

Addressing Preventative Healthcare in the Criminal Justice System

Attitudes and Perceptions in California State Correctional Facilities

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Background

The risks of acquiring a viral STI 5X greater than in the free population

- Prevalence of HIV positive individuals was once recorded to be 51.2% in US Federal prisons 1991
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Total CF Population	HIV Infections in Total Population Ever in CF During the Year	HIV Infections in Total US Population
10,676,027	187,274	1,106,400
9,519,692	161,835	828,000

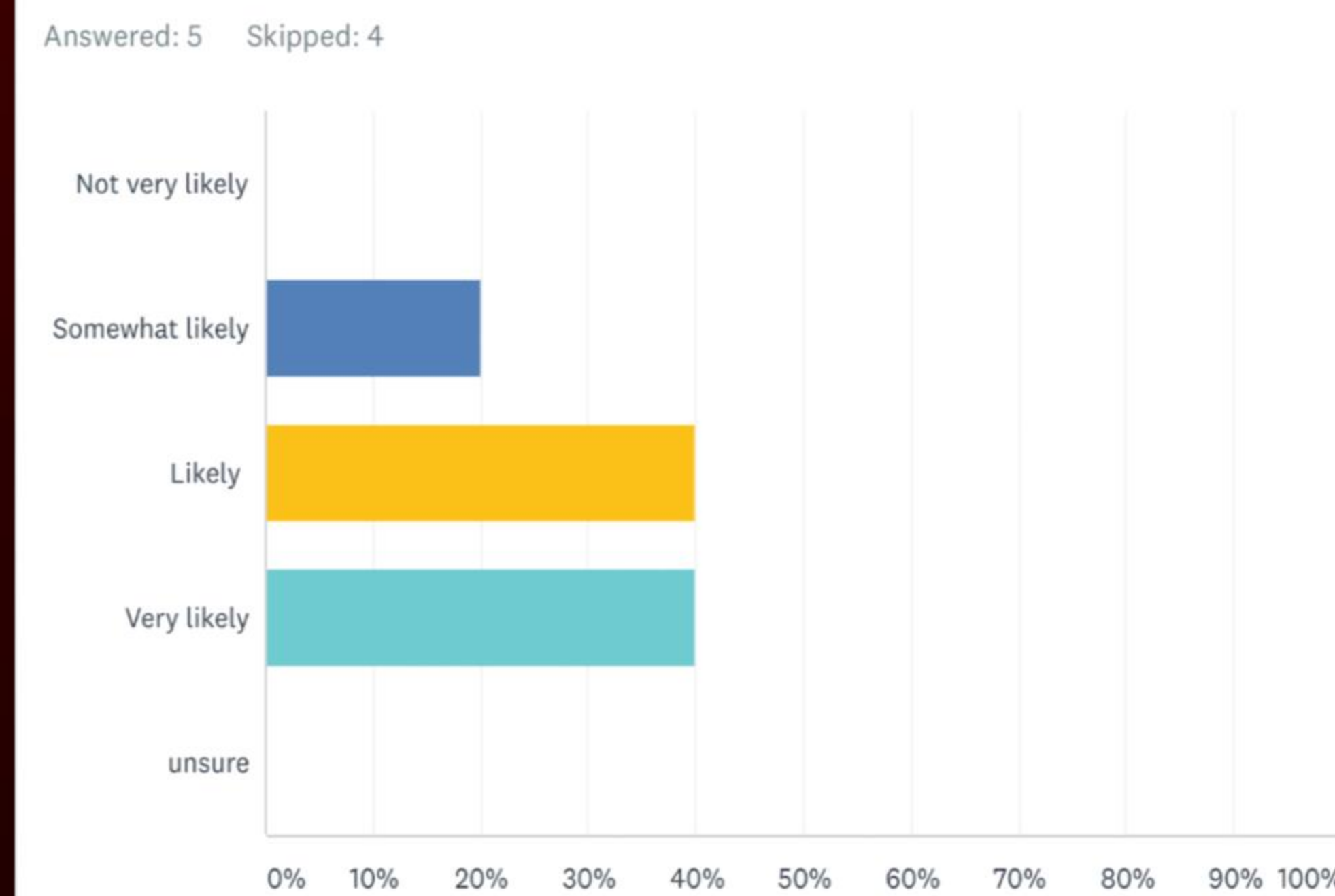
Anne Spaulding, HIV among inmates. PLOS ONE 2009

Objective

To determine whether preventative interventions in California correctional facilities minimize STI transmission; and if formerly incarcerated inmates believe more intervention are needed

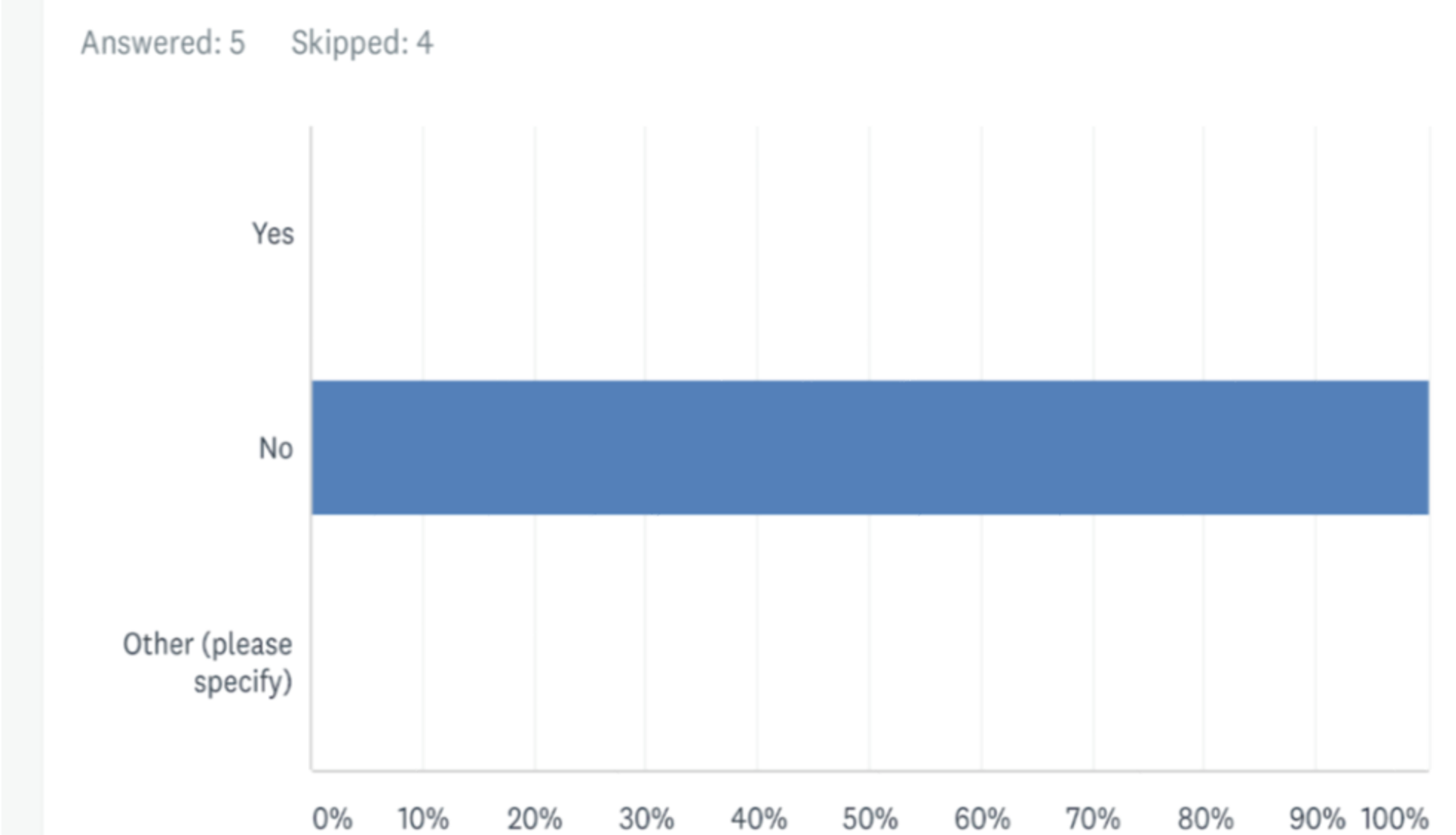
Results

What do you believe to be the possibility of acquiring a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI/STD) in prison?



- 80% feel it is very important to have programs aimed at STI prevention
- 60% believe negative attitudes toward HIV/ STI's can be minimized by increasing staff training and education
- 80% agree that there needs to be a drastic improvement in STI preventative care

Were you offered any programs in your facility that educated you on how to apply for medical insurance so you could secure healthcare outside of prison?



Methodology

Setting & Participants

- Surveyed 9 anonymous former inmates of California
- All ethnic backgrounds and ages

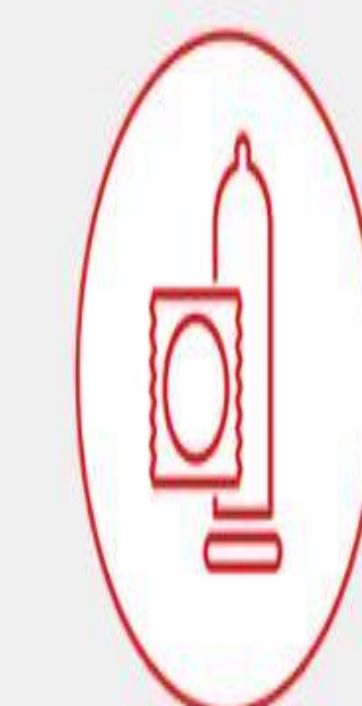
Data Collection

- Reports on perceptions and attitudes regarding HIV preventative care
- HIV preventive care includes access to clean needles, condoms, sexual-health education, and PrEP in prisons
- Reports on healthcare access and concerns

Policy Implication

The inclusion of more preventative methods could help decrease the transmission, morbidity, and overall cost of treatment for STIs.

CONDOMS



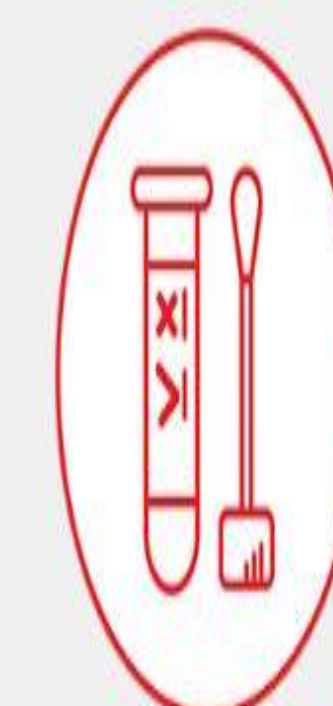
Condoms are highly effective at preventing both HIV and other STDs.

PrEP



Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) can greatly reduce your risk of HIV.

HIV TESTING



Knowing your HIV status helps you choose options to stay healthy.

TREATMENT



HIV Treatment keeps you healthy and protects others.

Conclusion

- There is a possibility of acquiring STI within prison
- Change is needed staff training and preventive measures for HIV
- Preventive interventions are necessary for HIV care and transmission in prison includes post-release programs

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