



# Changes in Substance Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic among IPV Survivors in a Shelter in a U.S. Southern State

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# Background

Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic



Increase in substance use in general population



*Increase of substance use among women who have experienced intimate partner violence?*



# Methods



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## Eligibility Criteria

- Female IPV survivors



## Recruitment & Data Collection Process



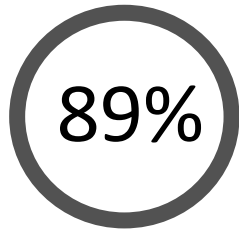
## Survey Measures

- Current substance use
- Any changes to substance use

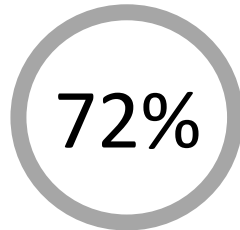
# Results

A total of **18** women completed the survey.\*

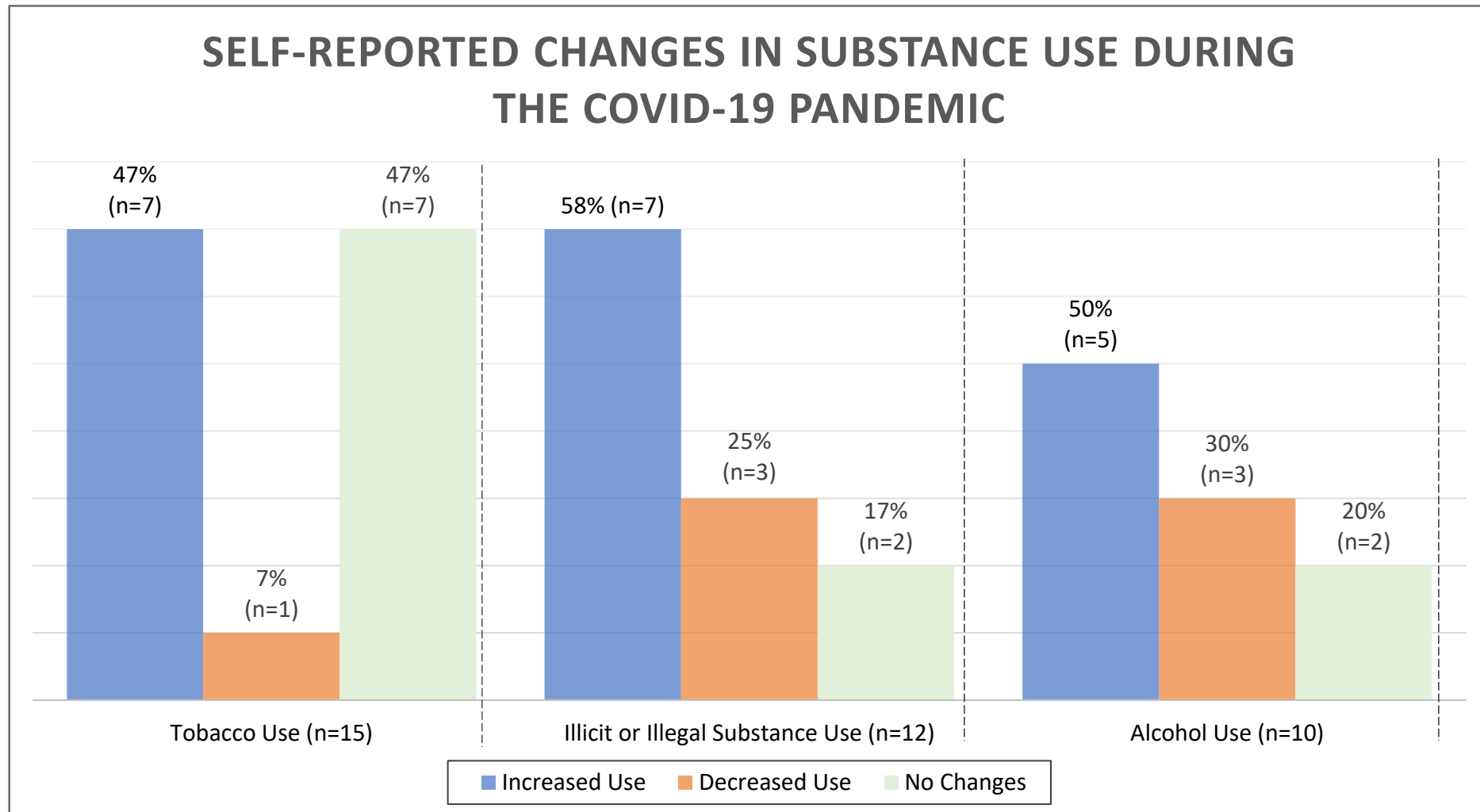
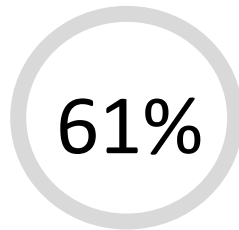
**Current tobacco use (n=16)**



**Current illicit or illegal substance use (n=13)**

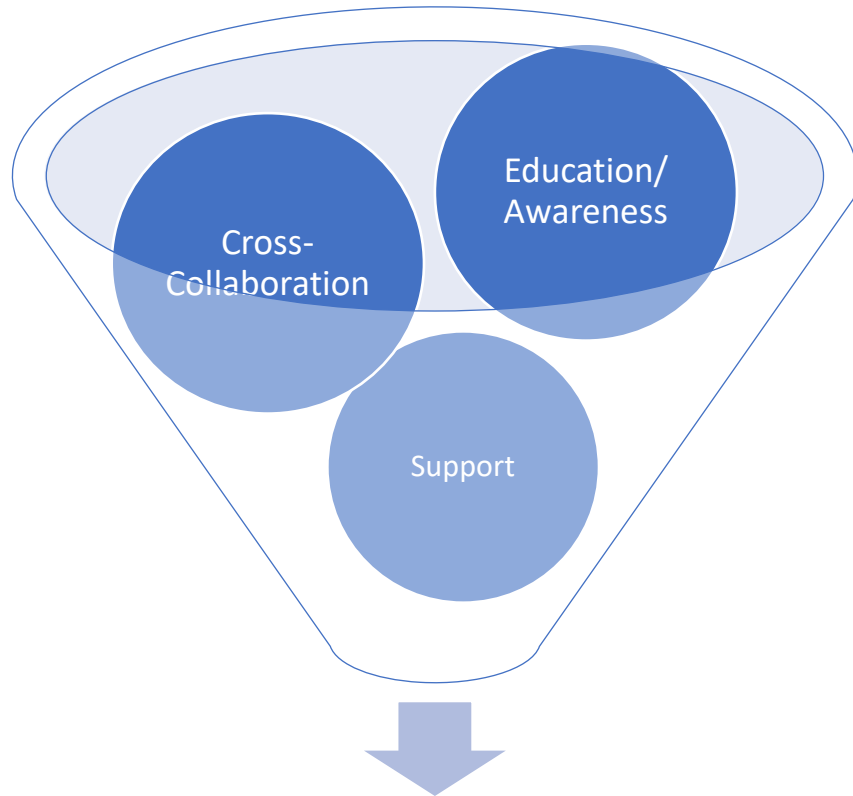


**Current alcohol use (n=11)**



\*One respondent selected “preferred not to answer” option on gender identity item, but case managers only recruited female identifying individuals to study.

# Conclusion



Intentional and trauma-informed services to address substance misuse among women residing in IPV shelters, especially during a pandemic.



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