

MCJRP Mentoring Study

Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Study

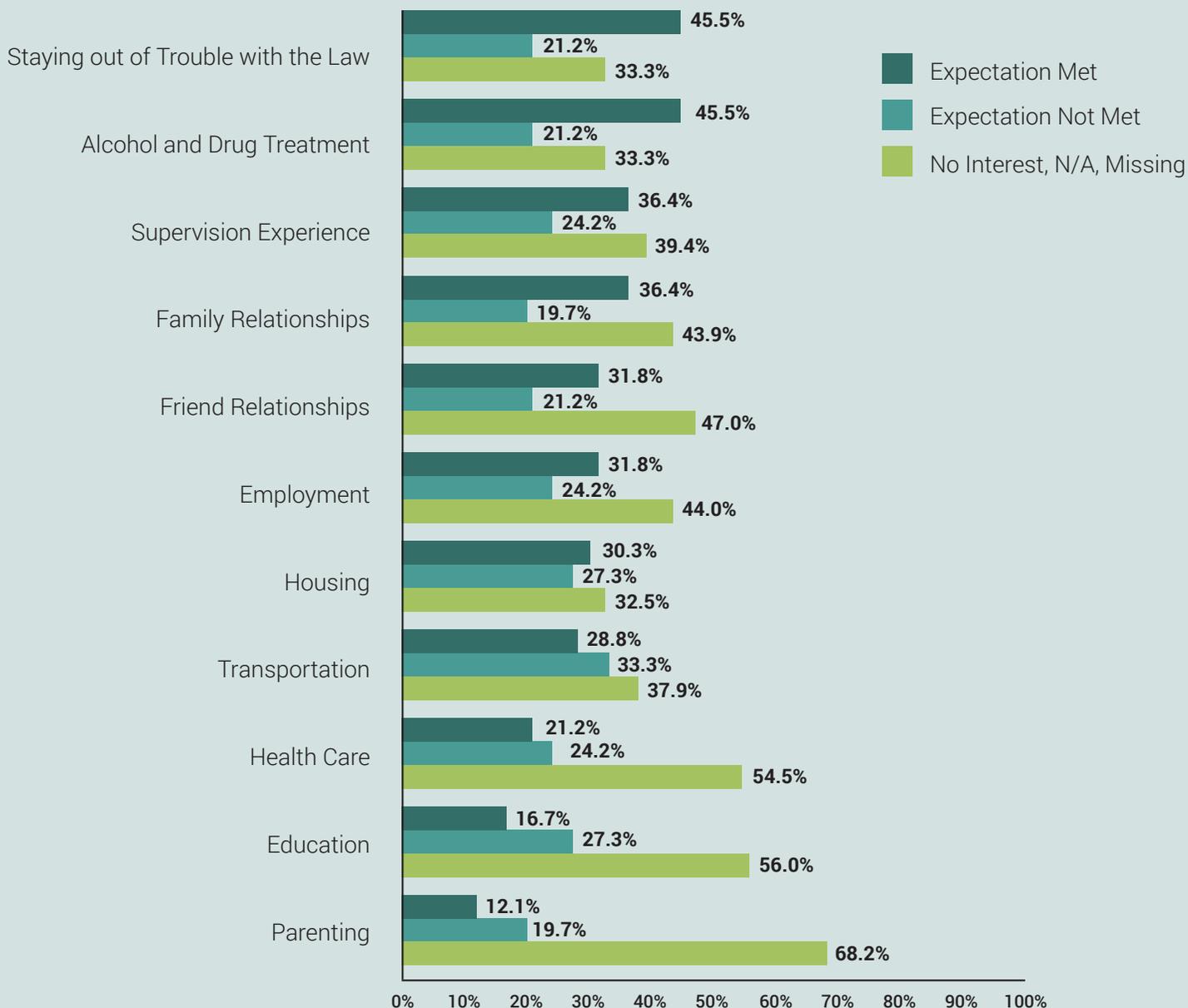


Study Enrollment Period – February 2017 – February 2019 | N = 205 individuals who enrolled in the MCJRP Mentoring Study

Research Question 3: Were Expectations for Mentoring Services Met and What Criminal Justice Outcomes did Their Satisfaction Influence?

To better understand the impact of mentoring services, analyses were conducted for the 66 individuals who were referred to a mentor and completed the post-mentor questionnaire. The first analysis looked at the proportion of individuals whose expectations for the mentoring relationship were met, relative to those whose expectations were not met and those for whom a topic was either of interest or applicable (or data were missing). As can be seen in the figure below, expectations were most often met related to Staying Out of Trouble with the Law and Alcohol & Drug Treatment.

Areas of Focus with Mentor. Expectations Met or Unmet (n=66)



The second analysis looked at a series of post-mentor questionnaire items that depict the individuals' satisfaction with mentoring. As presented in the table below, many of the participants either Agree or Strongly Agree with all of the satisfaction-related questionnaire items. For example, 65.2% reported that their overall experience with their mentor was positive, 65.1% reported that their mentor was a good fit for them, and 63.6% reported that it was easy to talk with their mentor.

Satisfaction with Mentoring (n=66) <i>(Presented in descending order by the sum of Agree and Strongly Agree)</i>		Count	%
Overall, my experience with my mentor was positive.	Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
	Disagree	0	0.0%
	Neither Disagree nor Agree	4	6.1%
	Agree	24	36.4%
	Strongly Agree	19	28.8%
	Missing	19	28.8%
The mentor(s) I worked with was a good fit.	Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
	Disagree	0	0.0%
	Neither Disagree nor Agree	5	7.6%
	Agree	23	34.8%
	Strongly Agree	20	30.3%
	Missing	18	27.3%
It was easy to talk with my mentor.	Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
	Disagree	2	3.0%
	Neither Disagree nor Agree	3	4.5%
	Agree	26	39.4%
	Strongly Agree	16	24.2%
	Missing	19	28.8%
My time with my mentor was valuable.	Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
	Disagree	2	3.0%
	Neither Disagree nor Agree	7	10.6%
	Agree	24	36.4%
	Strongly Agree	15	22.7%
	Missing	18	27.3%

Satisfaction with Mentoring (n=66) <i>(Presented in descending order by the sum of Agree and Strongly Agree)</i>		Count	%
I would recommend mentoring for other community supervision clients.	Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
	Disagree	0	0.0%
	Neither Disagree nor Agree	9	13.6%
	Agree	20	30.3%
	Strongly Agree	18	27.3%
	Missing	19	28.8%
I trust my mentor.	Strongly Disagree	1	1.5%
	Disagree	2	3.0%
	Neither Disagree nor Agree	8	12.1%
	Agree	23	34.8%
	Strongly Agree	14	21.2%
	Missing	18	27.3%
I feel like I'm doing better with my supervision than I was before I started working with my mentor.	Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
	Disagree	1	1.5%
	Neither Disagree nor Agree	15	22.7%
	Agree	16	24.2%
	Strongly Agree	17	25.8%
	Missing	17	25.8%
I will likely maintain my relationship with my mentor after my supervision has completed.	Strongly Disagree	1	1.5%
	Disagree	5	7.6%
	Neither Disagree nor Agree	9	13.6%
	Agree	19	28.8%
	Strongly Agree	14	21.2%
	Missing	18	27.3%
I developed a strong connection with my mentor.	Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
	Disagree	5	7.6%
	Neither Disagree nor Agree	12	18.2%
	Agree	24	36.4%
	Strongly Agree	7	10.6%
	Missing	18	27.3%

The third analysis looked at the relationship between selected client ratings of satisfaction with the mentor relationship and criminal justice outcomes. To do this, the 5-point agreement scale was dichotomized into Strongly Disagree, Disagree and Neutral versus Agree and Strongly Agree. Due to the small sample sizes involved in these analyses, the findings should be interpreted with caution. The satisfaction items included (a) *I developed a strong connection with my mentor*, (b) *My time with my mentor was valuable*, (c) *I trust my mentor*, and (d) *I will likely maintain my relationship with my mentor after supervision has completed*. Although most of the relationships did not approach statistical significance, the four relationships listed in the table below either reached or nearly reached the conventional level of significance. The data show that the likelihood of an individual absconding may be reduced by a valuable and trust-based mentor relationship. Establishing trust with a mentor may also be associated with success on supervision.

Criminal Justice Outcomes (n=48)		Strongly Disagree, Disagree or Neutral		Agree or Strongly Agree		Statistically Significant Difference
		Count	%	Count	%	
<i>My time with my mentor was valuable.</i>						
Abscond from Probation Supervision	No	4	44.4%	32	82.1%	$\chi^2=5.516(1)$ $p<.05$
	Yes	5	55.6%	7	17.9%	
<i>I trust my mentor.</i>						
Successful Supervision Status	No	0	0.0%	10	27.0%	$\chi^2=3.755(1)$ $p=.053$
	Yes	11	100.0%	27	73.0%	
Abscond from Probation Supervision	No	5	45.5%	31	83.8%	$\chi^2=6.644(1)$ $p<.05$
	Yes	6	54.5%	6	16.2%	
<i>I will likely maintain my relationship with my mentor after supervision has completed.</i>						
Abscond from Probation Supervision	No	9	60.0%	27	81.8%	$\chi^2=2.618(1)$ $p=.11$
	Yes	6	40.0%	6	18.2%	