TBI Report Out Children's Discovery Museum







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Training

 Educational Goal was for staff to possess content knowledge and presentation skills to engage the public of all ages and abilities

Question

- Do Staff, interns, volunteers have the content knowledge after the training?
- How much does staff need to know?

Question

Investigate

Training

- Pre training & Post training Surveys
 - -Ask questions on
 - Interest
 - Knowledge
 - Confidence

Question

CDM Lesson & Training Evaluation

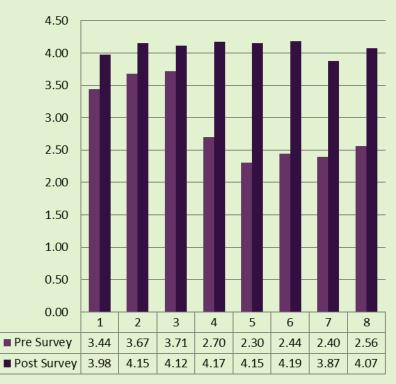
Survey

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Investigate

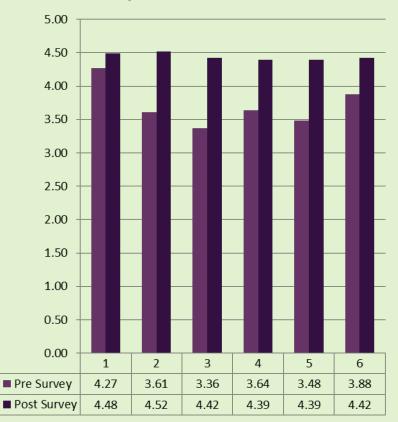
- 1. How knowledgeable do you feel about science topics?
- 2. How comfortable are you with talking to visitors about the science of the current exhibits in the museum?
- 3. How interested are you in nanotechnology?
- 4. How knowledgeable do you feel about things being on the macro, micro and nano scale (what a nanometer is)?
- 5. How knowledgeable do you feel about how things behave differently on the nano scale, on the molecular level?
- 6. How knowledgeable do you feel about nano technology and where/how we use it in our daily lives?
- 7. How knowledgeable do you feel about nano technology and how it is used in new technology development?
- 8. How comfortable are you with talking to visitors about nano technology and all its aspects?

Average Likert Scale Answer for Pre and Post Survey Questions for Staff

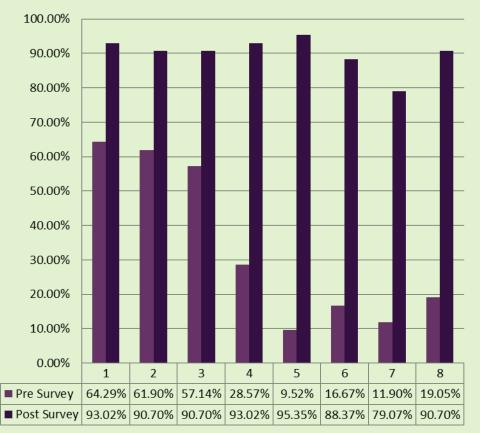


*Questions 1 & 2 are specific to museum 3/1 – interest, 4-7/2-5 are knowledgeable, 8/6 comfort with teaching nanotechnology Average Likert Scale Answer for Pre and Post Survey Questions for Volunteers

Reflect



Percent of answers above 4 on the Likert Scale for Staff



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Reflect Percent of answers above 4 on the Likert Scale for Volunteers 100.00% 90.00% 80.00% 70.00% 60.00% 50.00% 40.00% 30.00% 20.00% 10.00% 0.00% 2 3 5 1 4 6 63.64% 72.73% Pre Survey 60.61% 93.94% 66.67% 69.70% 93.94% 96.97% 93.94% 93.94% 90.91% 90.91% Post Survey

• We improved the training as we went along, learning from each session.

Improve

- We plan to use similar models of this training in the future for our staff.
- This was the first formal training of content for the whole staff and we wish to evaluate its effect on the staff and their interactions with visitors in the future.
- Volunteers need to have more hands-on, clearly applicable experiences.

- Future trainings will include
 - a demo/model presentation in the station;
 - open Q&A time that all staff and volunteers can hear and participate in.

Improve

- more time to interact with the materials
- practice presenting to each other.
- Currently we have created "cheat sheets"
 - more information on the science of the nanotechnology
 - more real-life examples of how we use this technology or where we got the ideas from.

