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# EVALUATING READINESS TO IMPLEMENT A SHARED RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS APPROACH IN ALASKA

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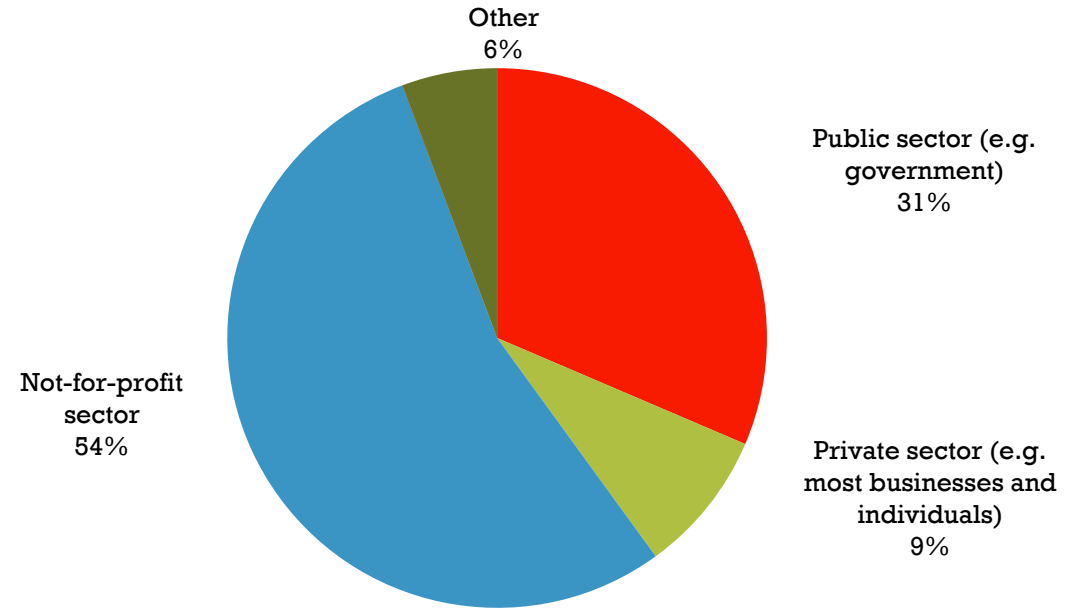
This evaluation  
aims to answer  
the following  
questions

1. How well do partners in Alaska working in primary prevention understand shared risk and protective factors?
  - What are the attitudes and beliefs towards using shared risk and protective factors approaches to primary prevention?
2. What is needed to move forward with a shared risk and protective factors approach within Alaska?
  - Which sectors are engaged in SRPF work and which sectors are missing from the conversation?
  - What is the language surrounding SRPFs work in Alaska currently?
  - What barriers or misconceptions remain to implementing SRPF activities in Alaska?
  - What resources are available to support SRPF activities?

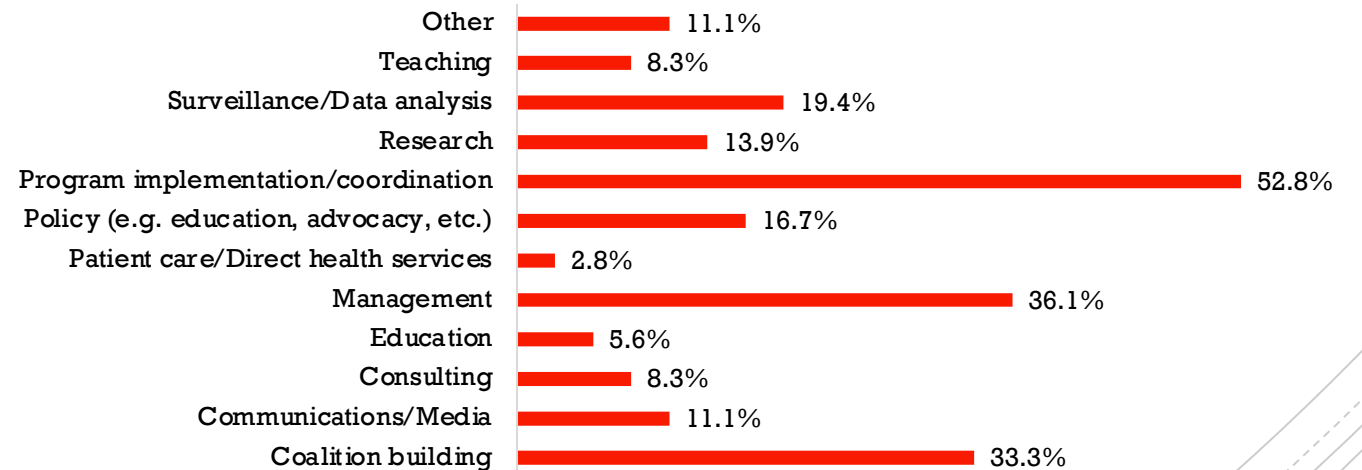
## DEMOGRAPHICS

- 35 individuals surveyed
- 15 individuals interviewed
- Majority located in Anchorage, AK
- 49% indicated they had been working in their field for more than 10 years
- 52% identified their specific role as “management”
- 32% identified their specific role as “program staff”

## ORGANIZATION SECTOR DISTRIBUTION



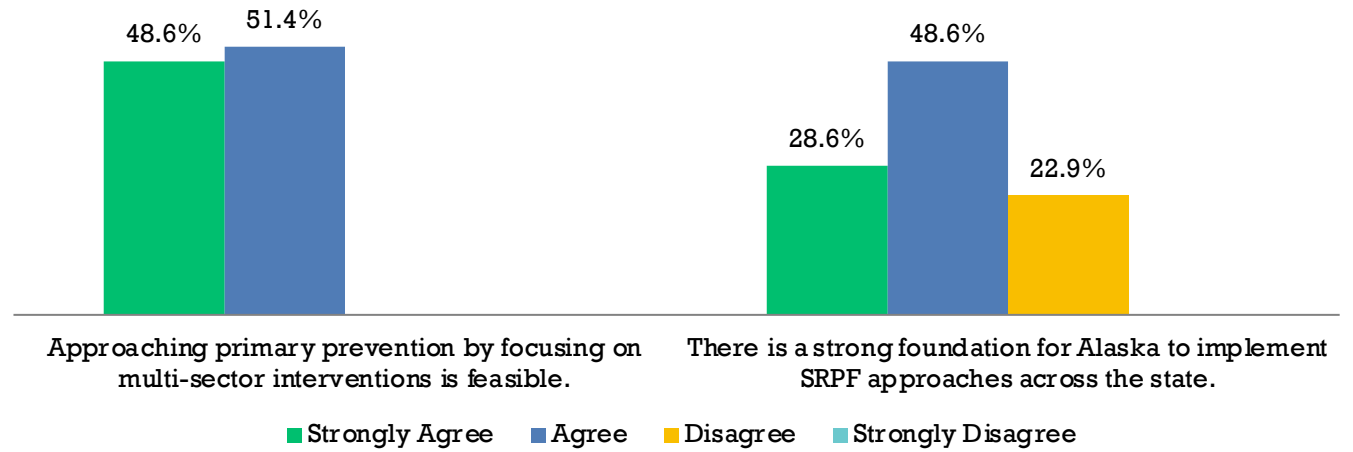
## CURRENT JOB PROFESSIONAL ROLE



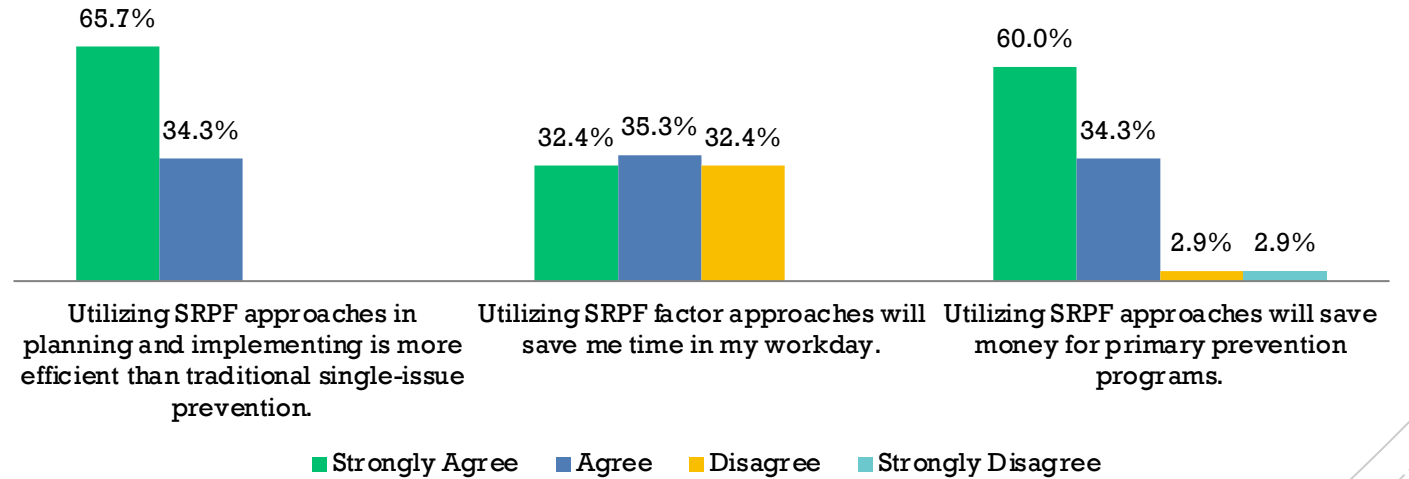
## Attitudes

*"I think everyone would agree that we all understand the need of aligning work around shared risk and protective factors."*

### ATTITUDES AND BELIEFS FEASIBILITY OF SRPF APPROACH FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION



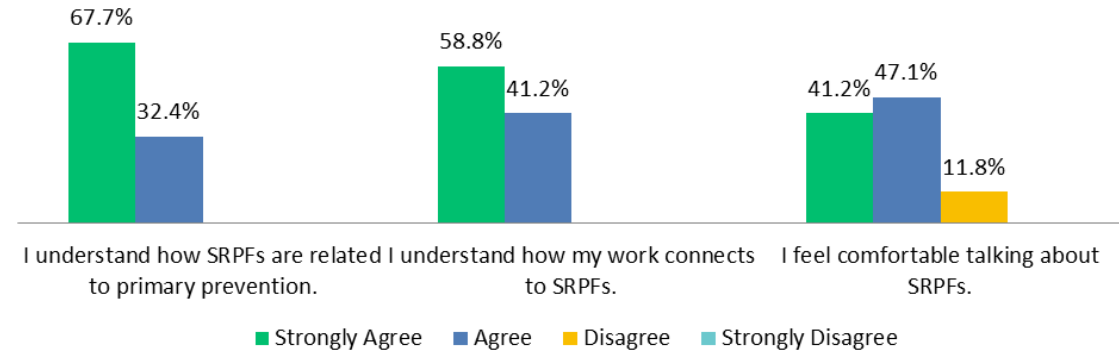
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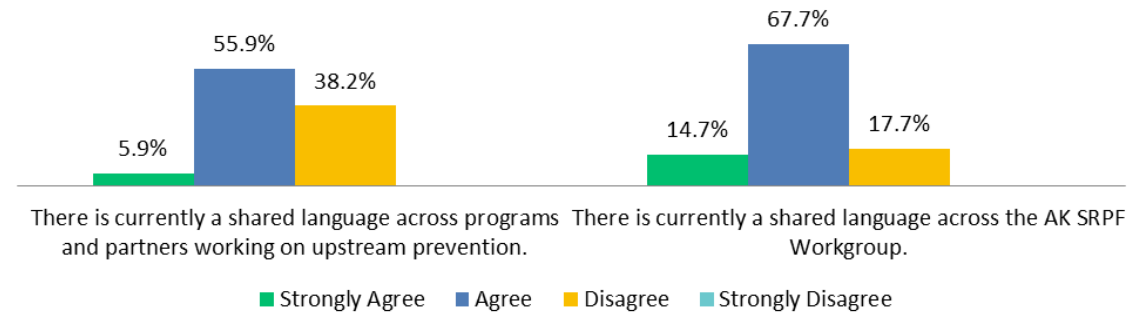
## Language

*"I have found that you can use the word, protective factors, assets, youth development, resiliency, and sometimes you're talking about the same thing. It just depends on who your audience is."*

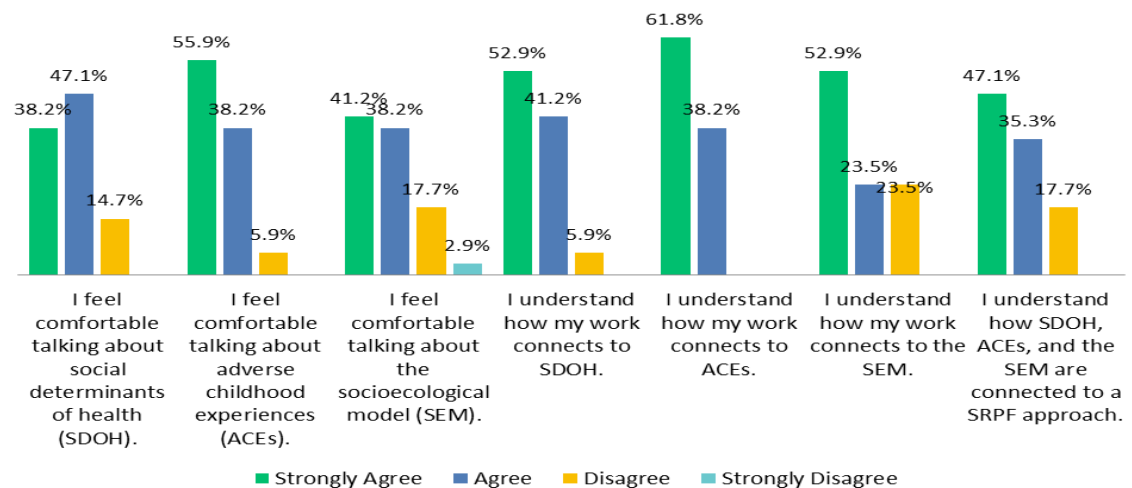
### COMFORT WITH SRPF APPROACHES



### ATTITUDES AND BELIEFS NEED FOR SHARED LANGUAGE



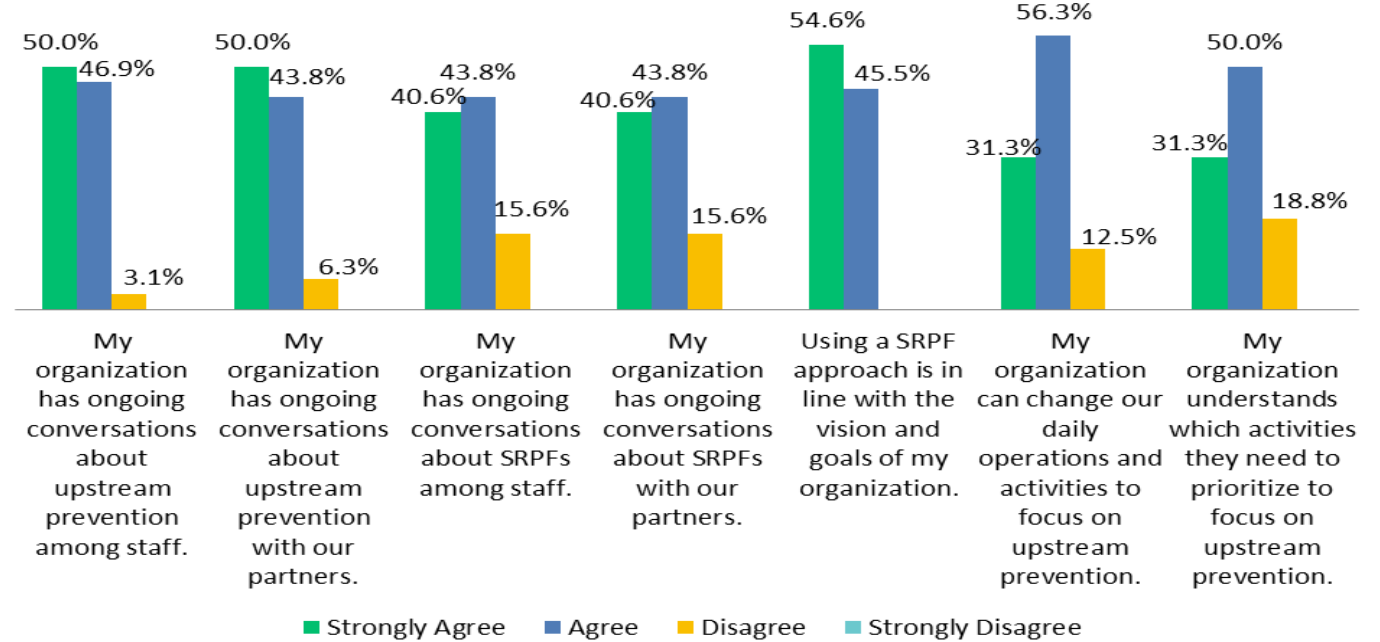
### COMFORT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH FRAMEWORKS AND THEIR CONNECTIONS



## Current SRPF Landscape

*"I think anybody working in prevention who's been doing it for more than five years will tell you that prevention is the long game, it's generational work."*

### ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND READINESS



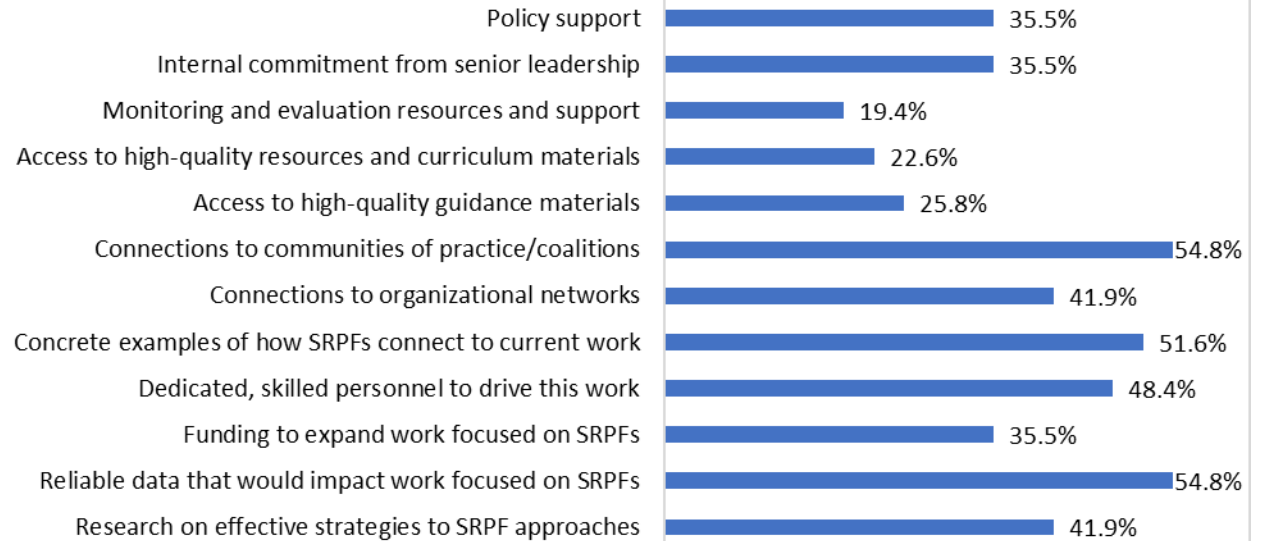
### FACTORS INFLUENCING WORK ON ROOT CAUSES OF POPULATION HEALTH ISSUES



## Resources

*"I am not afraid of redundancy. Some things need to duplicate, you know, there are some conversations, some talking points, some messaging, some priority issue areas that need to be addressed in multiple ways. It's not like I never want us ever doing the same thing, but I think if we're not doing it intentionally, that's what's going to confuse people."*

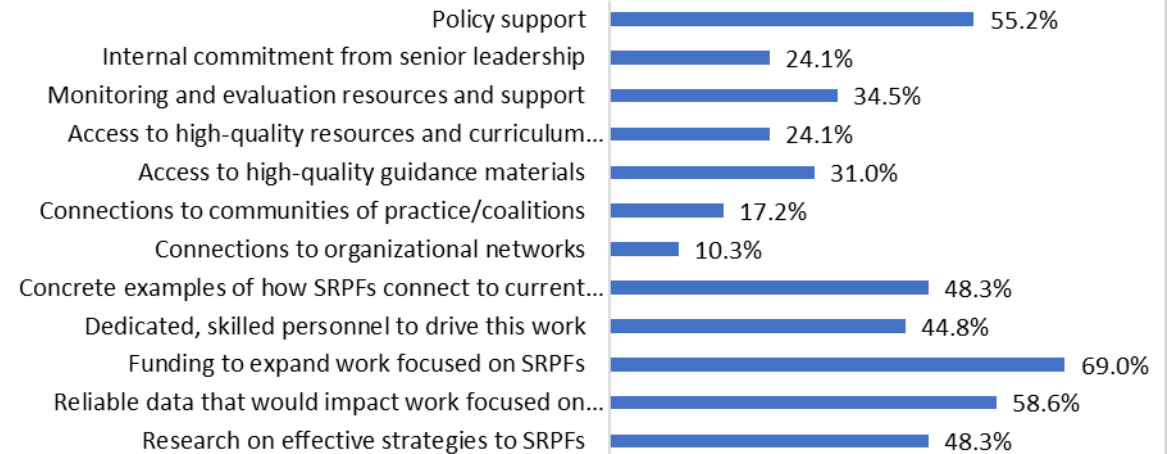
### RESOURCES ORGANIZATION CAN PROVIDE TO BUILD OUT SRPF APPROACHES IN ALASKA



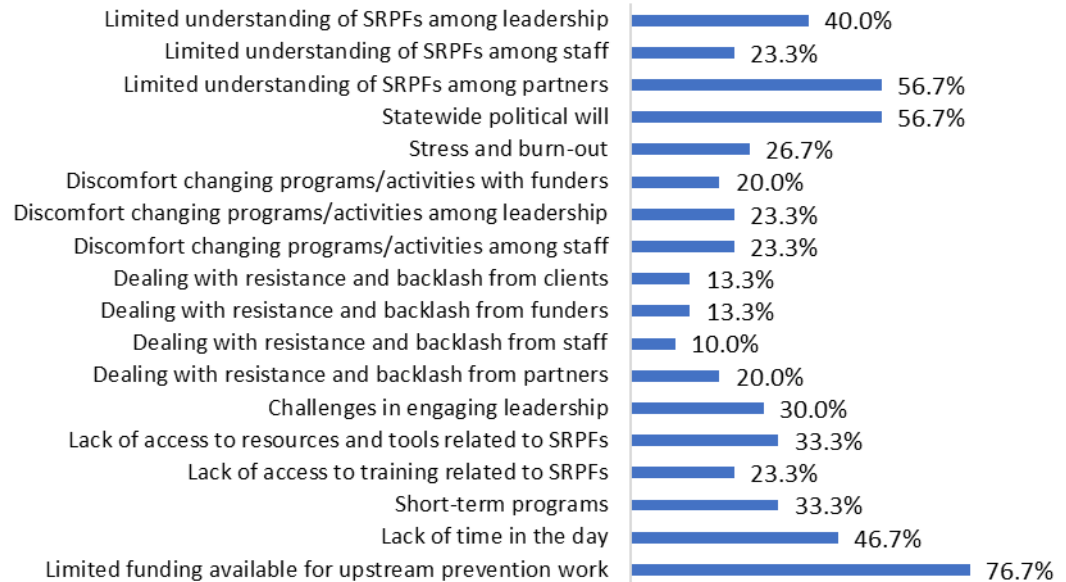
## Barriers

*“There have been very limited state and federal dollars available to support primary prevention programming, especially policy and practices at the outer layers of the SEM.”*

### RESOURCES NEEDED TO ENALBE WORK ON SRPFS



### TENSIONS AND DIFFICULTIES IN EXPANDING SRPF WORK

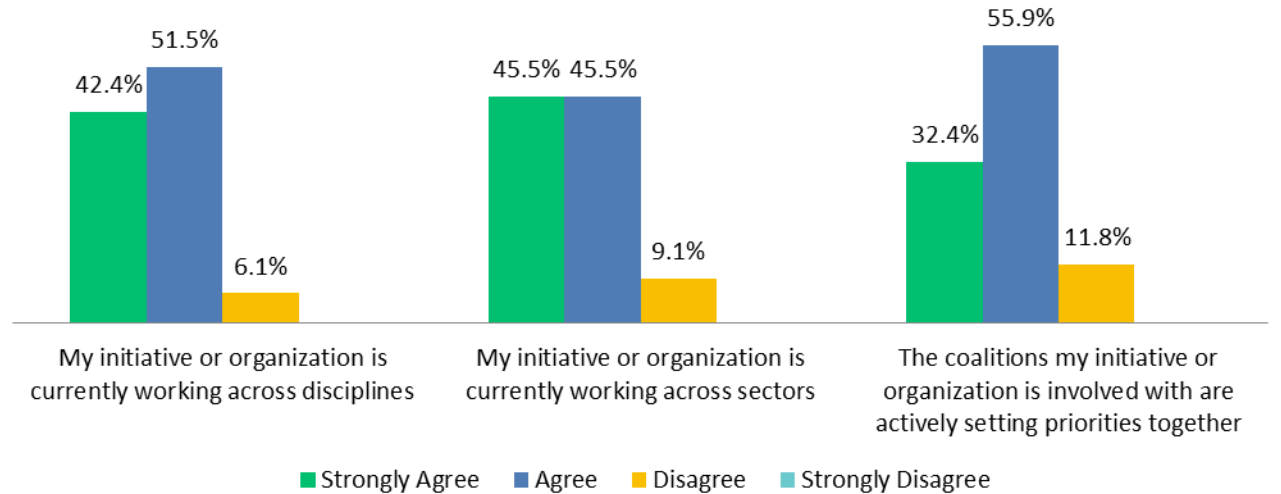




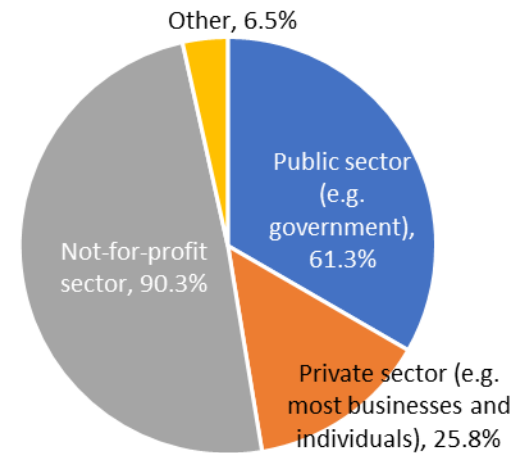
## Community of Practice

*"I see this community of practice being a place to connect and collaborate. A place to share our work with each other, where we have thoughtfully used the SRPF lens to plan and implement activities or funding. I see it as a place to connect and collaborate and share. But, it may need to be more tangible."*

### WORK ACROSS DISCIPLINES AND SECTORS



### SECTOR ENGAGED WITH TO SUPPORT SRPF WORK



## Some things to consider as you move forward...

- **Intentionality of work – prioritizing the role of the SRPF workgroup both internally and externally**
  - Taking time to prioritize outcomes for SRPFs in AK
- **Trainings that specifically look at:**
  - What a state-wide SRPF approach looks like at operational levels
  - How to evaluate SRPF approaches
  - How other states are doing this work
  - Examining funding opportunities in AK for this work
  - Aligning research opportunities to expand Alaska's SRPF resources
- **Development of talking points about SRPF research that is “digestible” and easy to understand from a “non-public health” viewpoint**
- **Think about ways to expand the conversation to those that aren't at the table**