

DFC DATA WORKGROUP MEETING

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SUBSTANCE USE READINESS ASSESSMENT

Purpose: to assess the community's willingness and awareness to take action regarding marijuana-related issues.

- Recruited 10 participants
- 6 interviews were completed in April by community partners/members
- Evie, Intern from MVGC completed the 30–60 minute interviews
- Participants received a \$20 Marathon Gas card

SUBSTANCE USE READINESS ASSESSMENT

Defiance Ranked Highest in Marijuana Knowledge Among Assessed Areas.

Knowledge of Issues 4.3

Leadership 4.2

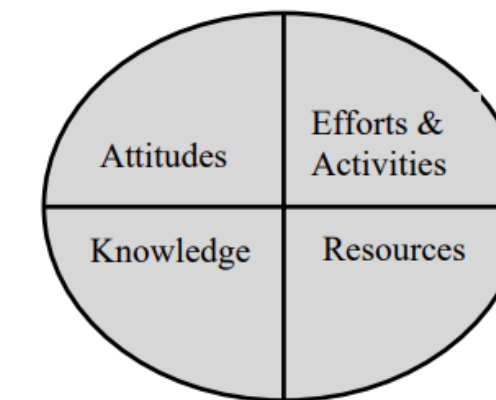
Community Climate 3.8

Knowledge of efforts 3.8

Resources 3.2

The Community Readiness Model (CRM)

Measures



of

Community
Members

+

Leadership

in order to assess

A community's readiness to address an issue on 5 key dimensions:

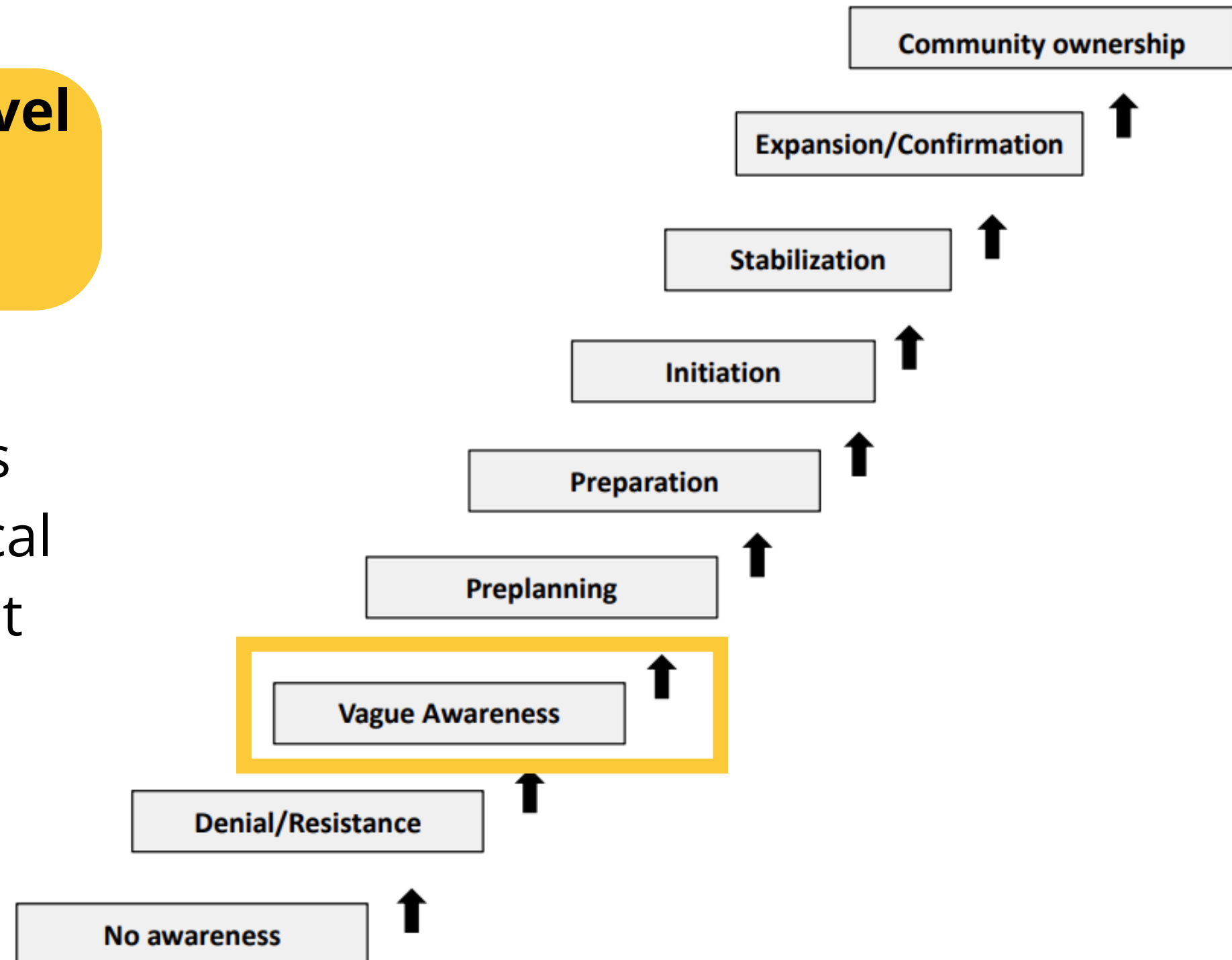
- Community Knowledge of the Issue
- Community Knowledge of Efforts
- Community Climate
- Leadership
- Resources

SUBSTANCE USE READINESS ASSESSMENT

**Community Readiness Level
for Marijuana
3.87**

Vague Awareness:

A few community members have at least heard about local efforts, but know little about them



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Knowledge of Issues

4.3 Preplanning

Leadership

4.2 Preplanning

Community Climate

3.8 Vague Awareness

Knowledge of efforts

3.8 Vague Awareness

Resources

3.2 Vague Awareness

CONCERN ABOUT MARIJUANA

More individuals were concerned about youth marijuana use than adults.

Youth

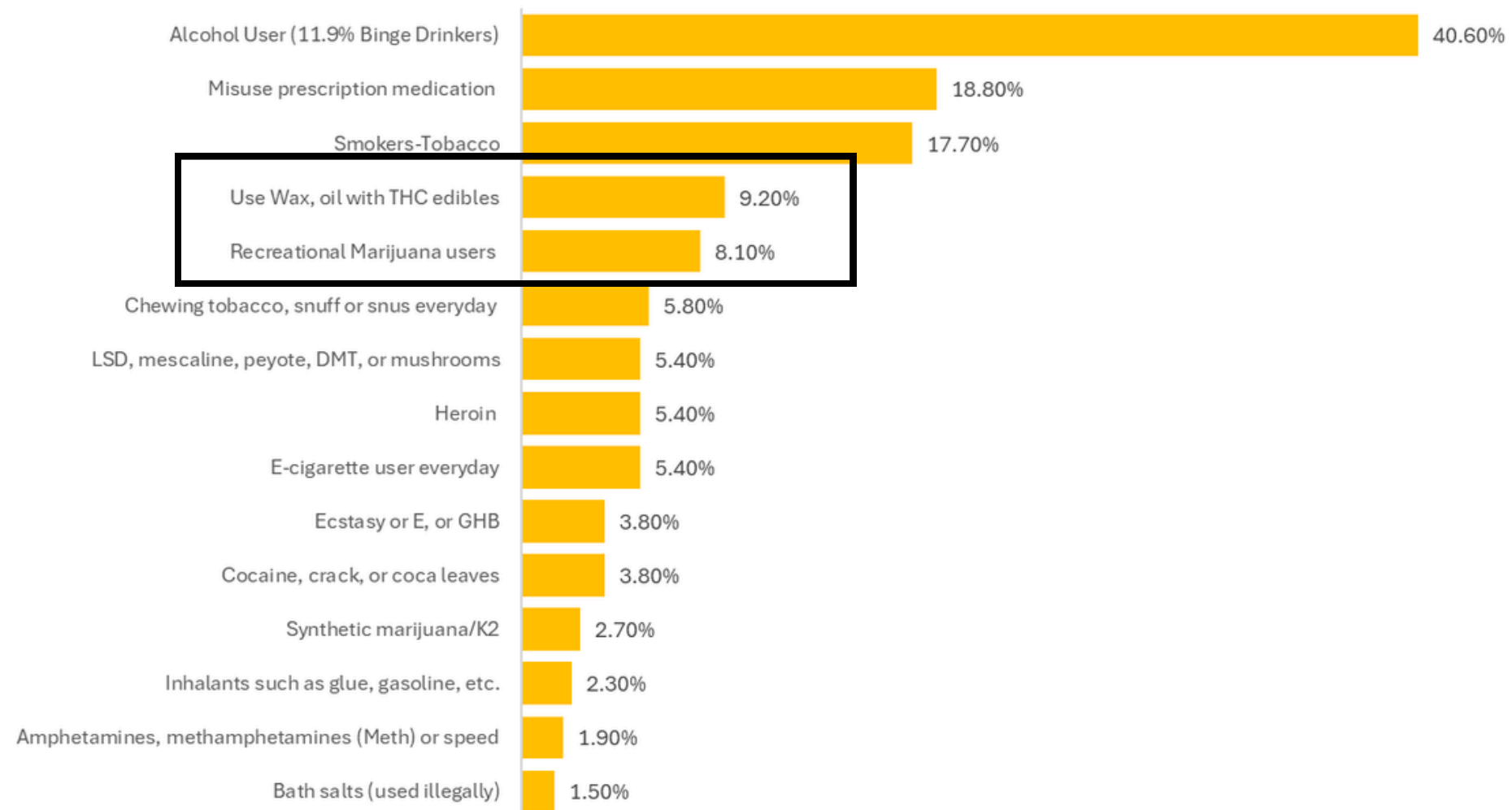
8.08

Adult

6.83

CHA-SUBSTANCE USE

Defiance County **Adults** Substance Use



Defiance County **Youth** Substance Use

