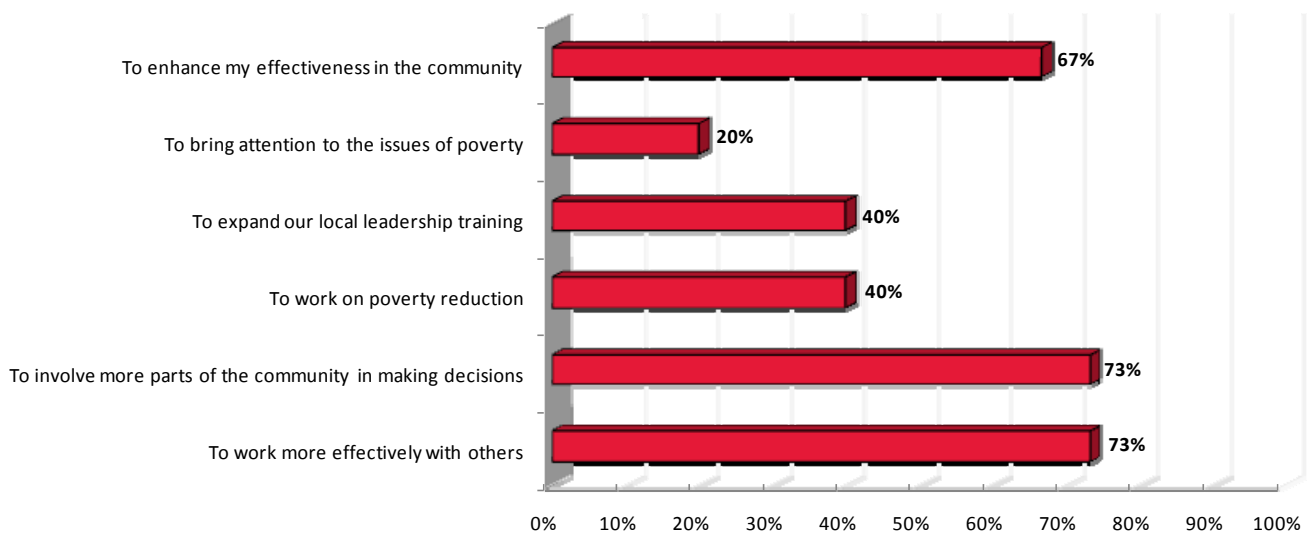


**HORIZONS GROWS MORE LEADERS IN HAZLETON**

Building the leadership skills of a core group of Hazelton residents was the second phase of Horizons. Taught by three trained local volunteers, 23 people participated in 30-40 hours of leadership training. The participants included 56% who said they had no previous leadership training, and just one participant who characterized him/herself as “a person who makes community decisions.”

Participants completed surveys before and after the series of classes to assess the outcomes of this intensive training. Nearly all (87%) increased their knowledge of leadership skills—identifying community problems, leading productive meetings, managing conflict, and putting ideas into community action. They also reported plans to put their talents to work. For example, 7 in 10 intend to use their leadership skills to work more effectively with others and also involve more parts of the community in decision making; 2 in 3 participants said the training would enhance their effectiveness in the community; and 40% intend to work on poverty reduction.

**HAZLETON [N=15]  
INTENTIONS TO PUT LEADERSHIP SKILLS INTO ACTION**

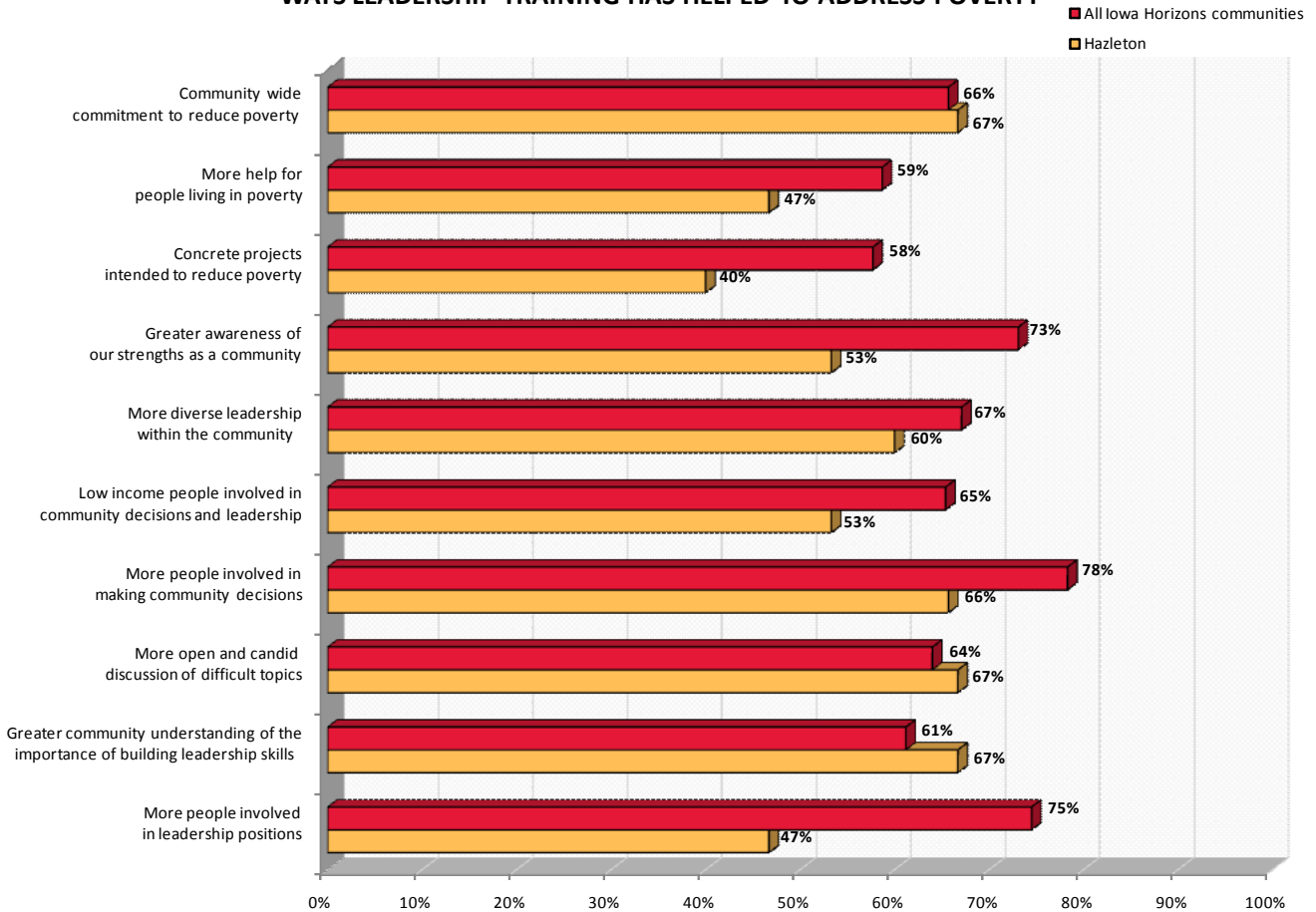


At the conclusion of the training, participants were asked to identify ways the leadership training had helped them and others to address poverty in Hazelton. The next chart reports the views of Hazelton participants and those in all 14 Iowa communities that are participating in the 18-month Horizons program. Momentum for community action is building. About half (47%) agreed that more people are aware of poverty and also said the community is discussing poverty and what to do about it.

Compared to other Horizons communities, a higher proportion (60%) of the Hazelton leaders see efforts to create changes in public policy regarding poverty reduction. And roughly mid-way through the Horizons project,

1 in 3 participants reported that more people are getting help to get out of poverty, but just 7% said that the community is taking concrete steps to address poverty.

**HAZLETON [N=15] TO ALL IOWA HORIZONS COMMUNITIES  
WAYS LEADERSHIP TRAINING HAS HELPED TO ADDRESS POVERTY**



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