

## Summer Institute Post-Conference Survey Summary

The following is a summary of the feedback received from Summer Institute participants in the individual session surveys and in the overall conference survey. Overall survey results are available upon request, with individual session results being available for each session's presenters.

With a very small number of overall conference surveys returned (n=10), the information is limited. However, the following observations were made based on the overall surveys, and the individual session surveys:

- Approximately 60% of Institute attendees were working directly in tribal child welfare positions, at either case worker or administrator levels.
- Other attendees included school social workers, educators, community members, and elders.
- Participants reported 100% satisfaction with registration, handouts, facilities (excluding the hotel), and staff.
- The hotel was the subject of several complaints; one participant noted being “very satisfied” with the college, but “very dissatisfied” with the hotel.
- Overall, participants thought the sessions were well done, and enjoyed the presenters. At least 80% of participants in *every session* reported being very satisfied or satisfied with the presenter(s) and content.
- At least 90% of participants at each session indicated that if they had expectations going in to the presentation, they were met or exceeded.
- Terry Cross and Larry Jourdain received numerous specific comments about the high quality of their sessions.
- Participants commented positively on the flexible nature of the Institute's schedule, though some suggested built-in break times and a closer following of the schedule. One said “I liked that events were allowed to take their natural course, not bound by timelines and set structures.” While another said one way to improve the conference would be through “timeliness. At times things went over or started late.”
- 100% of those surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that the content was relevant to them.
- Among suggestions for future Summer Institutes were:
  - Continuing with content on creating healthy work environments
  - Continuing information and activities grounded in Ojibwe culture
  - Increased content on recruitment and retention of foster families
  - More information relevant to practice in surrounding states.
  - More content on applying theory to practice
- Participants were satisfied with the way the Institute was grounded in Ojibwe culture.
- Informal discussion and question and answer periods were seen as important to participants, and many commented that they wished there had been more of these opportunities.
- Participants wanted easier access to food and drinks, and wanted a feast during the week.
- A majority of attendees plan to attend next year, and would recommend the Institute to others.
- The play *Stolen Generations* was broadly appreciated by participants.
- The evening activities, while attended by small numbers of participants, were received favorably.

If you have additional feedback on the Summer Institute that you would like to share, please feel free to contact us via email at:

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