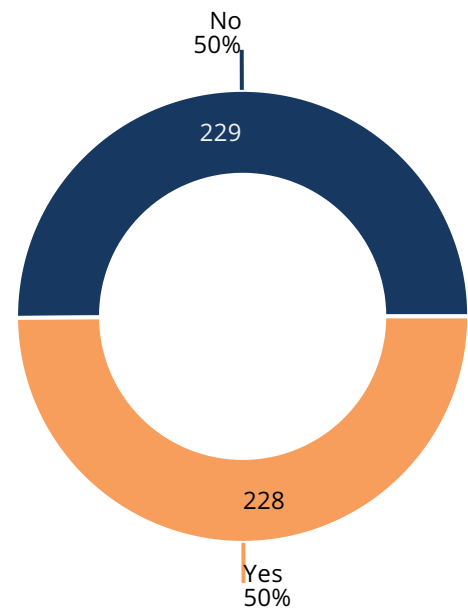
453 Responses- 30 Empty



Data	Response	%
Yes	403	89%
No	50	11%

21. Did you speak with your elected officials about an issue that was important to you in 2022?

457 Responses- 26 Empty



Those who answered YES describe themselves as:

- 43 Person with a disability
- 65 Family member of a person with a disability
- 49 Other
- 71 Chose not to answer

Data	Response	%
No	229	50%
Yes	228	50%

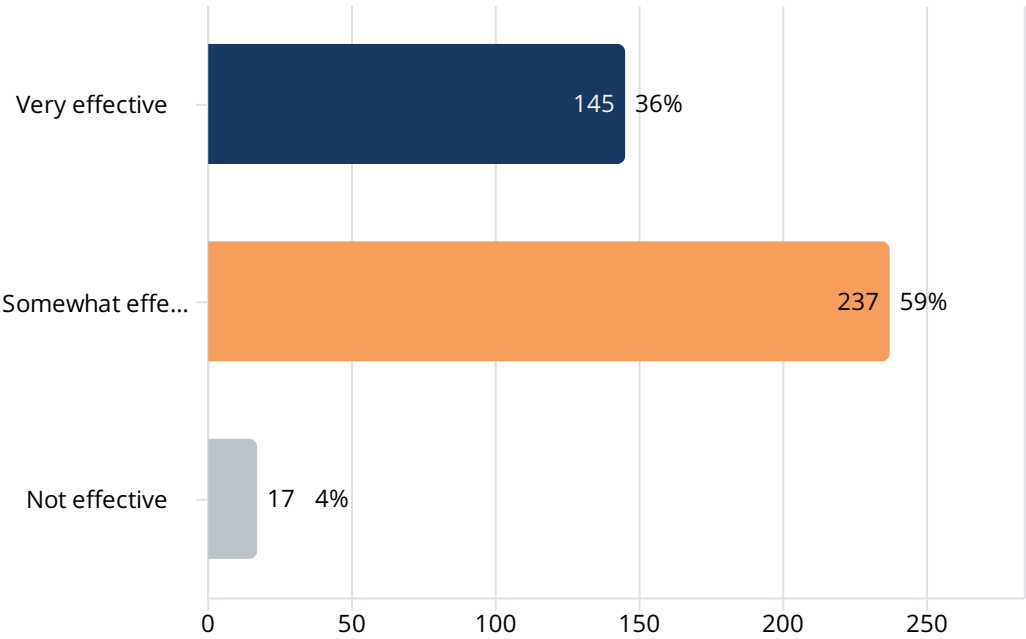
21.1. If you answered YES, what issue(s) did you discuss?

88 Responses- 395 Empty

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How do you reach out to voters, how do you persuade Bill to get involved, how do you encourage others to get involved
To improve on some important matters that were never handled well before
HHS issues/ Medicaid, coverage issues
Pro Life, Taxes
Transportation, Healthcare Work and payment Savings
Waiting list and HCBS and employment and transportation
Education funding for public schools, voting access, funding for early childhood education, prohibiting livestock confinements from polluting soil & water.
Healthcare issues and insurance coverage.
I am concerned about the residents of Woodward and Glenwood. Obtaining good community based placements for these residents will be difficult and more funding for providers is needed.
Medicaid; needed changes to Iowa’s HCBS waivers, direct care staffing issues; caregiver issues in general
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22. How effective do you think your conversation was?

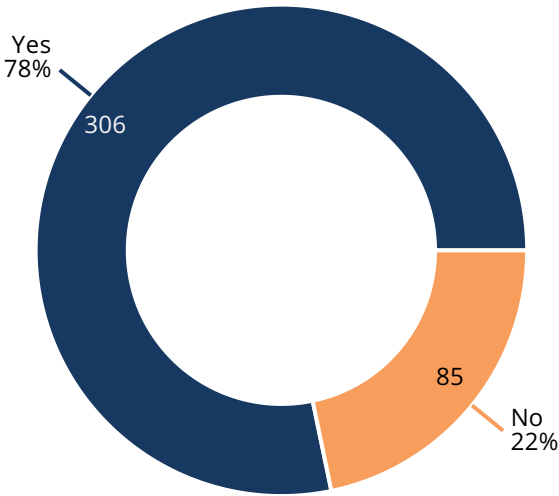
399 Responses- 84 Empty



Data	Response	%
Very effective	145	36%
Somewhat effective	237	59%
Not effective	17	4%

23. Did you see a change as a result of your conversation?

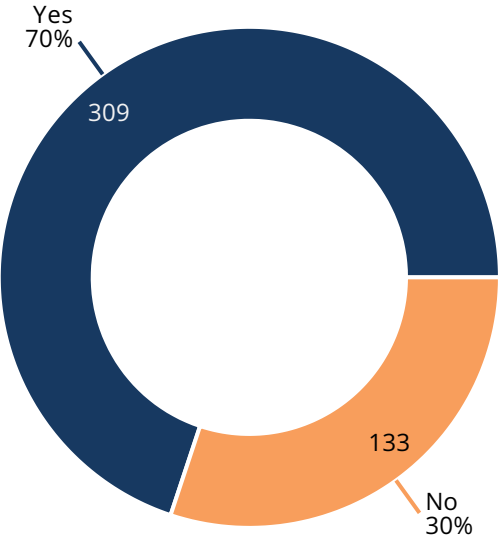
391 Responses- 92 Empty



Data	Response	%
Yes	306	78%
No	85	22%

24. Have you used infoNET's Take Action Center?

442 Responses- 41 Empty



Data	Response	%
Yes	309	70%
No	133	30%

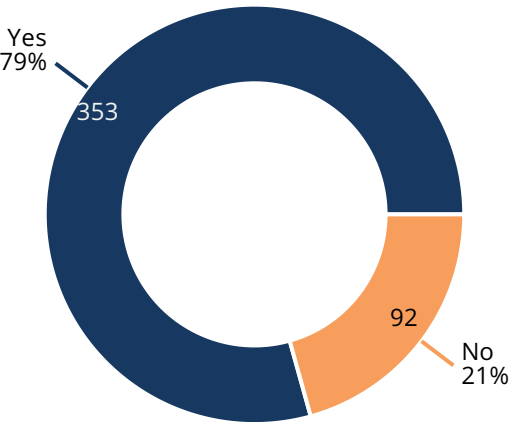
24.1. If you answered NO, why haven't you used infoNET's Take Action Center?

68 Responses- 415 Empty

Data
Time
1 - I didn't know it (this link) existed ! 2 - I don't search the infoNet / DD Council Websites - unless i'm looking for info - Make Your Mark for example.
No comment needed here.
The health issues that my wife and I have.
Not really sure!
Did'nt get in time but will soon, to see what is going on
I am very busy and do not get much of a chance
I'm not sure what it is
Don't know how to use.
Not really aware of it

25. Did you use infoNET’s Guide to the Iowa Legislature to gain information about legislators?

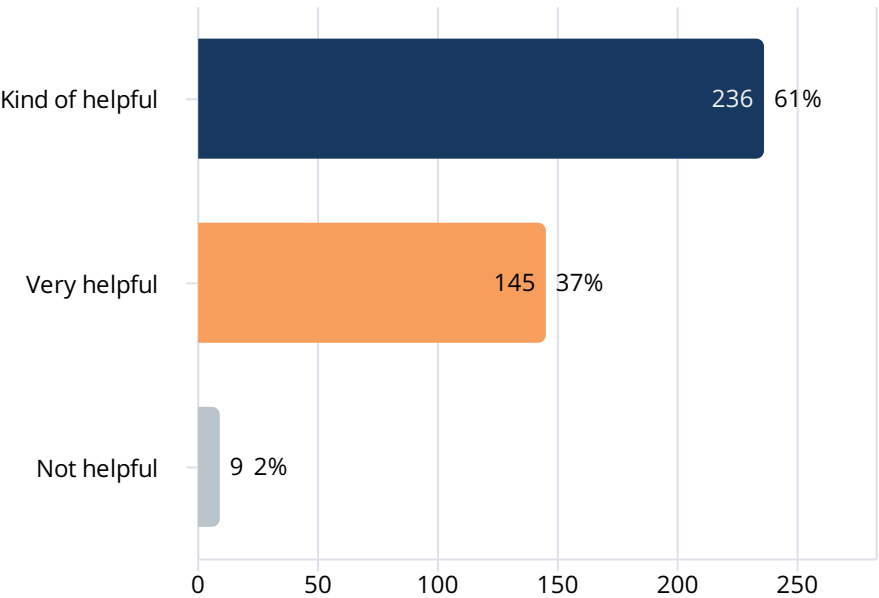
445 Responses- 38 Empty



Data	Response	%
Yes	353	79%
No	92	21%

25.1. If you answered YES, how helpful was the guide?

390 Responses- 93 Empty



Data	Response	%
Kind of helpful	236	61%
Very helpful	145	37%
Not helpful	9	2%

26. Which issues will you talk with your elected officials about in 2023? (Select all that apply.)

447 Responses- 36 Empty



Data	Response	%
Education	30	7%
Home & Community-Based Services Waiver Waiting List	20	4%
Employment	19	4%
Direct Care Workforce, Education, Employment, Home & Community-Based Services Waiver Waiting List	16	4%
Medicaid Funding	13	3%
Other entries	349	78%

27. How can we help you become a better and more effective advocate for change?

111 Responses- 372 Empty

Data
All useful
How do you reach out to voters, how do you persuade Bill to get involved, how do you encourage others to get involved
I would like to see a Break- out session / info. about the IABLE program, Possibly @ Make Your Mark 2023 / 2024 ?
No comment here.
Encourage the governor and legislators to read the annual report they get from the Iowa Autism Council!
Being there to support me and to provide me the resources to take to my local community to advocate and make change
You do a fine job. Please watch DHS and the welfare of the residents in our Hospital schools.
Continue to offer the quality resources you have available.
Going to a christian college in 2023 to improve spiritually so that I am confidant in being social to new people and to be a leader while advocating for my self and in my community.
No, it's perfect.
Set up a public service telephone

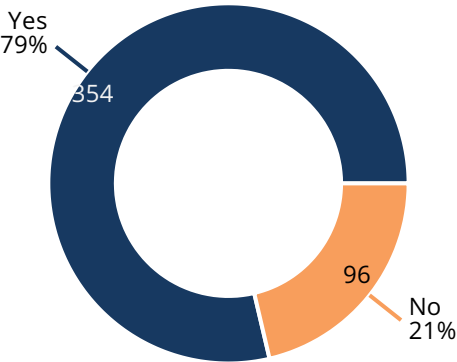
28. How can we change or improve the Iowa DD Council resources?

89 Responses- 394 Empty

Data
All useful
How do you connect with voters, how do you persuade Bill to participate, how do you encourage others to participate in local development, how do you put all these resources together into a resource pool
not sure
Develop strong advocates and leaders for change
Not sure
No comment here.
Like I said just being a support to people like me who go out into there communities and advocate for people with disabilities
Having more zoom meetings/webinars, advocating in the community by being involved with movie theaters, libraries, going to school events and involving mental health and to improve it in your county. being a leader while standing up for why being special is important rather than being negative about any disability you might have.
I wonder if there is any way to reduce the number of email messages.
More available resources should be integrated to create a better environment.

29. The #LookingForward vaccine toolkit was created to help individuals better understand COVID-19 and to provide education for protecting oneself and those in the community. Have you viewed or utilized the vaccine toolkit?

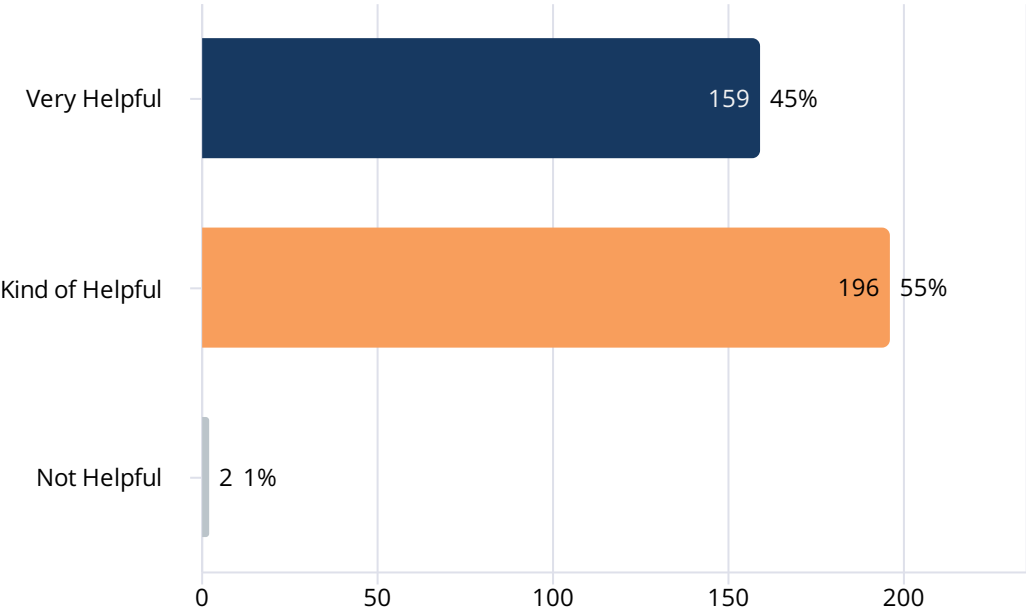
450 Responses- 33 Empty



Data	Response	%
Yes	354	79%
No	96	21%

29.1. If you answered YES, how helpful was the vaccine toolkit?

357 Responses- 126 Empty



Data	Response	%
Very Helpful	159	45%
Kind of Helpful	196	55%
Not Helpful	2	1%

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Preparation, Participation, Power

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