

WISCONSIN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUMMIT SUMMARY

2021



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



OVERVIEW

This data is based on the responses of 147 participants in 3 post-program evaluations and 4 individual interviews.



537

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

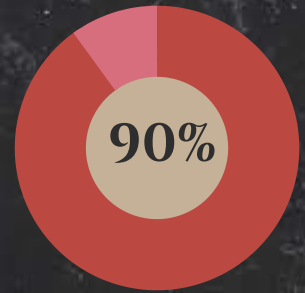
DEMOGRAPHICS

ONE THIRD OF REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS REPRESENT BIPOC COMMUNITIES

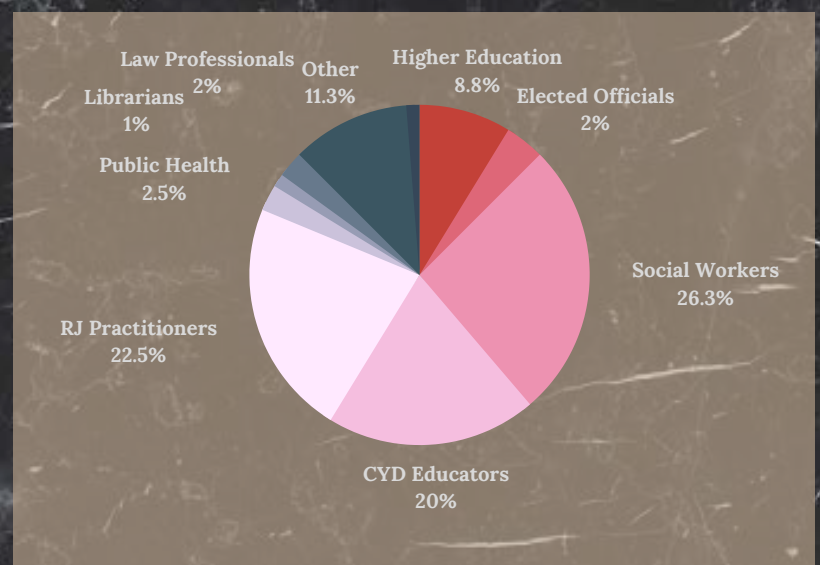


86%

OF PARTICIPANTS REPORTED THE SUMMIT DEEPENED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF UTILIZING A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LENS WHEN WORKING WITH YOUTH A GREAT DEAL



OF PARTICIPANTS FELT THE SUMMIT HELPED THEM REFLECT ON THEIR OWN RJ EQUITY PRACTICES



SEPTEMBER 10, 2021



ananda mirilli

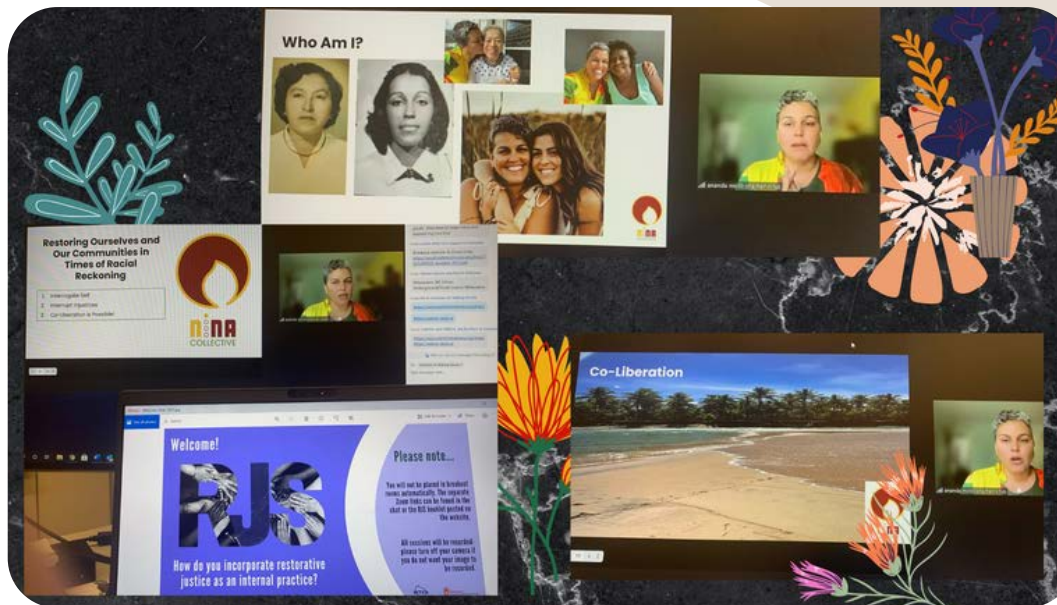
Restoring Ourselves and Our Communities in times of Racial Reckoning

WERE EXTREMELY OR
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED WITH
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

92%

87%

WERE
EXTREMELY
OR
SOMEWHAT
SATISFIED
WITH
BREAKOUT
SESSIONS



"One thing I heard at the virtual Wisconsin Restorative Justice Summit that I'll apply to my work is to develop understanding of ourselves, our biases, our trauma, and how it impacts how we interact with others."

OCTOBER 8, 2021



Cecilia Rose LaPointe

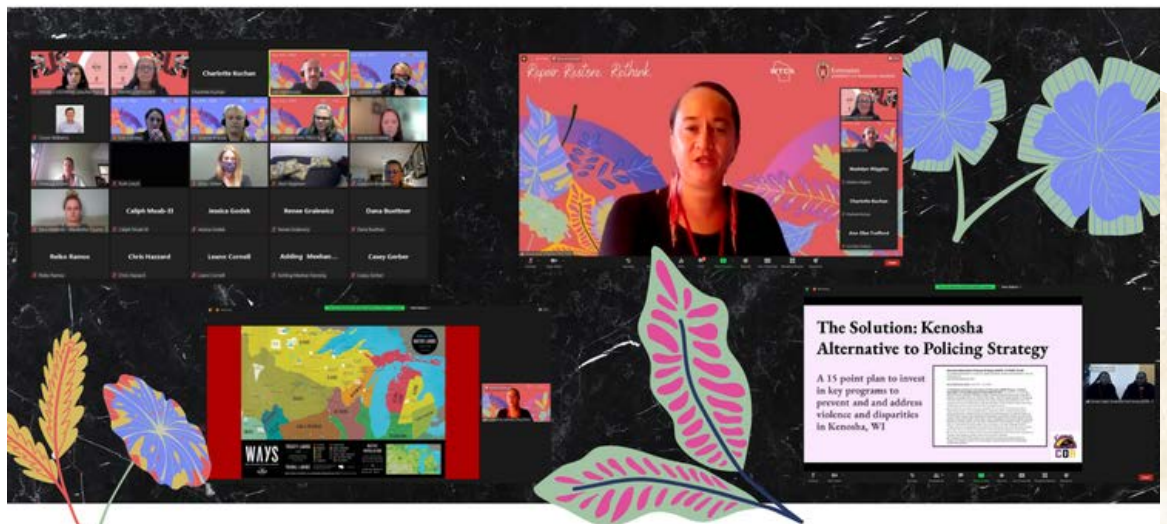
Racial Justice in the
Anishinaabe AKI

88%

WERE EXTREMELY OR
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER

100%

WERE
EXTREMELY OR
SOMEWHAT
SATISFIED WITH
BREAKOUT
SESSIONS



"RECOGNIZING TRAUMA, HISTORIES, AND
VULNERABILITIES TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH
YOUNG PEOPLE IN MY WORK."

NOVEMBER 12, 2021



David Muhammad

Treating Violence
Through Public Health

WERE EXTREMELY OR SOMEWHAT
SATISFIED WITH KEYNOTE
SPEAKER

99%



"Normative violence is regurgitated grief" - Sam Simmons

90%

WERE EXTREMELY OR SOMEWHAT SATISFIED WITH
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

"I will take with me David Muhammad's charge to embrace a transformative, not just restorative, approach, because something that hasn't existed cannot be restored."

**WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL
APPLY TO THEIR WORK AFTER THE 2021
WISCONSIN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUMMIT:**

find ways to humanize others

create community cohesion and bonds

**find mentors in
restorative justice
programs**

**create connections to
address disparities**

**learn more about
credible messengers
programs**

**self-work and self-reflection in order to heal from
trauma and mend relationship with self**

**change individual behaviors to create
systemic change**

nurture relationships

ground in self-inquiry and authentic engagement

**change frame of
questioning with youth
courts**

SUMMIT TAKE-AWAYS

"The Restorative Justice Summit has encouraged me to look inward and continue to find ways to be increasingly more restorative when working with young people and adults in our community programs."

"Our justice system is full of punitive laws that do not strengthen youth or families, instead it creates a combination of traumatic events in our communities, especially communities of color."

INTERVIEW QUOTES

"[The Summit] validated everything that I do...working with youth who are on court orders or in trouble with the law...in restorative justice, we want to build our community around the youth...that's what I believe and that's how I want to work with families."

- Diversion case manager, county human services

"Coming into a circle is not something that someone invented a few days or a few years ago. It's actually something that comes with great regard for our for our elders, and that's done with a level of reverence. And it's a practice that doesn't just exist in indigenous communities, it also exists in other communities. So, it's not just one group that owns it."

- School district social worker

"[Several people from our office attended the Wisconsin Restorative Justice Summit and] we talked about in our team meetings, we have weekly team meetings. And we do transfer learning in those meetings. And we did talk about this and how we want to push forward with it."

- Diversion case manager, county human services

"We have had leaders in different schools who have taught students how to lead restorative justice circles and who do an amazing job. And who can also sit in when two students have a disagreement or even a fight. And there is some mediation needed, they have been able to come help them reach an agreement and to allow for each other to be without threat or hostility. I have met students who are very much interested in the restorative justice process."

- School district social worker

"Being involved in restorative justice programs has made me think a lot more about why people do the things they do. I have been more empathetic when people do something wrong because I have learned to be more aware of their reasons."

- Youth in a Wisconsin teen court program