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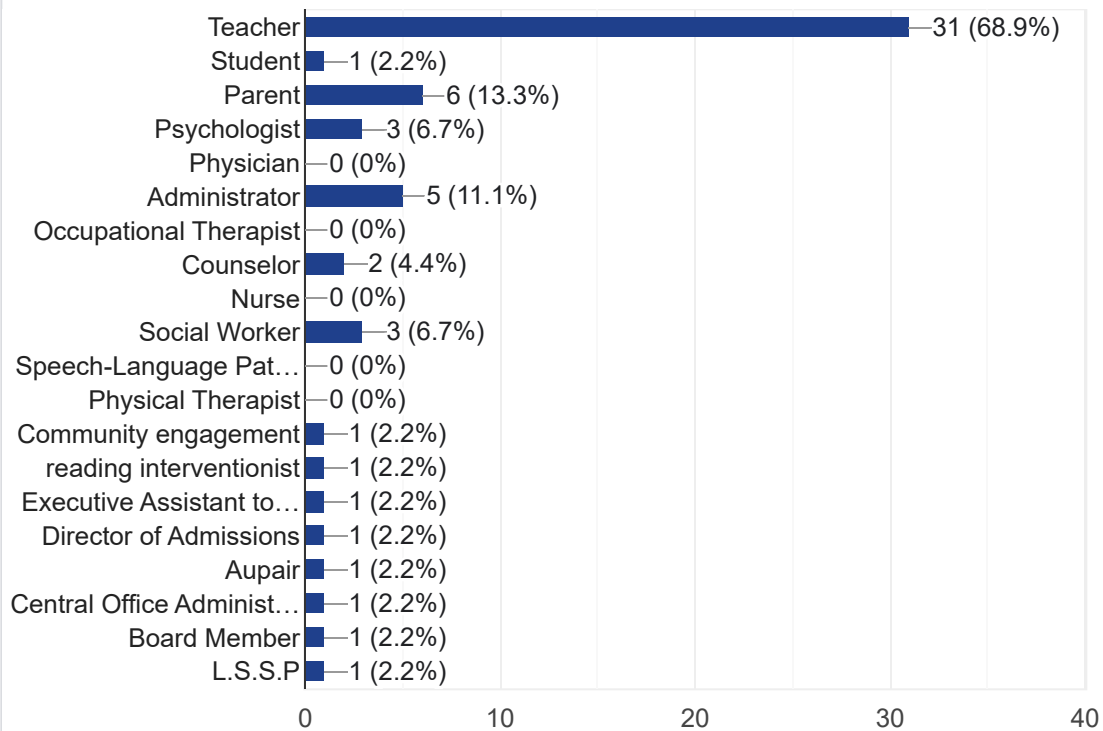
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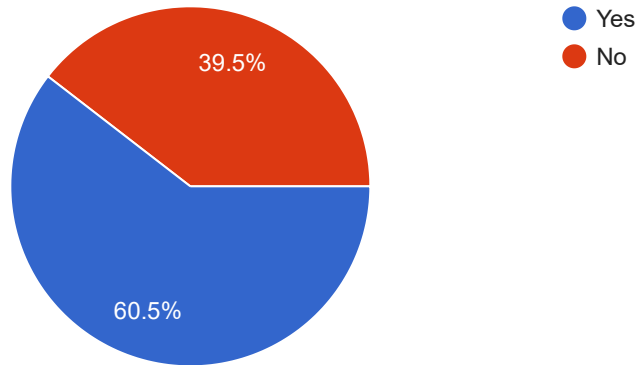
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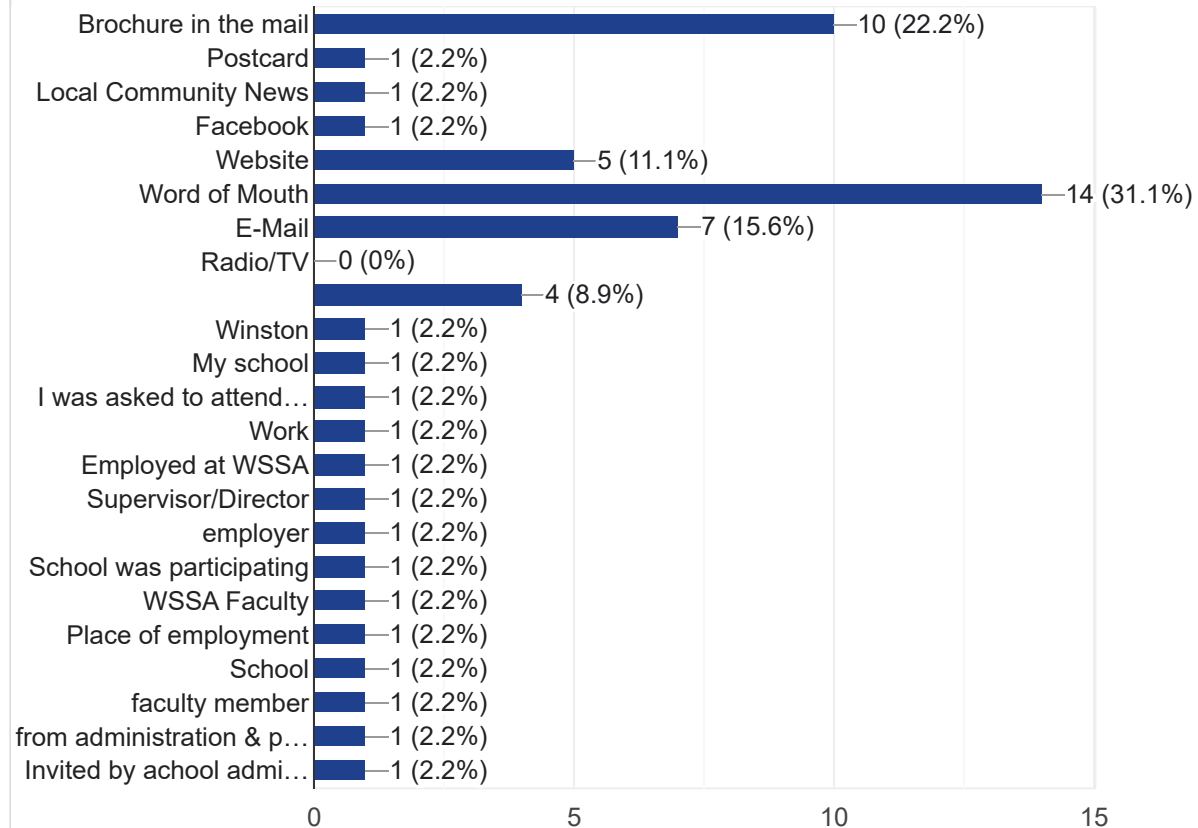
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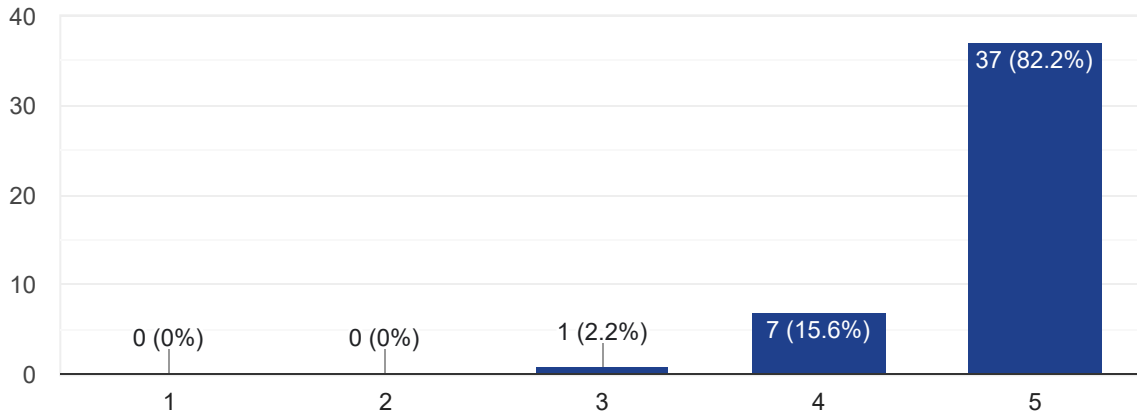
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Quality of Registration



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Comments?

11 responses

It was very professionally done.

I was impressed by the organization of the event.

Quick turn-around and very helpful!

Very well organized

Easy

The speakers interesting

I had trouble with the online registration and our admin assistant had to register all 3 of us

upon arrival, a printed name badge was ready along with bottles of water

Easy and clear.

I registered two people at once & the form only allowed session & meal choices for 1 person.

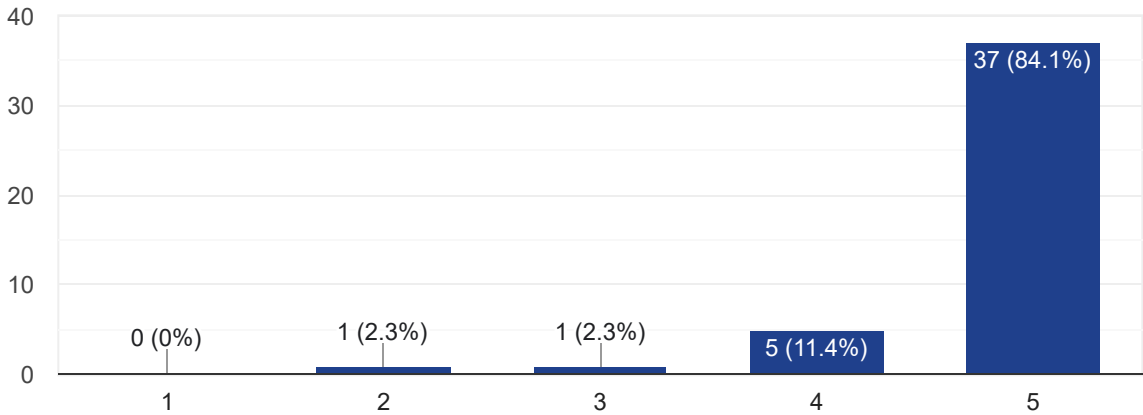
Efficient registration process



Quality of Keynote: "Reading, Speech, and Language" by Dr. Marc Brakett



44 responses



Comments?

19 responses

He really put it all in perspective, gave meaning to what we are doing.

Dr. Brackett's presentation was very valuable. I enjoyed his analogies and examples.

He was a great speaker, but it was difficult to hear him as his microphone was not working properly.

Very informative, insightful, funny, and enjoyable.

Best in several years

Dr. Brackett was phenomenal! Great speaker!

Technical issues did affect the quality. I do recommend to include a content warning for your audience.

I really enjoyed his presentation and the information provided

Dr. Brackett is a fantastic speaker, kept me engaged and entertained, too, with his great sense of humor

I was unable to hear him very well due to technical difficulties.

He was outstanding! I am glad that we had an extended period of time to hear him speak.

Dr. Brackett was very engaging and presented extremely relevant and useful information for educators to use, both in our classrooms and in our personal lives.

I purchased Dr. Brackett's book and loved his talk. Very relevant!

Learned so much and will use a lot of this information in my school.

He was very entertaining and funny!!

The technology issues were problematic, the content and speaker were fantastic

He was great but wish he would have used the stage to see him better and the mic was awful. I was will a coworker who is hearing impaired and that was frustrating

loved how he gave examples from his personal life which made it real for the audience

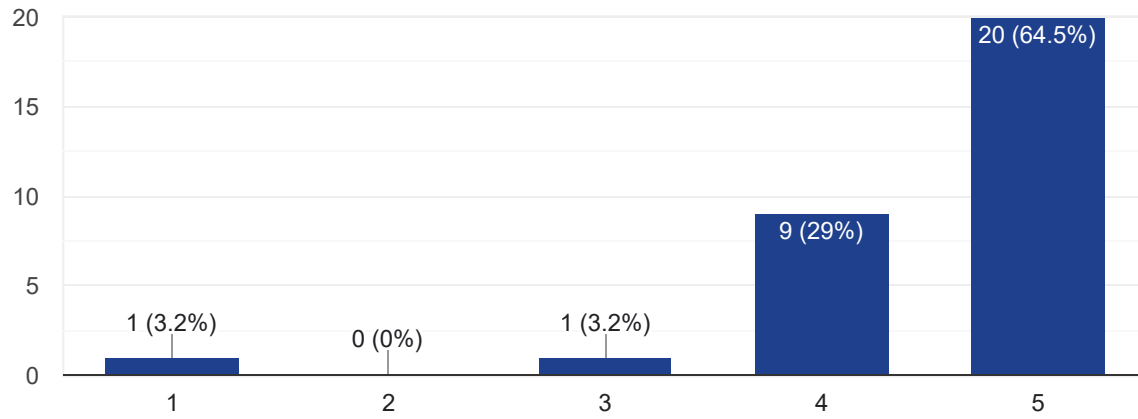


Excellent! His knowledge is abundant and I was able to "take-away" wonderful information.

Quality of Breakout Session: "Anxiety and Depression in Children and Adolescents" by Dr. Jill Thurber



31 responses



Comments?

7 responses

She is experienced and gives an insight from what she observes daily.

I really enjoyed this session. Dr. Thurber gave very useful information and ideas on how to deal with certain situations.

Great presentation.

Dr. Thurber was clear and concise. She was knowledgeable and thorough.

Would have liked some suggestions for working with these students.

slide show clarified ideas presented and Dr. Thurber encouraged questions during presentations.

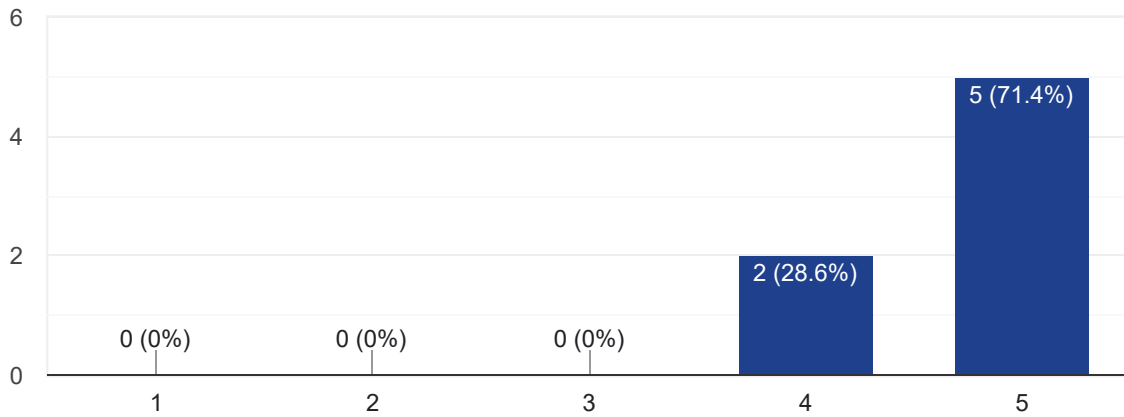
Good ideas to share. The audience has good questions.



Quality of Breakout Session: "Challenging our Assumptions Around Student Self-Advocacy for Struggling Readers" by Terrie Noland, CALP - Doctoral Candidate, Ph.D. in Literacy



7 responses



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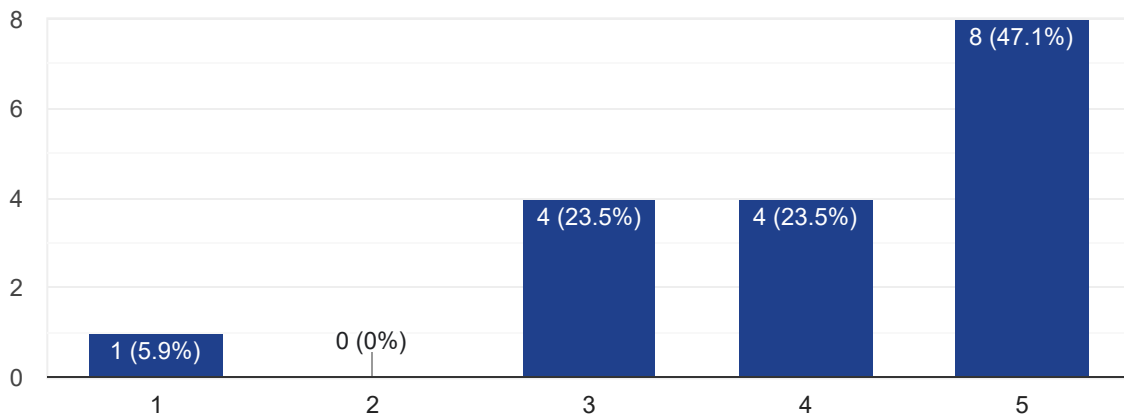
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Did not attend session

Quality of Breakout Session: "Community and Culture " by Ms. Ana Kardonski and Ms. Alexandra Brizuela from The Escuela Americana El Salvador



17 responses



Comments?

6 responses

N/A

Did not attend session

Were they selling their program? I'm not sure.

Didn't realize it was a sales pitch :(

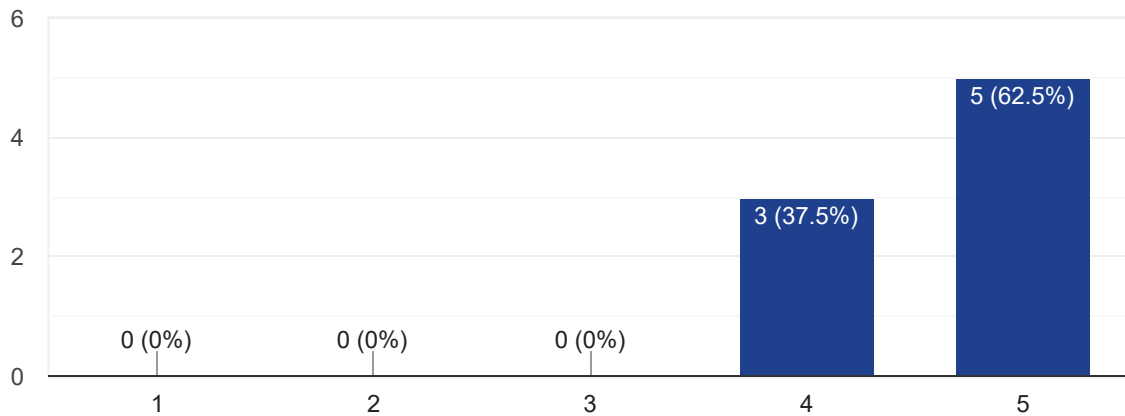
came across as a sales pitch.

Excellent information shared from their country and school. The students and staff may be far away, but they have similar characteristics.

Quality of Breakout Session: "Project YES (Youth Empowerment & Support)" by Jennifer Todd and Esmeralda Jeffries from UT Teen Health



8 responses



Comments?

2 responses

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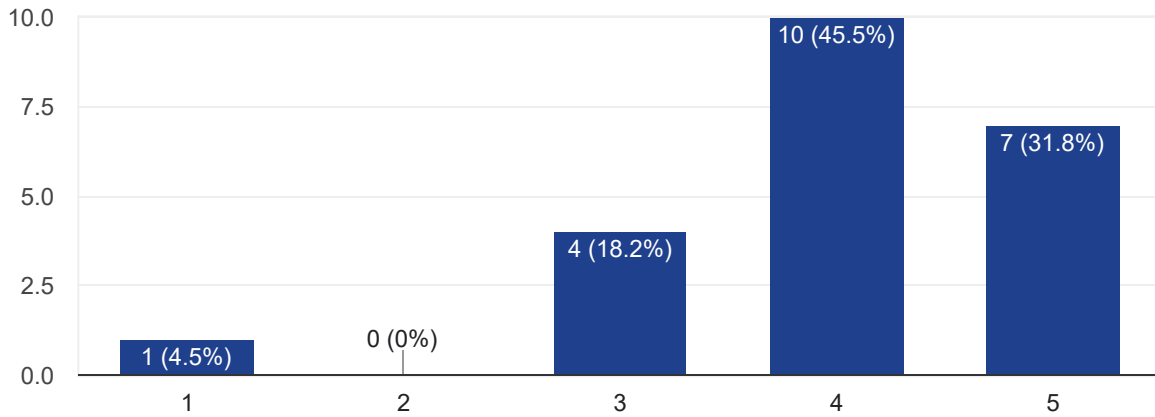
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Quality of Breakout Session: "Bolstering Students' Self-Management Skills in the Classroom" by Reem Eissa, MA, Gabby Weierbach, MA, and Cynthia Diaz de Leon, Ph.D., from The Clarity Child Guidance Center



22 responses



Comments?

8 responses

It was good to see the reason behind some student's behavior in school.

Great tips for teachers but little information on how parents can help their students.

Not what I was expecting

This was well done, too. I was a bit more familiar with this topic.

They just read from the slides.

Would like some examples and ideas

Grounding exercises gave me a new perspective on dealing with challenging behaviors.

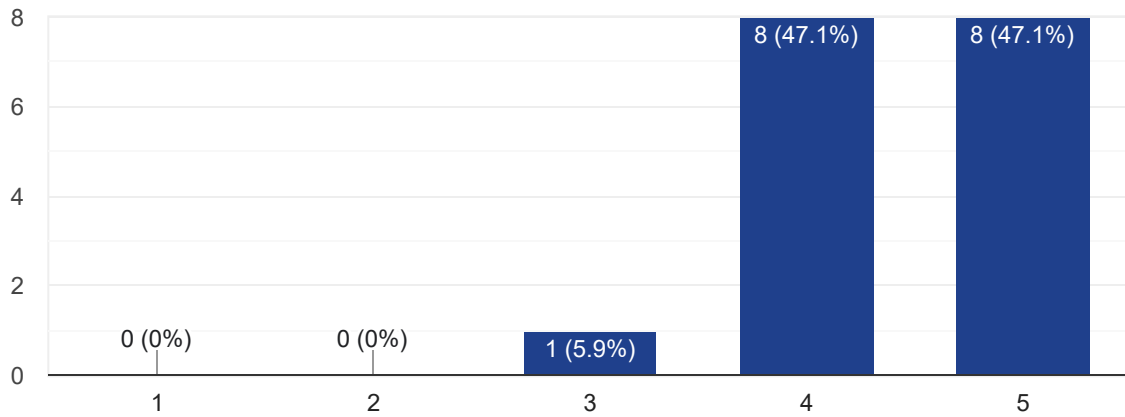
They just took turns reading powerpoint slides



Quality of Breakout Session: "The Female Factor in Adolescent Mental Health" by Jillian LoPiano, MD, MPH, FACOG, Medical Director of Betty's Co.



17 responses



Comments?

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N/A

Did not attend session

They were very knowledgeable and spoke about circumstances impacting mental health in the female population that is often forgotten about or overlooked.

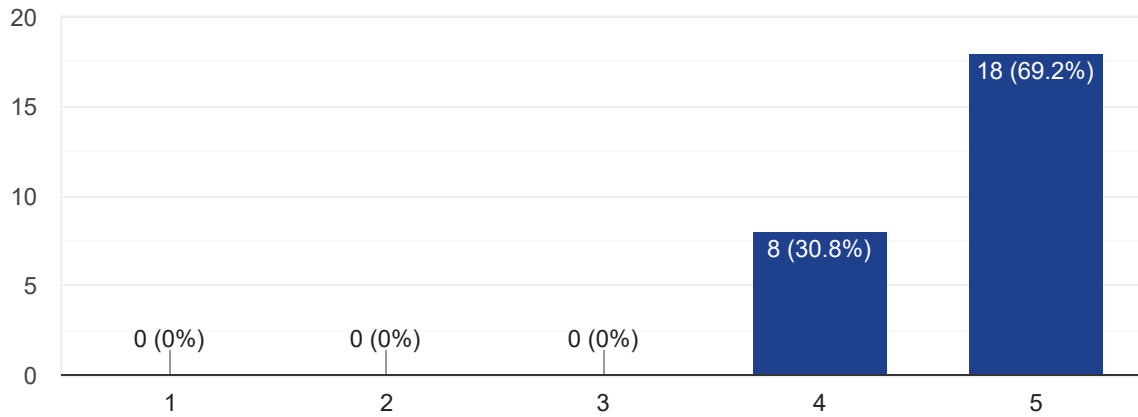
There was so much background info (which was great!) that interventions/solutions couldn't be covered.



Quality of Breakout Session: "AAA: ADHD, Anxiety, and Accommodations" by Dr. Peri-Anne Chobot, and Kristin Ashley, M.A.T. from The Winston School San Antonio



26 responses



Comments?

9 responses

Wished we had more time, 50 minutes made it cut short.

This was very interesting. Ashamedly, I must admit that I was unaware of the fact that anxiety can sometimes mirror the characteristics of someone with attention deficits.

Interesting presentation

I loved that they included specific information on how ADHD impacts the biology of the brain!

Interesting and informative.

Lots of information; presenters had to rush through some of the slides.

The checklist idea for organizing one's thoughts will be very useful to encourage time on task.

Excellent information shared. Ideas for helping students.

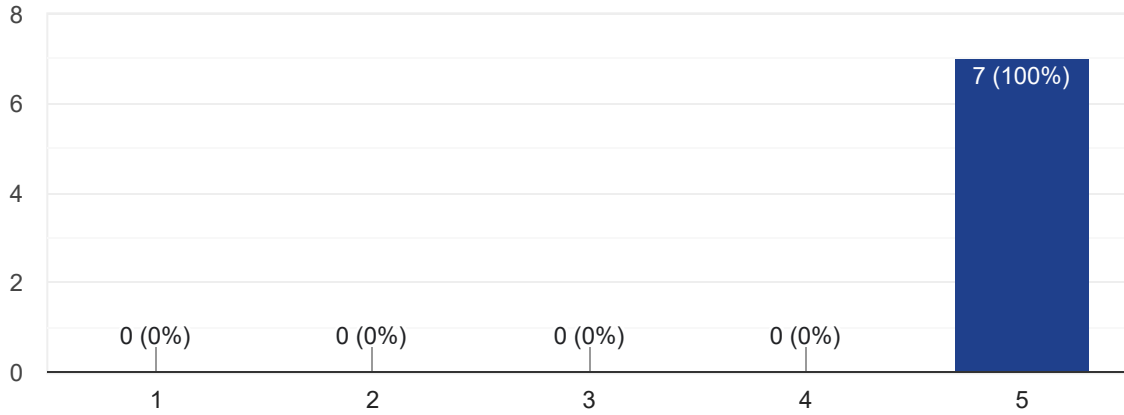
So much info, not enough time.



Quality of Breakout Session: "Bridging the Gap: Navigating Developmental Changes and the Transition Differences for Students with Disabilities in Postsecondary Education" by Dr. Dianne P. Hengst, M.A., Psy.D. from the University of Texas at San Antonio



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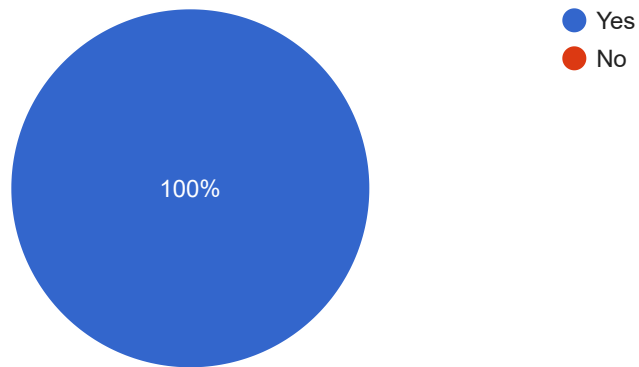


Overall Ratings for the Symposium

Was the cost of the Symposium appropriate?



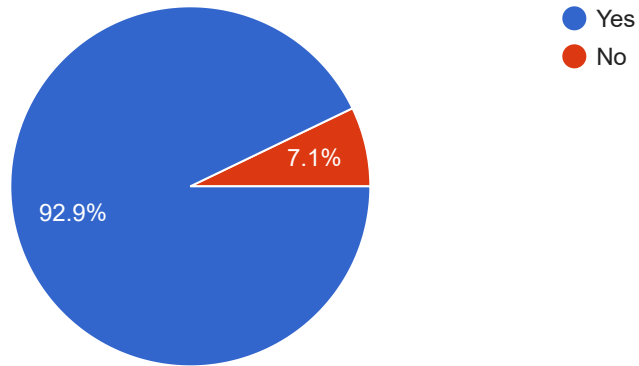
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Were the Winston faculty members and staff helpful?



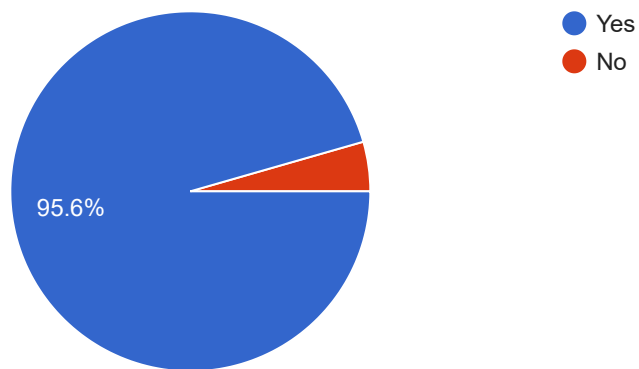
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Did you find the information presented to be objective, balanced, and free of commercial bias?



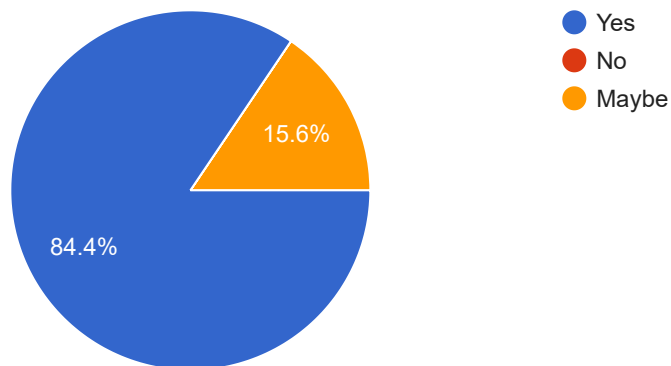
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Would you be interested in attending the Symposium again in the future?



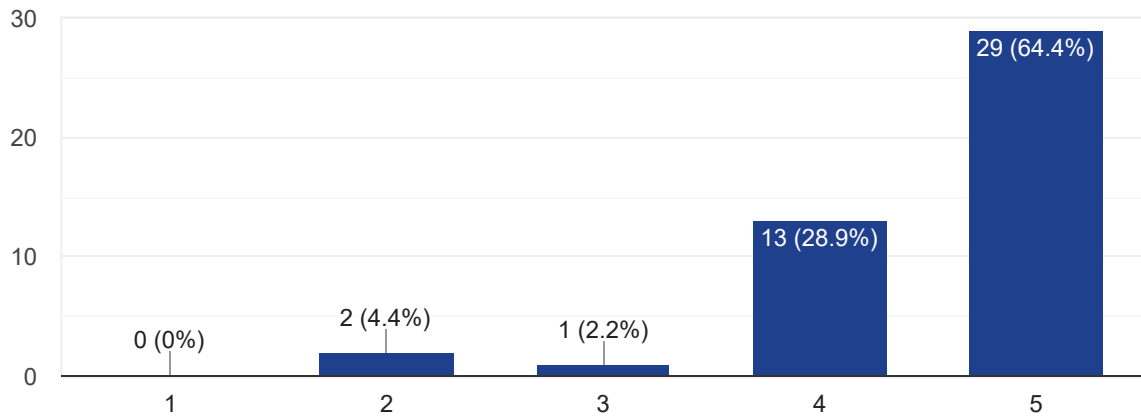
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Overall Satisfaction with the Program:



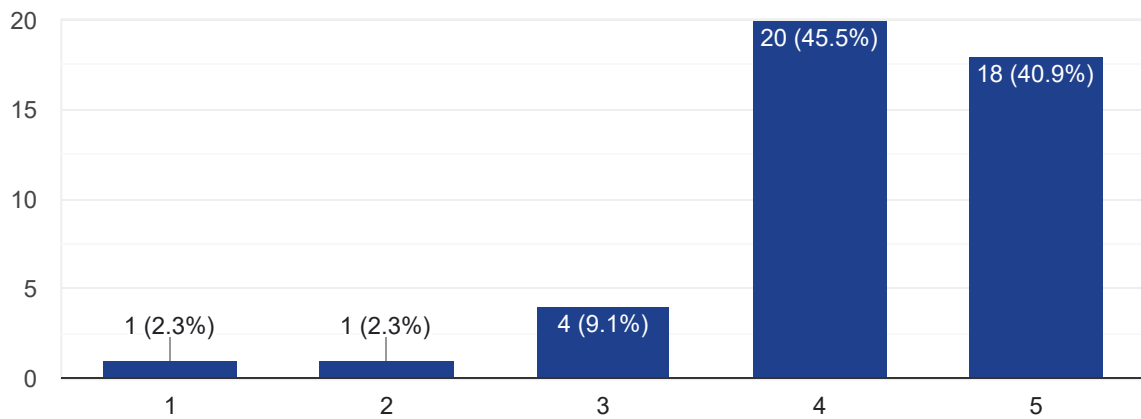
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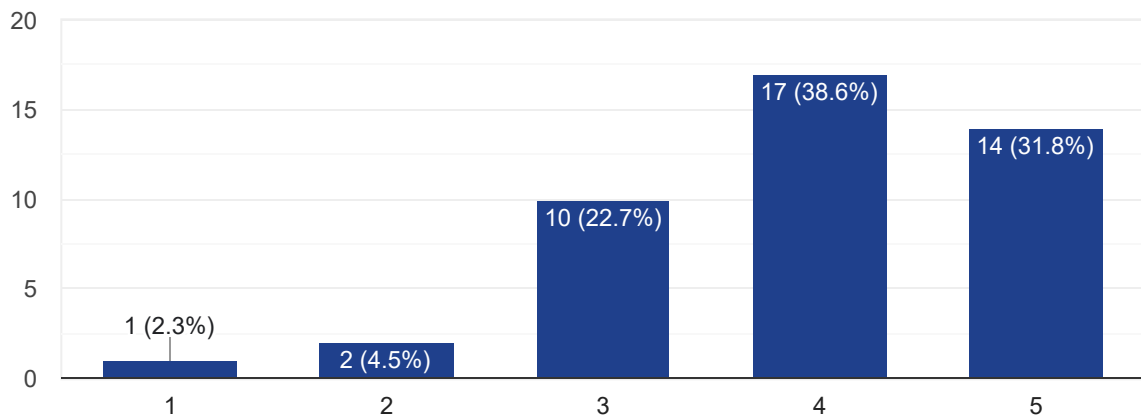
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Your skill enhancement:



44 responses



How has today's Symposium helped you?

26 responses

Lots of tools to be information and tools to take back to school.

Keynote speaker was amazing; thought more about the importance and how feelings can drive many aspects in life

Help to ensure the acknowledgement of my students feelings

Dr. Brackett's session really helped me understand the reasons why we need to continue pushing for Social Emotional Learning.

I have a better idea of how to deal with situations that arise when working with students.

I've asked students and colleagues how they are feeling rather than how are they which has proven to be much more successful in understanding how they really are and what is going on in their lives.

Good take away on personal level

The keynote was excellent.

I learned a lot about mental health and strategies to use in the classroom.

I enjoyed the symposium. It was full of useful information.

Tools and tips when feeling overwhelmed.

Keynote was excellent

It has confirmed information for me

I needed to be reminded of many things I heard at this conference.

Learning about emotions

It helped me learn how to better support my students with anxiety, ADHD, and depression. I also learned how to support my students learn more about emotions and how to regulate their emotions effectively.

Understanding our student population and how to best support our diverse learners.



Helped develop a better understanding of youth and teenagers and strategies to employ.

Great information!

Outstanding conference!!!

The keynote discussion was fantastic and the exposure/introduction to various programs/curricula was well done.

by defining what we are talking about

It reminded me that I need a variety strategies ready to go to use with children who become upset. My response to the child's behavior can affect the outcome of the situation. Calm teacher...calmer student.

To have a better understanding on emotional intelligence.

Shared information that will assist my work with students and decision making skills.

expanded my understanding of EI & its necessary role in education



What would you like to see us include in future presentations?

14 responses

More with Dr. Brackett

More sessions on stress and anxiety

More strategies and resources to go for help

In the afternoon, maybe longer sessions and just choose 2.

More of the same information. It is very useful.

Trauma Informed Care practices in school settings

More application to the classroom or home, particularly from the sessions. Maybe even sessions that have something you can specifically learn how to apply, take, and use.

Not sure

I am interested in dyslexia and other reading challenges.

not sure.

Maybe a hands on workshop

How nutrition is linked to learning (the gut and the brain)

More of how this is all relevant to our families.

adolescent mental health

Provide a checklist of practical activities parents can implement at home with their autistic or ADHD Child to promote positive parent/child relationships

OR a presentation on techniques to encourage peer acceptance of those who learn differently because of the learning differences OR Present ideas on how to incorporate music, mindfulness, and movement to reduce students' anxiety.



Additional comments?

13 responses

It was a very nice experience and everyone was very welcoming.

I found sitting on the hard metal and plastic chairs for so many hours very difficult.

Lovely school with a very friendly staff. Thank you for a wonderful day.

Great job to the WSSA Team who work effortlessly to make this a successful event year after year.

Please include a content warning for your audience. There was a member from the audience that walked away during the keynote speaker in tears and no one from the symposium offered to assist her or come to her aide. The content from the keynote speaker was without warning and triggering and she left. I went to her aid to provide support / inquire if I can assist. I let the table in the lobby know and they mentioned they will let leadership know. Seating in every presentation, including the keynote speaker was uncomfortable. I would have liked to have access to water or light refreshments throughout the day. The coffee and water was removed during the first 2 hours of the keynote. The vending machine outside was also not working.

The lunch period was very short. I would prefer to start at 8:00 am just to have extra time at lunch.

Although the main speaker was excellent, he did present personal content that I think would have been wise for the host of the conference to have preemptively announced the information presented could possibly be difficult to hear, triggering and or inappropriate for young children. I personally witnessed a woman leave the presentation in tears in the middle of his presentation as well as noticed a young child sitting within the audience albeit with her parent. Unfortunately, no one from the conference staff, as far as I know, stopped to ask if the woman, who was visibly upset, was okay.

Well-organized event.

Dr. Brackett presentation was engaging and very informative. In the future, please consider providing table to sit at for lunch. Its hard to eat a salad in your lap.

The Symposium was a well-organized, meaningful workshop that encouraged reflection of my teaching practices and ways to improve my approach to problem solving. Thank you for all the hard work, dedication and planning that went into this exciting event. It was great to see people outside of Winston attend. They are looking for us and our Symposium presenters to guide them on their educational journey of empowering children and educators. Way to Go, Dr. Chobat, Ms. Ashley, Mr. Morales and all others who made this event possible.



Great job WSSA faculty and staff. This was a great day.

Your symposium is ALWAYS well worth the time!

Excellent every year I have been

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