

Perceived Confidence from Participation in the Connecticut LEND Program

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Background

- ▶ The Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities program LEND
 - ▶ Graduate level program
 - ▶ Interdisciplinary training
- ▶ The goal is to improve the health and care of all individuals with disabilities by preparing and training professionals.

Purpose



- ▶ This study aims to address the following research questions of if students who participate in a LEND program perceive themselves as confident, working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- ▶ Results from this research will show how LEND programs improve professional's knowledge and therefore confidence
- ▶ Determines the training that would be the most beneficial to professionals working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Methods

▶ Sample

- ▶ CT LEND graduates from the past 10 years
- ▶ Over age 18
- ▶ All disciplines

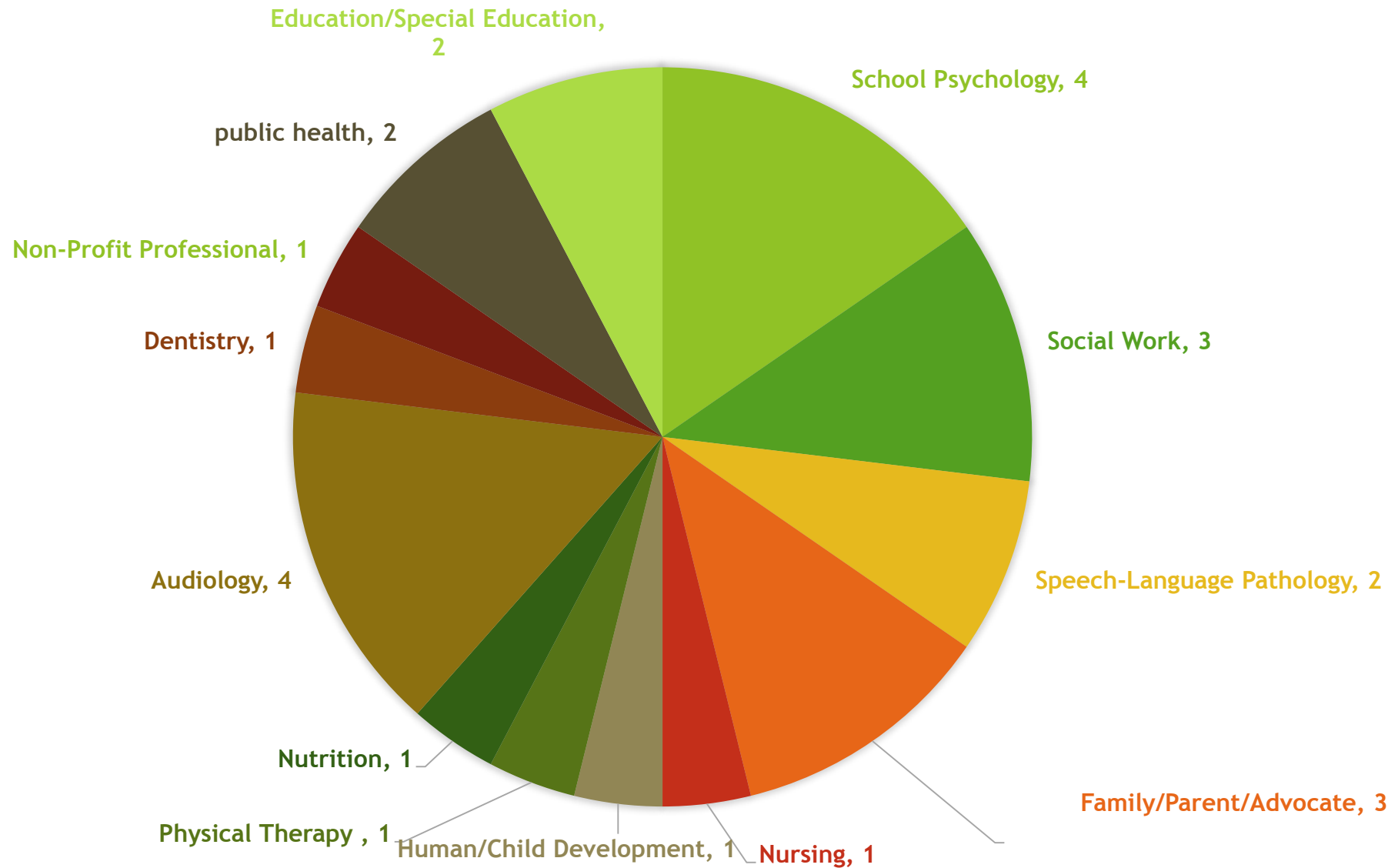
▶ Measures

- ▶ Online survey
- ▶ Eight items asking about confidence in specific topic areas, e.g. family centered practices

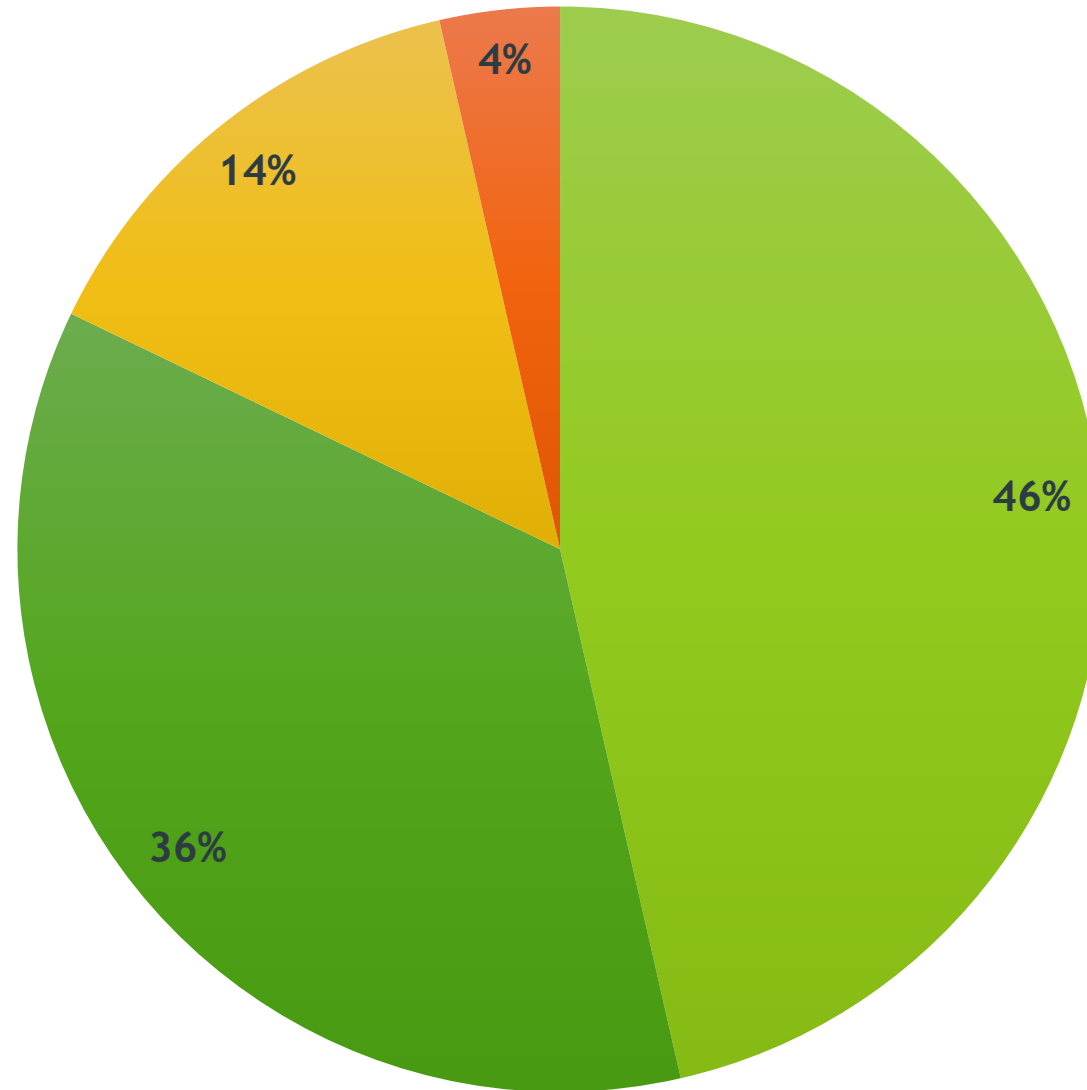
▶ Analysis

- ▶ Descriptive statistics: frequency of responses

DISCIPLINES



How comfortable do you feel working with individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities?



■ Extremely Comfortable

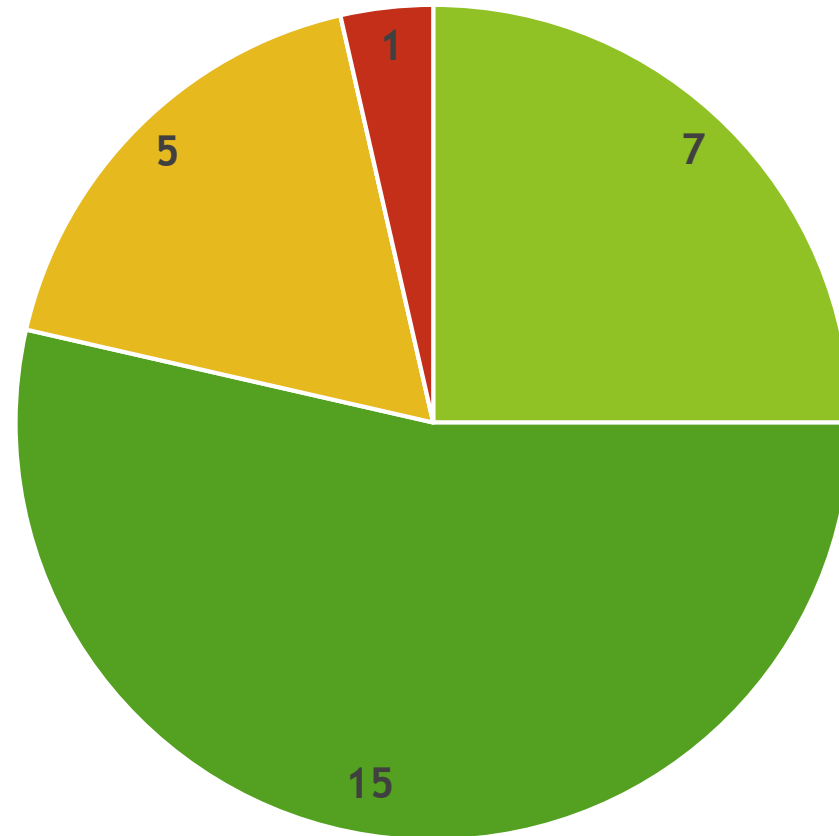
■ Very Comfortable

■ Moderately Confident

■ Slightly Comfortable

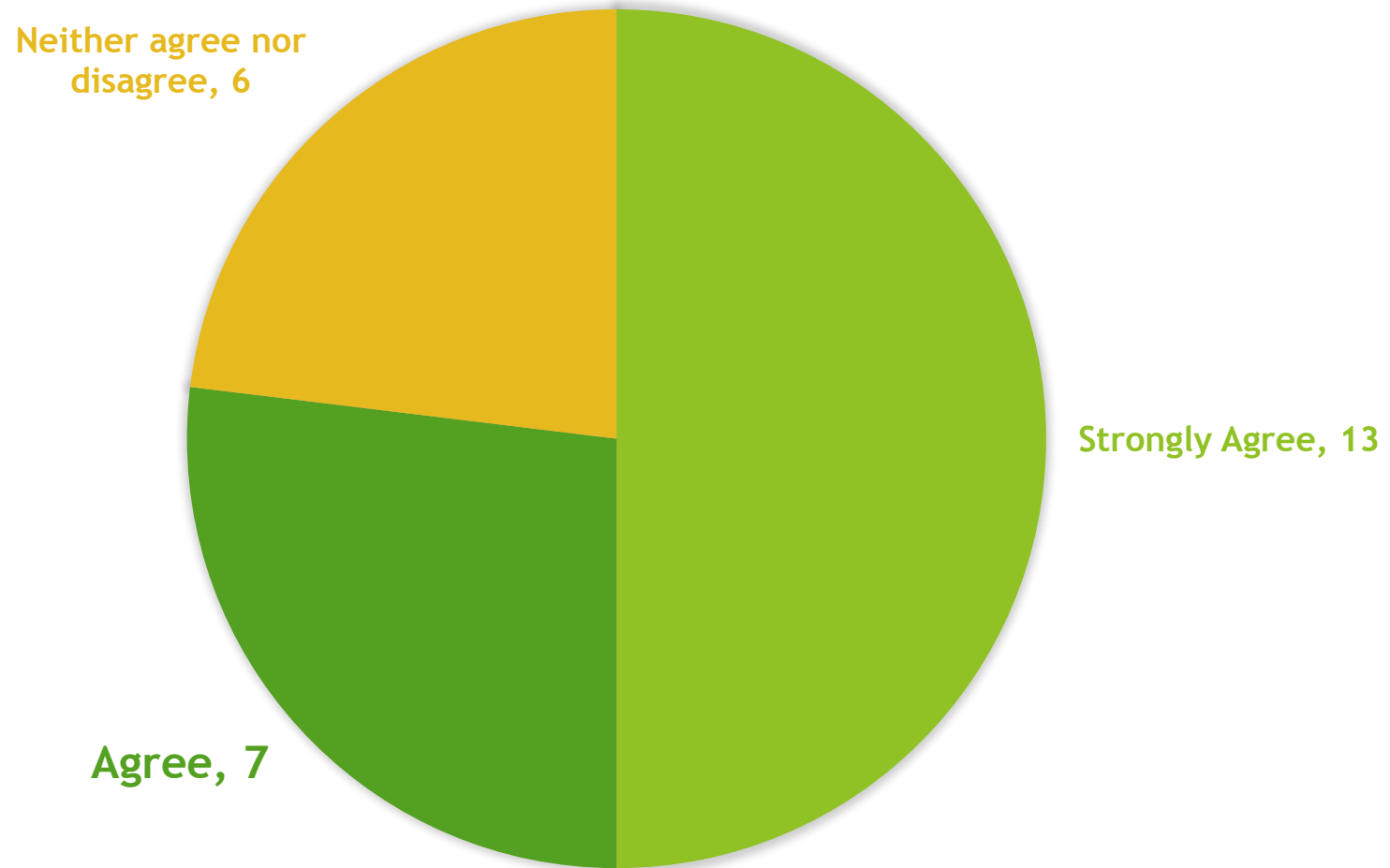
■ Not at all Confident

How confident do you feel working on interdisciplinary teams?



■ Extremely confident ■ Very confident ■ Moderately confident ■ Slightly comfortable ■ Not at all confident

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THAT ARE CULTURALLY COMPETENT.

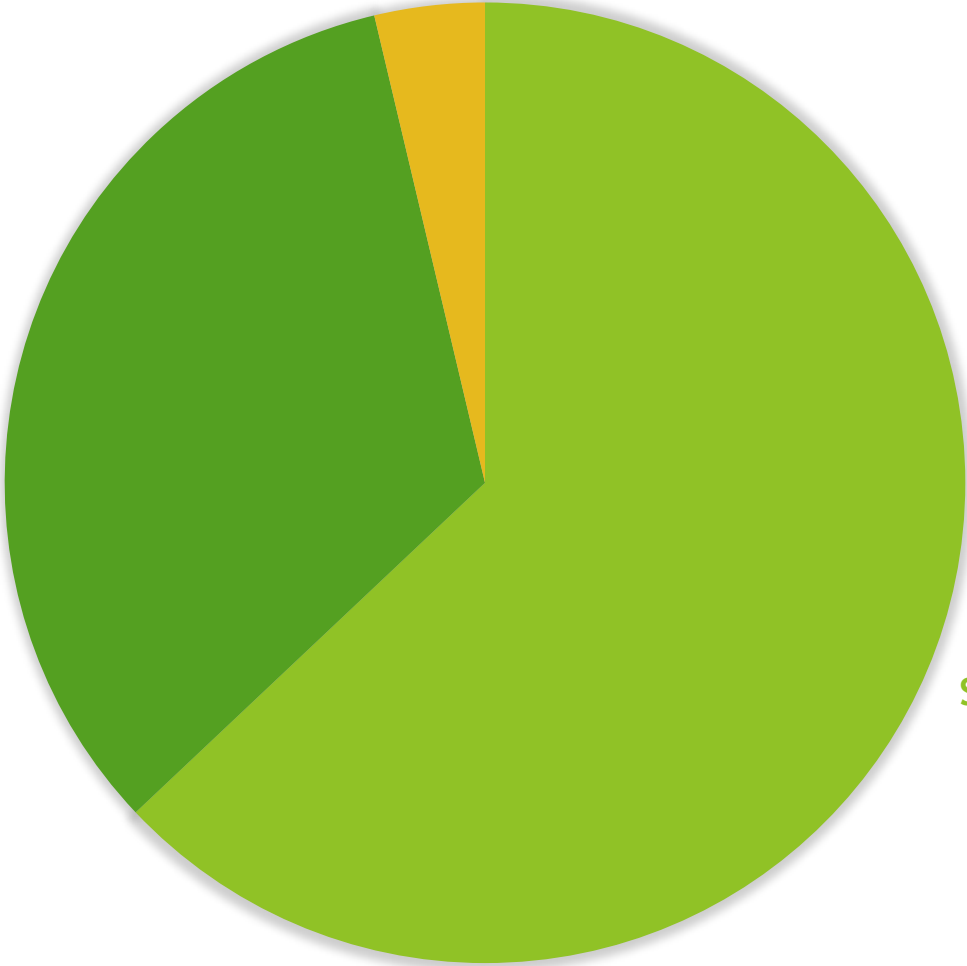


LEND HELPED PREPARE ME TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT ARE FAMILY-CENTERED.

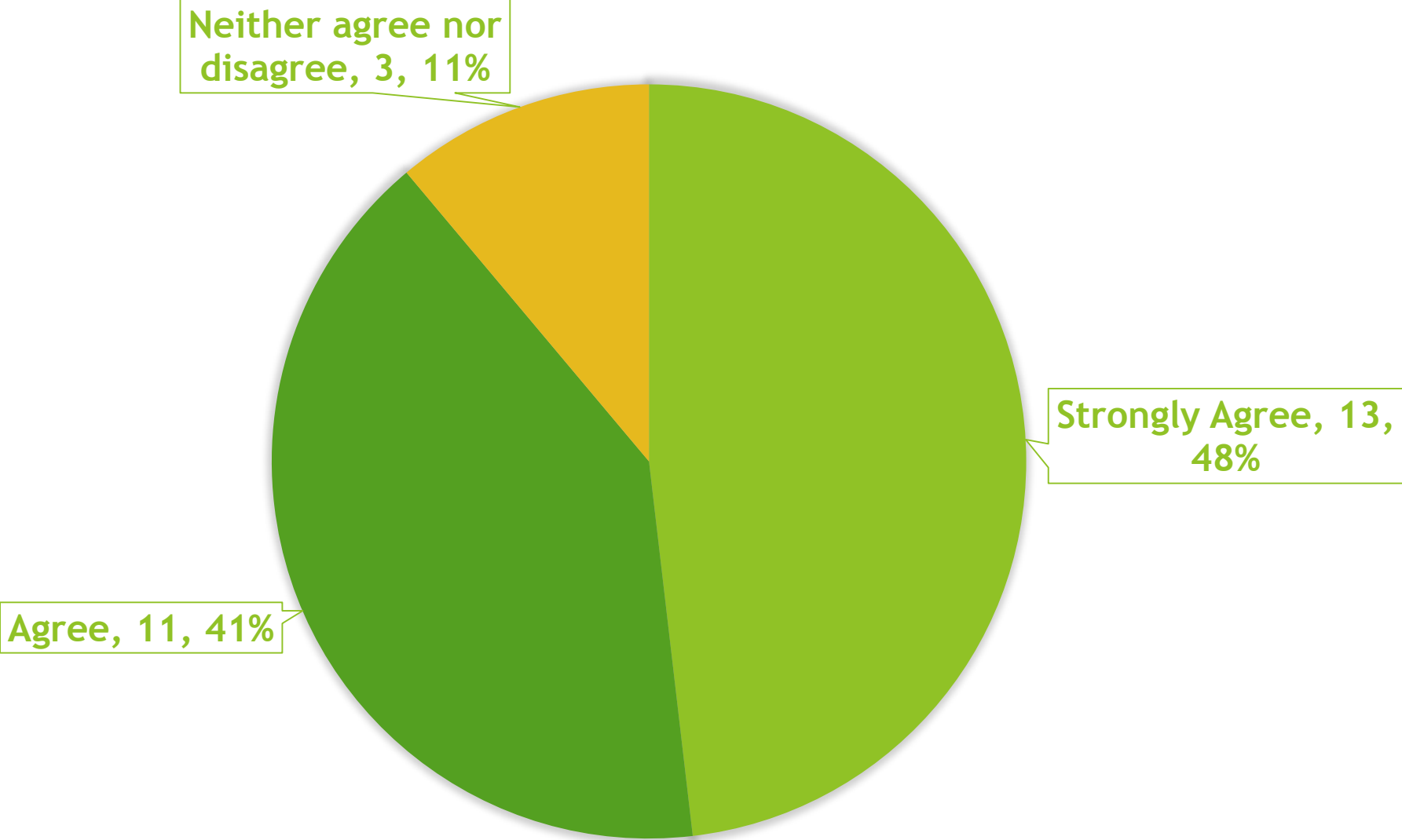
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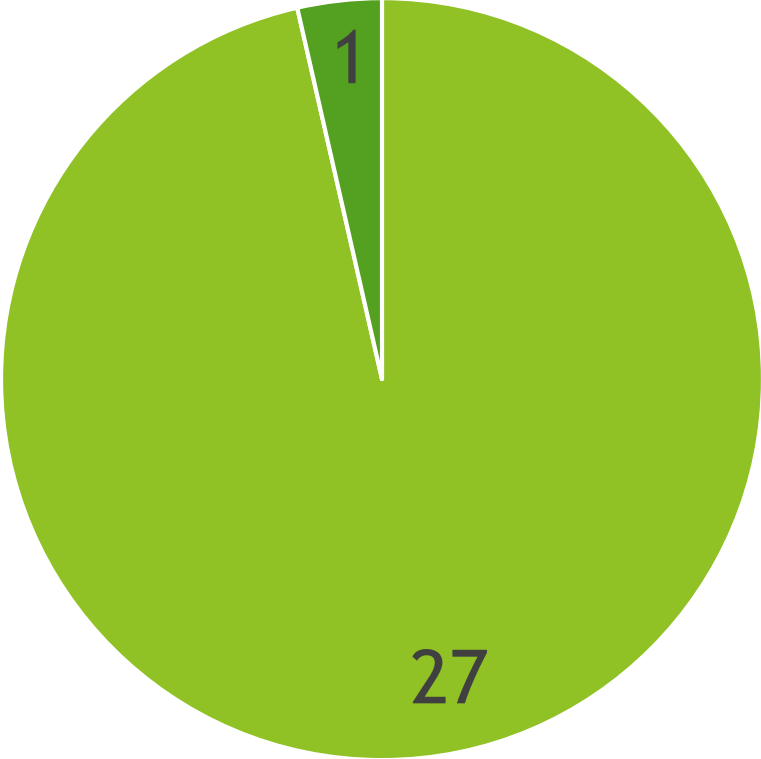
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LEND HELPED PREPARE ME TO WORK EFFECTIVELY ON INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS.

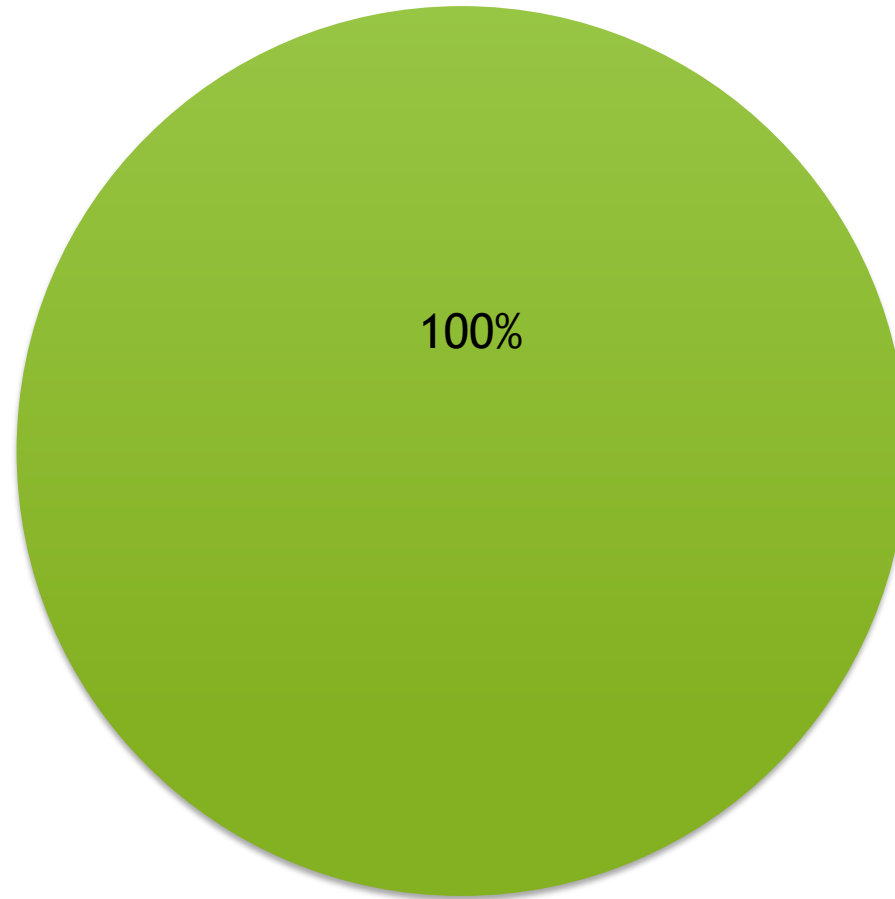


Overall, do you feel that the LEND program provided you with experience/training in interdisciplinary work with individuals with disabilities that you would not have gotten in your graduate program?



■ Yes ■ N/A

Overall, do you feel that the LEND program resulted in increased confidence in working with individuals with disabilities?



■ Yes ■ No

Discussion

- ▶ In conclusion, the majority of professional who previously participate in a LEND program perceive themselves as confident, trained, and prepared to work with individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in their fields.

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QUESTIONS?