



Building resilience and strengthening friendships through story-telling and games.

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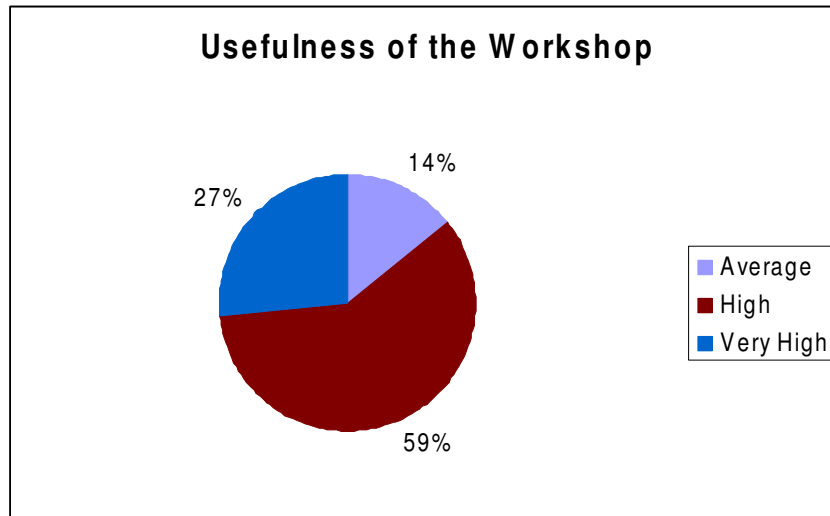
Review of the Workshop:

Understanding Bullying, Autism Spectrum Disorders and the importance of home-school collaboration

By Amanda Gray

Presented to the July meeting of the Hawkesbury Autism and Aspergers Support Group - 12th July, 2010

Almost 60% of those who attended the workshop completed our evaluation form. One of the measures was a rating of the usefulness of our workshop – including the ratings very low, low, average, high, very high. No participants chose very low or low. The following diagram represents the responses.

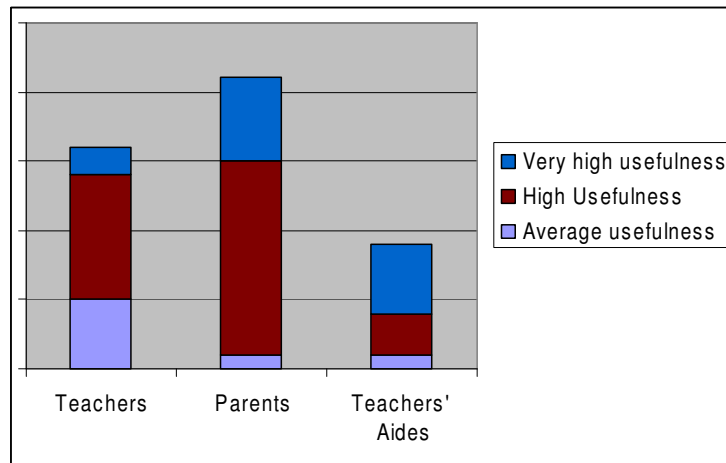


14% rated the usefulness of the workshop as average. This was primarily from teachers. Some suggestions included a separate teacher night, and more in-depth exploration of the topics for professionals.

59% rated the usefulness of the workshop as high. One teacher said they enjoyed the “Excellent ideas coming out of open discussion.” Another stated, “I enjoyed the information provided and the access to web sites with further info.” A parent said, “I liked the ideas and it has given me good resources for future incidents... but ... I thought this was more about making friendships, forming friendships. Seemed it was aimed a lot higher than my child's age.”

27% rated the usefulness of the workshop as very high. This was mainly from parents and teachers' aides. One teacher said it was “Great, excellent.” A parent said, “You gave me some great strategies.

Enjoyed the way Amanda included the audience instead of just lecturing.” Another stated, “Thank you - wonderful! Empowering! Everything you said! I loved hearing others' experiences of their autistic child. I had never met other parents of Autistic children.”



Participants were also asked to note any highlights. Comments included:

“Question time - great having ideas from the audience as well as Amanda - things that work.”
(From a teacher)

“Well explained. Very approachable person.” (From a teacher)

“Questions and answers at the end.” (From a parent)

“Disecting graph allows ability to measure bullying affect.” (From a parent)

“The download for the Autism information sheet.” (From a parent)

“The feedback from the crowd, getting views from both teachers and parents etc.” (From a teachers' aide)

Overall, 45% of respondents signed up for our free newsletter, and a number of schools enquired about having a presentation of the information for their staff.