

2021 Model Courts Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect Evaluations

Of the 328 attendees at the 2021 Model Court Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect, 64 completed a post-summit evaluation, for a response rate of 20%.

The respondents included:

21 Attorneys/Staff

6 CRB/JCIP Staff

13 DHS Staff

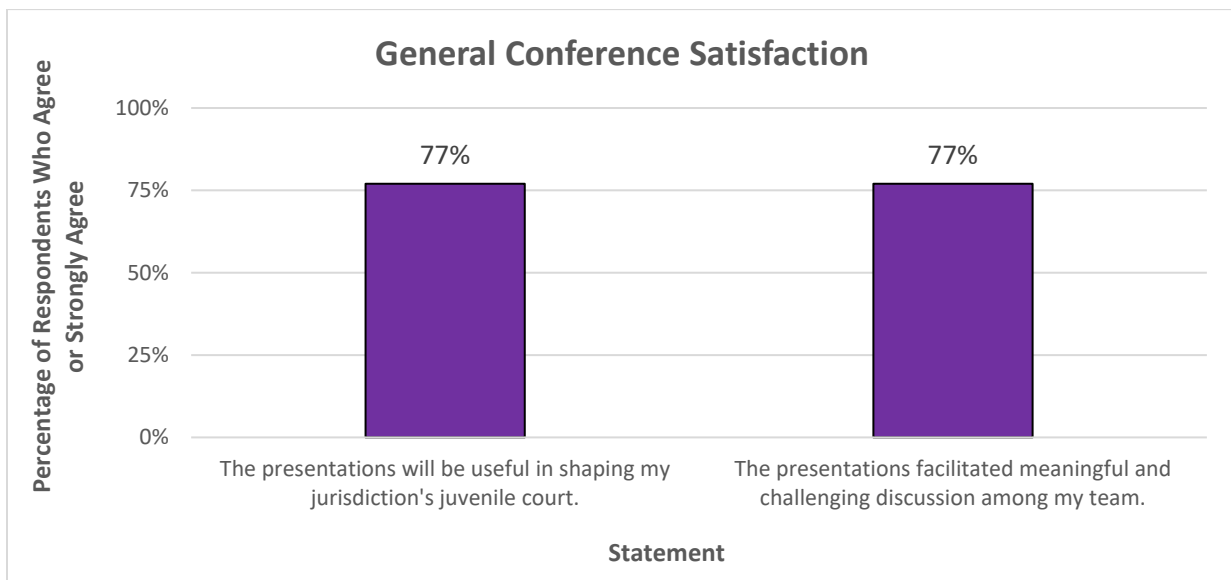
1 Juvenile Department Staff

12 Judges

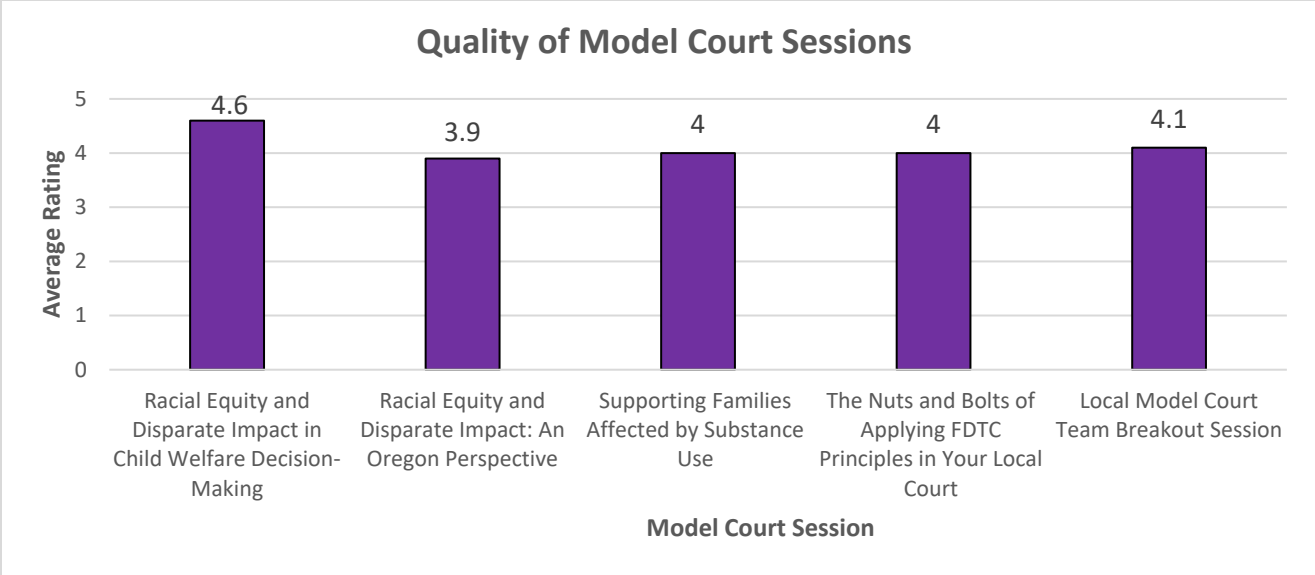
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11 CASA

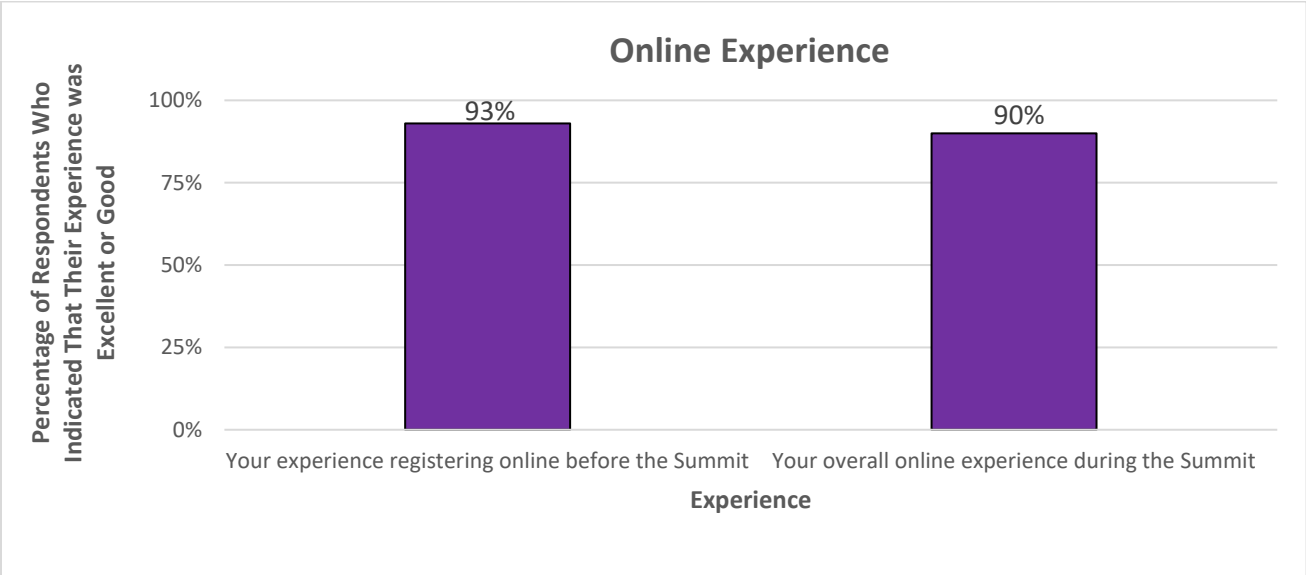
10 Court Staff



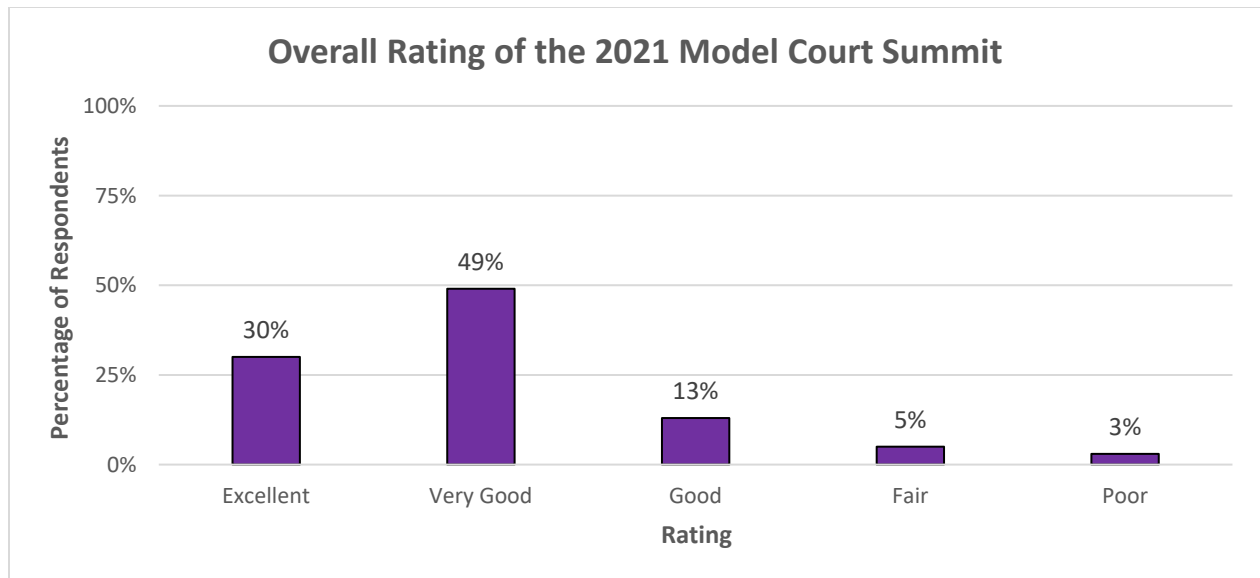
Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with two statements regarding the Model Court Summit in general. The chart above indicates the percentage of respondents that agree or strongly agree with the corresponding statement. Seventy-seven percent of respondents thought the presentations facilitated meaningful and challenging discussion and would be useful in shaping their jurisdiction's juvenile court.



Respondents were asked to rate each model court session on a scale from 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excellent). The above graph is an average of those responses. The highest rated model court session had an overall average rating of 4.6.



Respondents were asked to rate their online experience registering for the summit and their overall online experience at the summit on a scale from 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excellent). The above graph represents the percentage of respondents who rated each corresponding topic as 4 (Good) or 5 (Excellent). More than 90% of respondents rated the Summit online experience as a 4 (Good) or 5 (Excellent).



Respondents were asked to give an overall rating of the 2019 Model Court Summit on a scale of 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excellent). A combined ninety-two percent of respondents identified the summit as 3 (Good), 4 (Very Good), or 5 (Excellent).

What Topics Would You Like to See Covered in Future Summits?

- Very interested in finding out more about things like the NY blind removals that has evidence to show that #s of children of color in care went down as a result. Also, would LOVE an in-depth training about the slide with recommended visitation times for parents/children based on child's age.
- How to successfully transition from an adversarial posture with DHS to a cooperative one from a parent's perspective.
- Approaching clients with trauma
- More about Trauma Informed Court proceedings. What are the benefits of Family Court?
- Impact on children of long-term neglect.
- Being a Foster parent- the good, the bad, and the ugly. What is going wrong and we can better retain foster families.
- How best we can keep eyes on kids and provide services in a pandemic world.
- Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act, CRB rolls and responsibilities
- Access to justice for the poor
- Mental health services for foster children, particularly teenagers. We have very few resources to get them the treatment they need.

- How to effectively communicate with ODHS and their providers
- A separate summit for delinquency cases
- A presentation on the health impacts of removal and family separation on children and on parents.
- A presentation on pre-petition legal advocacy for parents and its impact on reducing family separation
- It really doesn't matter as nothing ever changes
- Family Report, Permanency Needs of Children
- Incarcerated parents
- Impacts of SUD treatment and ASFA timelines--many times they are at odds with one another.
- Parents with mental health challenges and/or developmental disabilities
- An understanding of reasonable efforts for ALL involved in the dependency system. What is required?

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- Quality representation of children and parents. What does it look like to advocate well for your client?
- After care programs and how courts can be responsive to meeting probationary conditions.
- The effectiveness of, and a plan for, pre-petition legal representation for parents and children. Has the vision for child welfare showcased at the Summit translated into reality, evident on the front lines and in the lives of children and families? Serving incarcerated parents. Creative alternatives to TPR. Strategies for increasing parent/child contact for kids in care. Strategies for increasing the number of cases where the resource parent and the bio parent can develop a positive and potentially long-term relationship.
- Judicial ethics and practical strategies for engaging parents & children in the courtroom; more cross-county collaboration and sharing about how they get parents engaged pre-jurisdiction (no one seems to use protective orders for assessments?); when and how to order additional services post-disposition.

How Might JCIP Provide Additional Help to Your Local Model Court Team Over the Next Year?

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- Return to in person format
- I think doing quarterly presentations on issues

- Our primary goal is to create a Family Court and we could use all the advice and assistance you can provide.
- As in-home safety plans are beginning to be used more and shelters are becoming less and less - it would be nice to review CASA's role and if it can be expanded to help in cases that don't go to shelter.
- If they have meetings, we all need to be made aware of them
- I would like to see someone from the JCIP team join the breakouts to help facilitate the discussion topic. We can get sidetracked!
- Identifying resources for parents and families in our region.
- Facilitate a planning meeting within our county to apply the principles learned at this summit
- -Improving quality and frequency of parenting time
-Increasing use of reparative family therapy approaches
-Increasing local in-home supportive services to facilitate expedited reunifications
- Some coaching and guidance on how to function more effectively as a team would be useful.
- Help for the court as their scheduling or attorney availability creates delays for kids
- Change
- Our model court team is not functioning well. Our juvenile referee provides little guidance and decision making, which has been extremely difficult this year. Our team has regularly brought issues to the table and has requested that the court help us with procedures and provide guidance and the court has rarely provided guidance. The COVID procedures change without notice--for example, once we received individual invites for each hearing, then that just stopped, and the court started to use just one open court WebEx. This happened without notice and was extremely confusing--now we have a hybrid, some cases get individual invites, some do not. Also, our referee doesn't have a good grasp on the law, which became extremely problematic recently. His pro tem status lapsed and he knew nothing (apparently neither did the PJ or the trial court administrator) about the juvenile referee statute and process. I'm not sure what JCIP can do to help other than perhaps participate in our Model Court team meetings, provide guidance and support for our referee--although I'm not sure that will help, as many attorneys have volunteered guidance and support and we're met with ambivalence.
- Perhaps willing to attend a Family Treatment Court meeting to help our local team identify vision and goals.
- Annual trainings/updates provided from JCIP to keep model courts on track to focusing on improvement issues.

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- We needed to do a better job as local group inviting the core team. We didn't do that so we were not as productive as we should have been. It sorta fell through the cracks. But we used the time to

develop a plan to meet regularly and work on better communication.

- We need more lawyers and more DHS staff. I would like lawyers dedicated strictly to juvenile dependency so they can develop expertise.
- Applicability to tribal courts?
- Always great that data is available upon request to help support our efforts.
- Bring in more info about how other counties are doing things, so we can pick and choose other strategies or models

Any Other Comments on the Model Court Summit?

- My observations are limited as I sub'd in for the juvenile court judge and only learned at the model court team breakout sessions that most of the Team was not in attendance. There were 3 members present so it greatly limited the utility of the session. This is a county issue, tho
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- More DHS caseworkers need to attend.
- I wish our local ODHS was more aligned with the goals shared at the summit. Maybe now that they attended, they might be.... Thank you!
- Thank you for providing it online. It doesn't have the networking or in person discussions but still the breakout room for the last session was great.
- We have had many trainings on racial equity over the last year or so, and I think that is fabulous. I would like to see that same single-topic-focus year by year on other important issues that could help juvenile judges increase their competency and consistency across the state. Issues like understanding ODHS process, primers on dependency law, reasonable and active efforts, how to use CRB findings and recommendations, and those kinds of things would actually be quite helpful to the entire system. Many dependency judges picked up the juvenile docket after not having practiced in dependency, and they have to learn on the job, so this kind of training would not be redundant.
- It would be more useful if the presenters were familiar with OSB standards and Oregon laws.
- The FCTC didn't apply to our county.
- I withdrew from the summit right after the presentation by Jones Gaston. Truly incredible gaslighting and self-congratulation about her lofty ideals and everything she has accomplished/is accomplishing on behalf of families in the system. This despite DHS routinely offering parents a maximum of 90 minutes per week with their children who are in substitute care. As soon as someone asked her a question about the gap between her presentation and reality on the ground, she turned it back on us as though our expectations for change are too high. It was sickening. It is just the same thing year

after year from DHS. the presenters made no effort to include those of us on the phone or allow us to ask questions - you could only do that via the online chat feature. otherwise I would have said this in follow up.

- Great job, great programming. Unfortunately, our model court lacks direction and leadership, I'm at a loss as to what JCIP can do to assist.
- I thought Frescoln's presentation was overly broad to be useful in our local court. I also thought her tone was scolding and made unfair assumptions about the attitudes of the participants towards individuals with substance use disorder.
- Excellent job given it was via WebEx. Loved the Dr. Pryce. Would love to just spend time talking to her.

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- Thought provoking and interesting. I wish there had been some better answers to some of the more challenging questions, like, how do we make our vision for a more just and effective child welfare system a reality, and how do we actually implement a family drug treatment court where the expectation is weekly court hearings when we are already pushed to the max on court hearings currently? Would also have been interested in the perspective of a parent and a parent's attorney and a child's attorney on FDTCs. Great program, though!
- Great job, as always. Thank you.