2026 Arkansas Head Start Association Institute Evaluations Summary

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Opening General SessionTuesday, June 9, 2026 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

77 Responses

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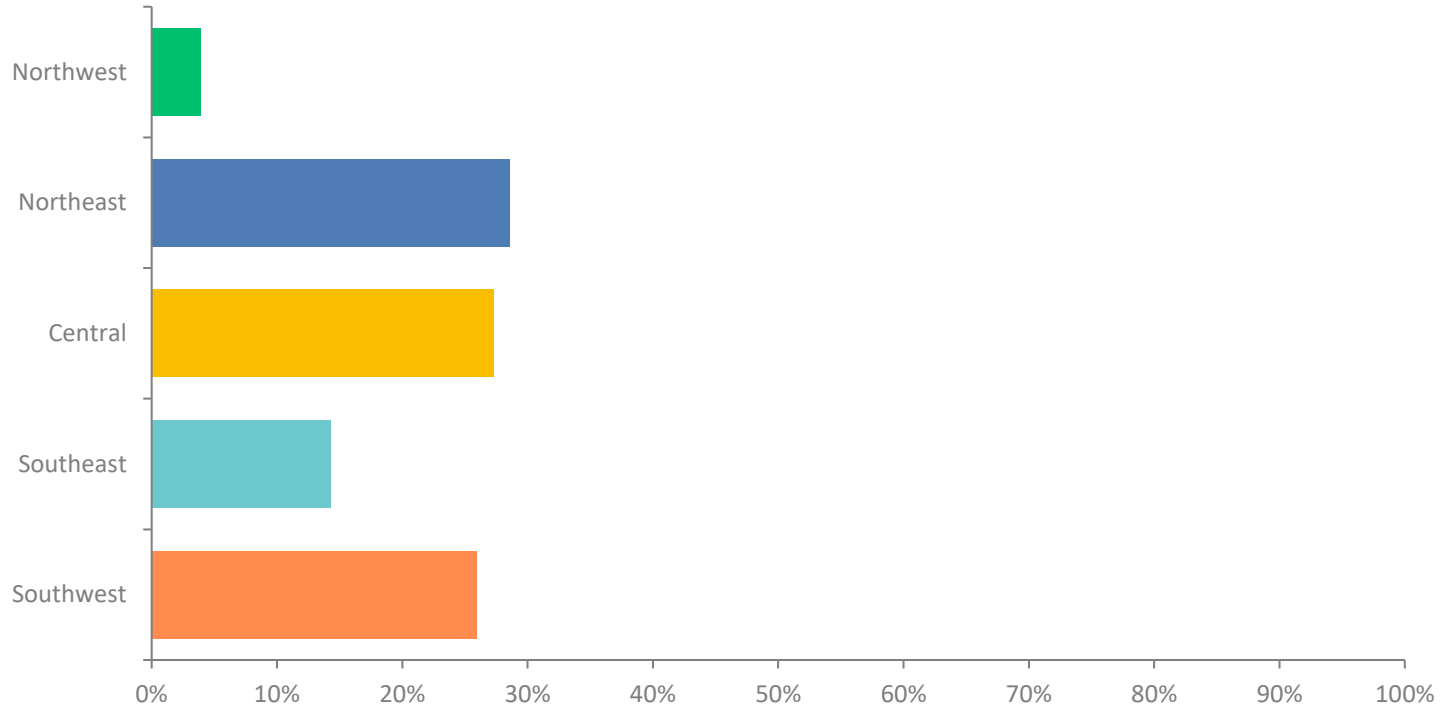
Q4: Which area of the state are you from?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0



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Q5: General Session, Tuesday, June 9, 2026
How to Stay Real and Authentic in an Artificial (AI) World Adam White

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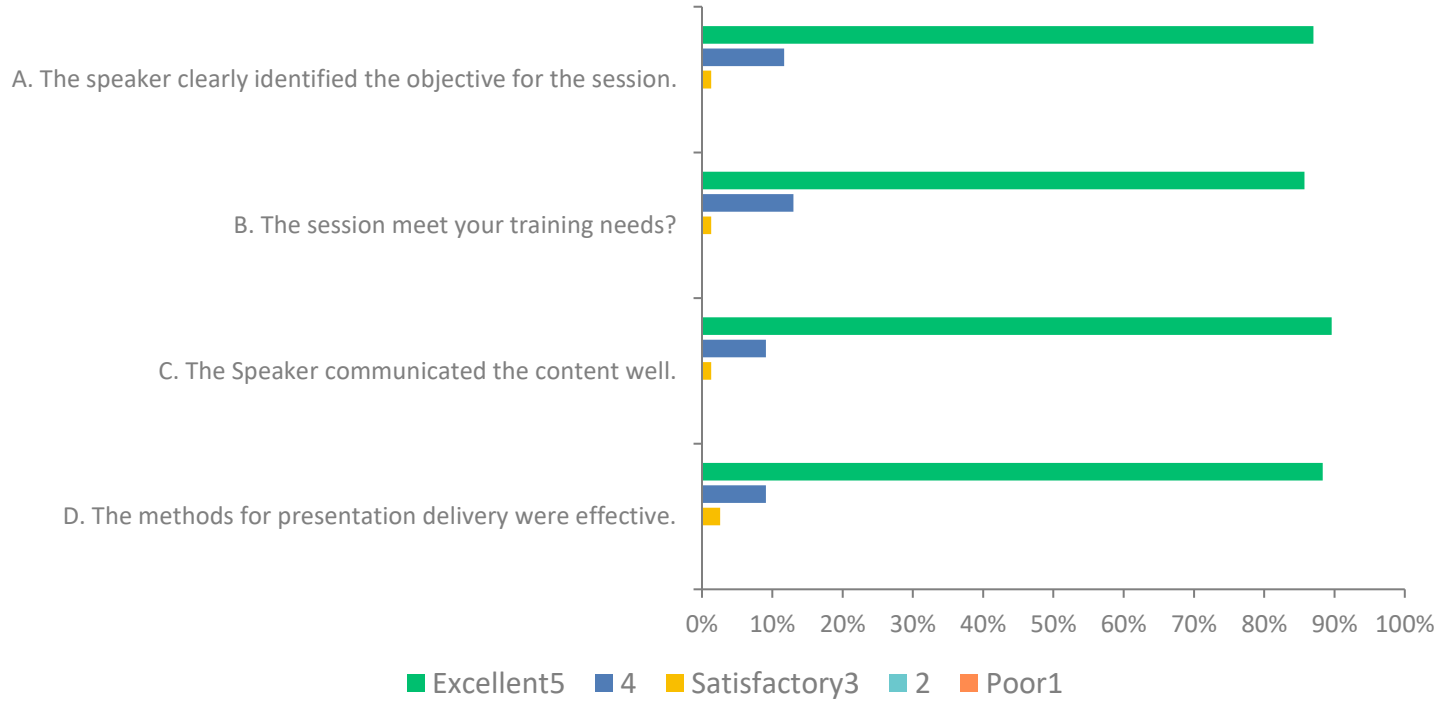

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Q6: Institute Logistics-Opening Session

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0



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Closing General Session Wednesday, June 10, 2026-12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

44 Total Responses

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Q4: Which area of the state are you from?

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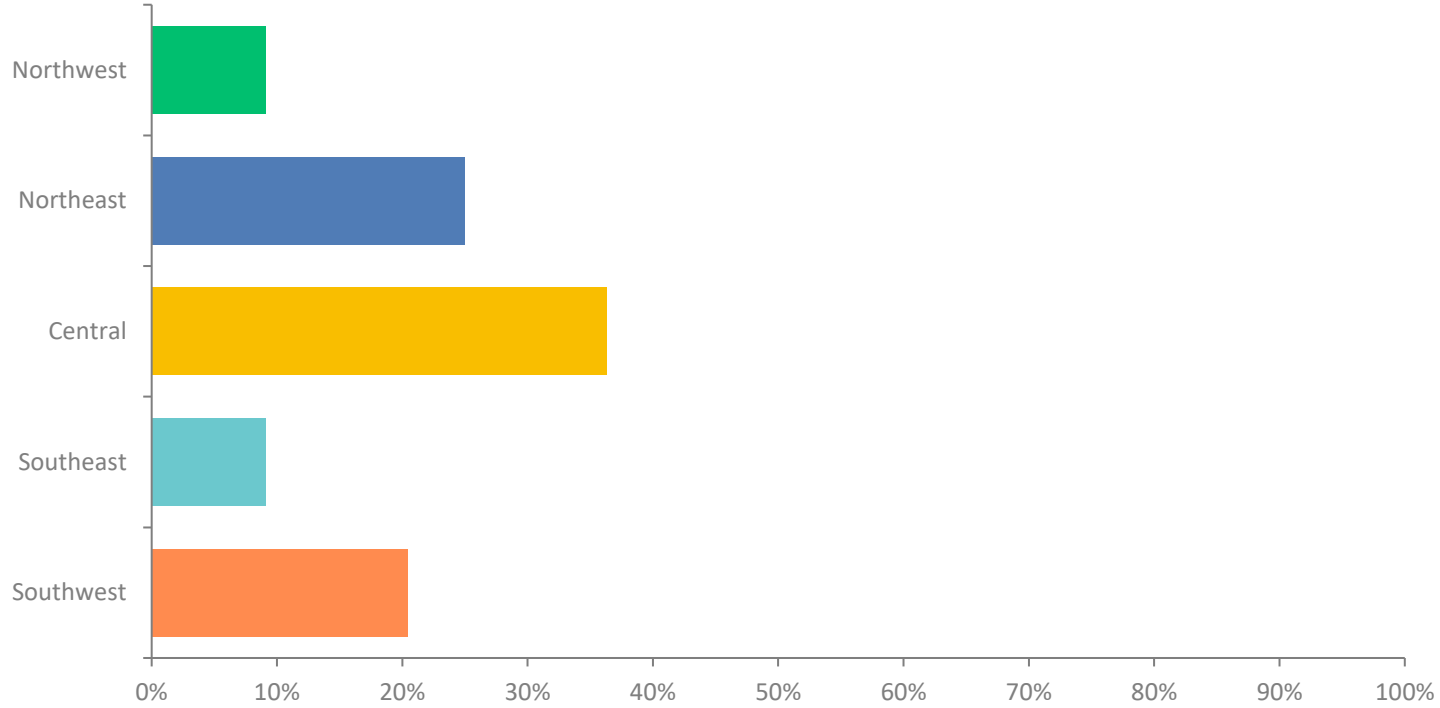

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Q5: General Session, Wednesday, June 10, 2026Legislative Panel and Awards Luncheon

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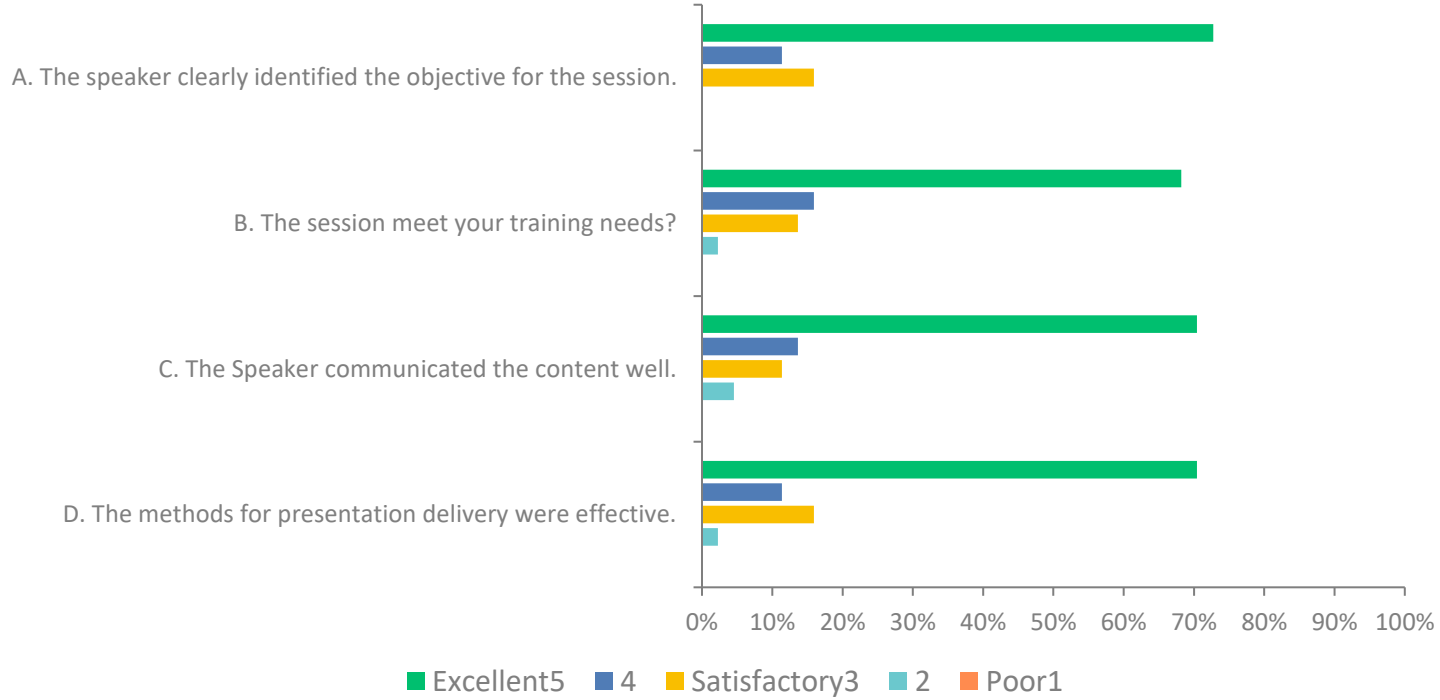

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Q6: Institute Logistics-Closing Session

Answered: 44 Skipped: 0



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Overall Feedback

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Please share any concerns you may have regarding the Institute.

- It was great
- Felt slightly favoritism
- Please be careful that a comment or doesn't highjack the discussion
- We needed to hear more promising information coming from the representatives. It was almost upsetting they didn’t really have answers for our concerns.
- I shared my thoughts in the survey for the opening session. To summarize, the institute was great but the hotel was not satisfactory.
- The meeting rooms were very,very cold.
- The session was very good and informative.
- Hotel staff members were not always helpful, credit card charges were messed up, rooms could have been better. Conference itself was great.
- Excellent! Great speakers and I especially loved hearing from the political speakers. The 80’s party was fun, too!
- The rooms were very, very cold.
- Very good
- None Ready for next year
- Very motivating
- Amazing

Please share your suggestions for the next training institute. (Locations, session topics, keynote speakers, special event ideas, length of sessions.)

- I loved everything about it
- Anywhere the air conditioning doesn't smell moldy
- Any (3)
- I enjoyed having state legislators there for discussion
- Different venue (2)
- This was a great area Centralized
- Love
- Another Hotel
- This was a good location
- I loved them! Very informative.
- Would love to go to Hot Springs again if a suitable location is available (3)
- Everything was wonderful except I was not satisfied with the hotel. The food at the luncheons were great and I liked having Boston's on site… but my room was basically falling apart and so many things didn't work. It was kind of dirty. The main problem was when it was time to check out. They only had one staff person at the desk during check out time at a large conference. The group in front of me were experiencing problems and the manager was "in a meeting" and did not want to come out to help. It took way too long for everyone to check out on time.
- Speaker for mental health / staff wellness
- Bring Adam white back please
- Ready For More Learning and information.
- Location near shopping and restaurants
- Speaking on bringing parents working on next level of growth!
- Enjoyed the session
- Love downtown LR
- Several Screens to view the presentations.

Using two to three words, how would you describe how much you enjoyed the institute?



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Tuesday, June 9, 2026

10:30 AM-12:30 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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The Lion's Courage – Embracing The Circle of Courage Model® for Tomorrow's Trailblazing Leaders Eyona Lewis

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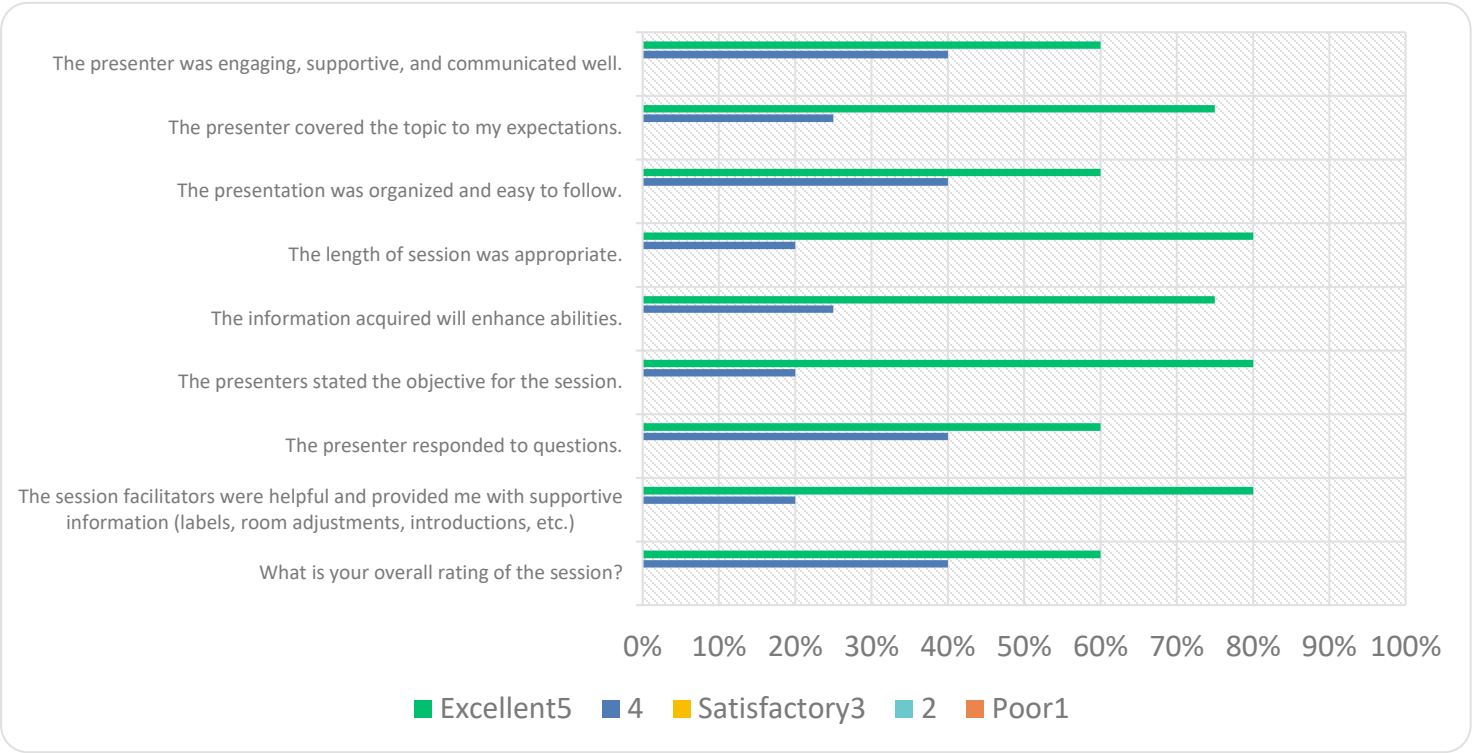

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Real Talk, Real Growth: Coaching Feedback with Purpose
Shaneil PJ Yarbrough

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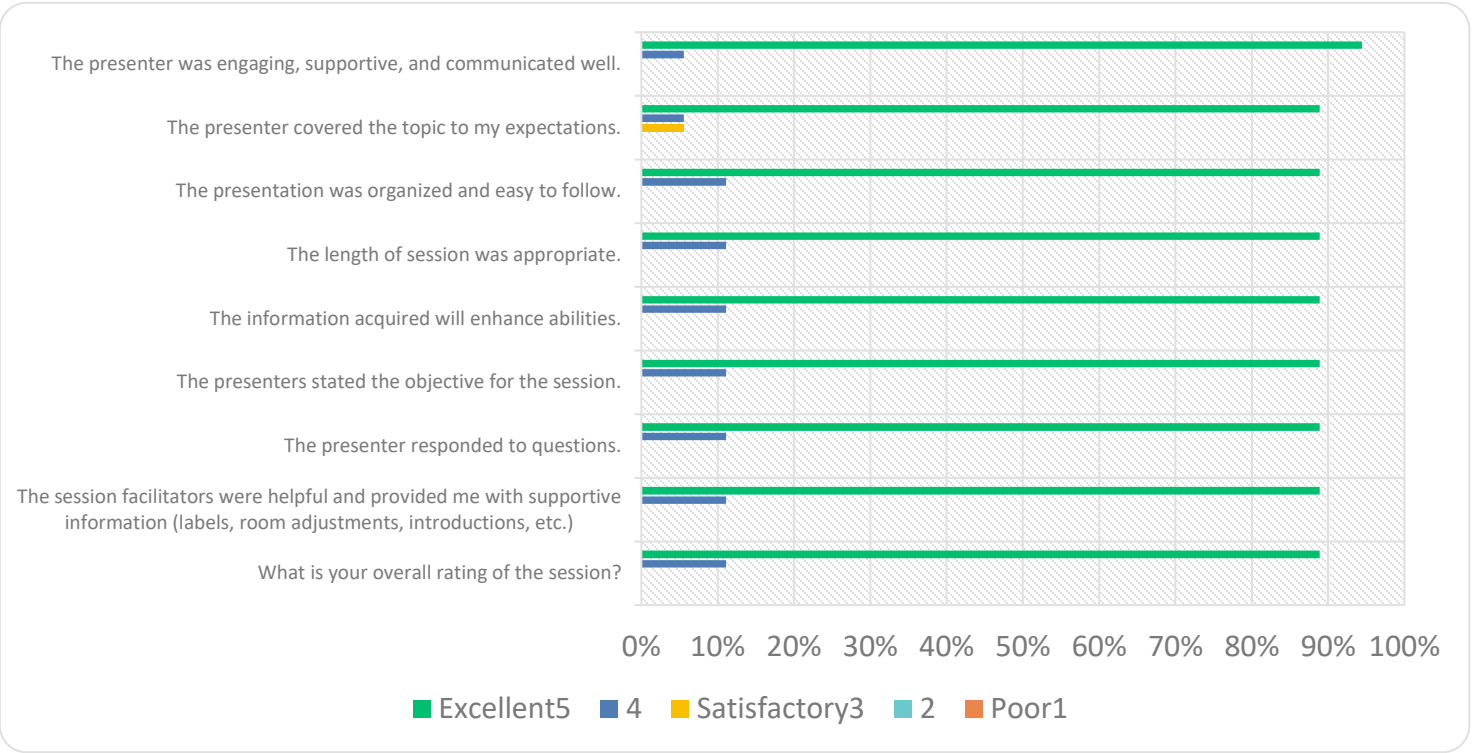

Comments

- PJ is an amazing presenter! Me and my team were holding on to every word. We approached her afterwards to inquire about how we could get her training for our entire program. 10/10!
- Excellent presenter.
- The presenter had a great engaging session.
- Great presentation. Lots of information shared. Loved the session.
- Presentation on Coaching with Shaneil PJ Yarbrough was awesome, needed and engaging but also informative… Loved it all.

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Trauma Informed Yoga
Jessica Moreland Tori Miller

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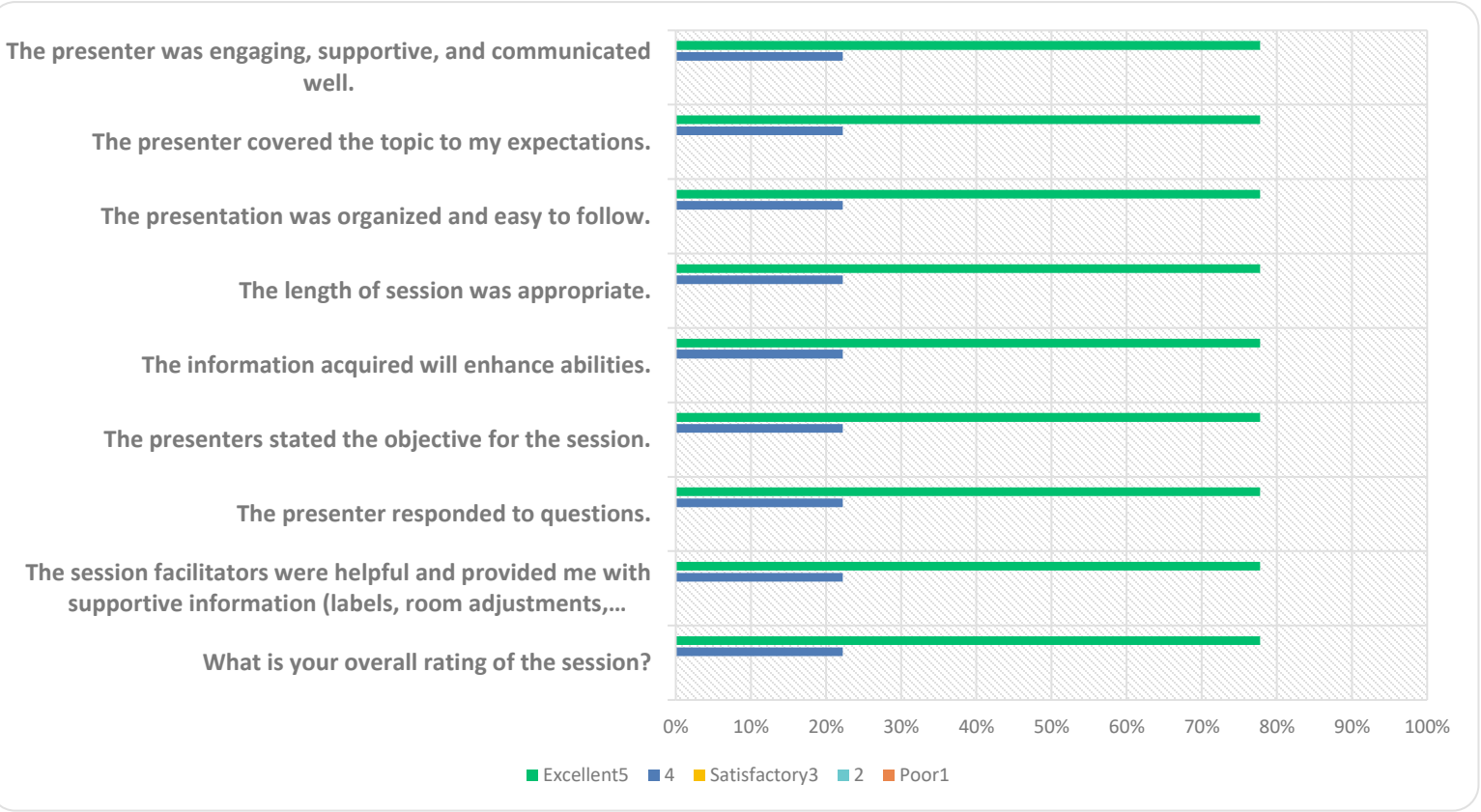

Comments

- Great

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Positive Behavior Supports: Bringing the Joy to Young Children Karan Burnette

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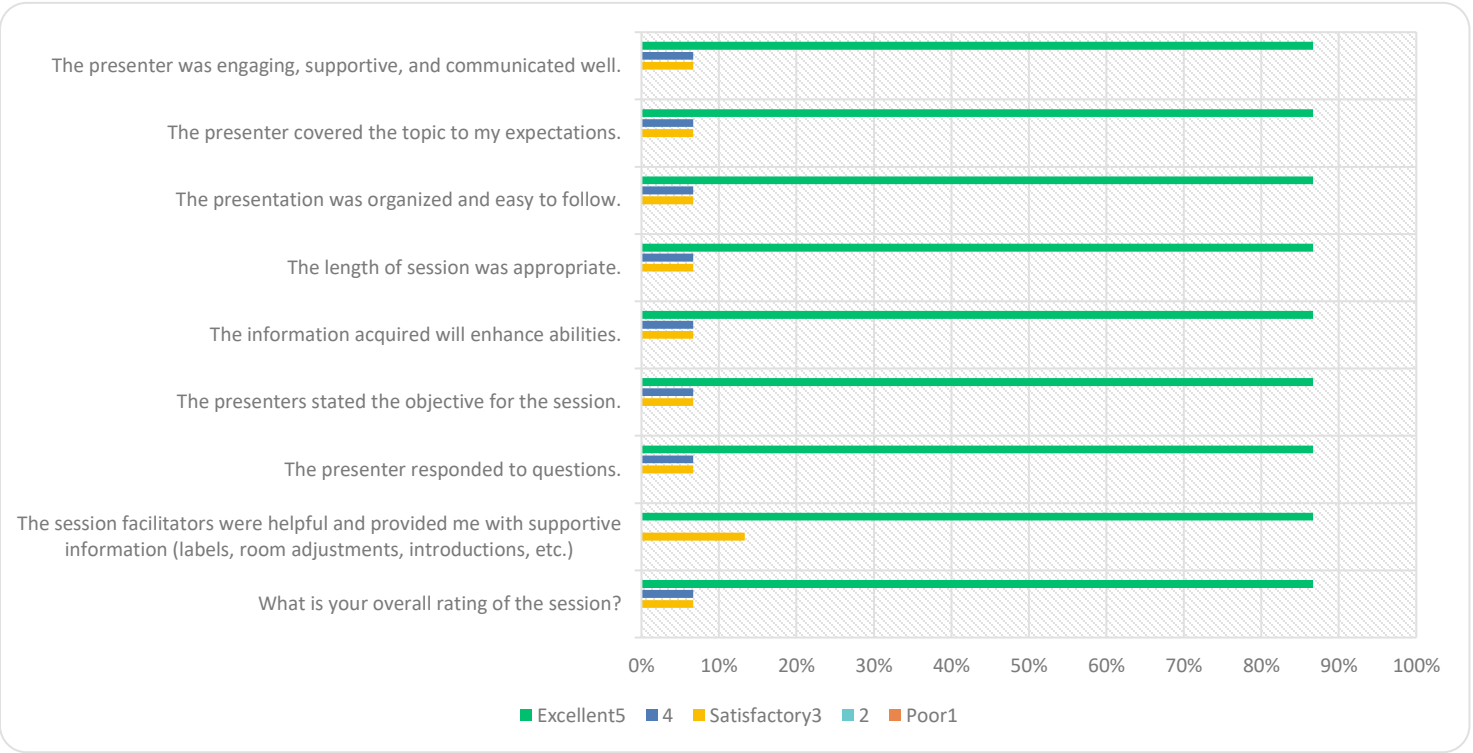

Comments

- Awesome Awesome presentation
- Great Presentation
- Mrs. Karan did an excellent job.
- I Have enjoyed The session and learned a lot and will take back home the materials and use some of it in my classroom.

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Workplace Wellness and Personal Well Being
Dr. Robert Lemon

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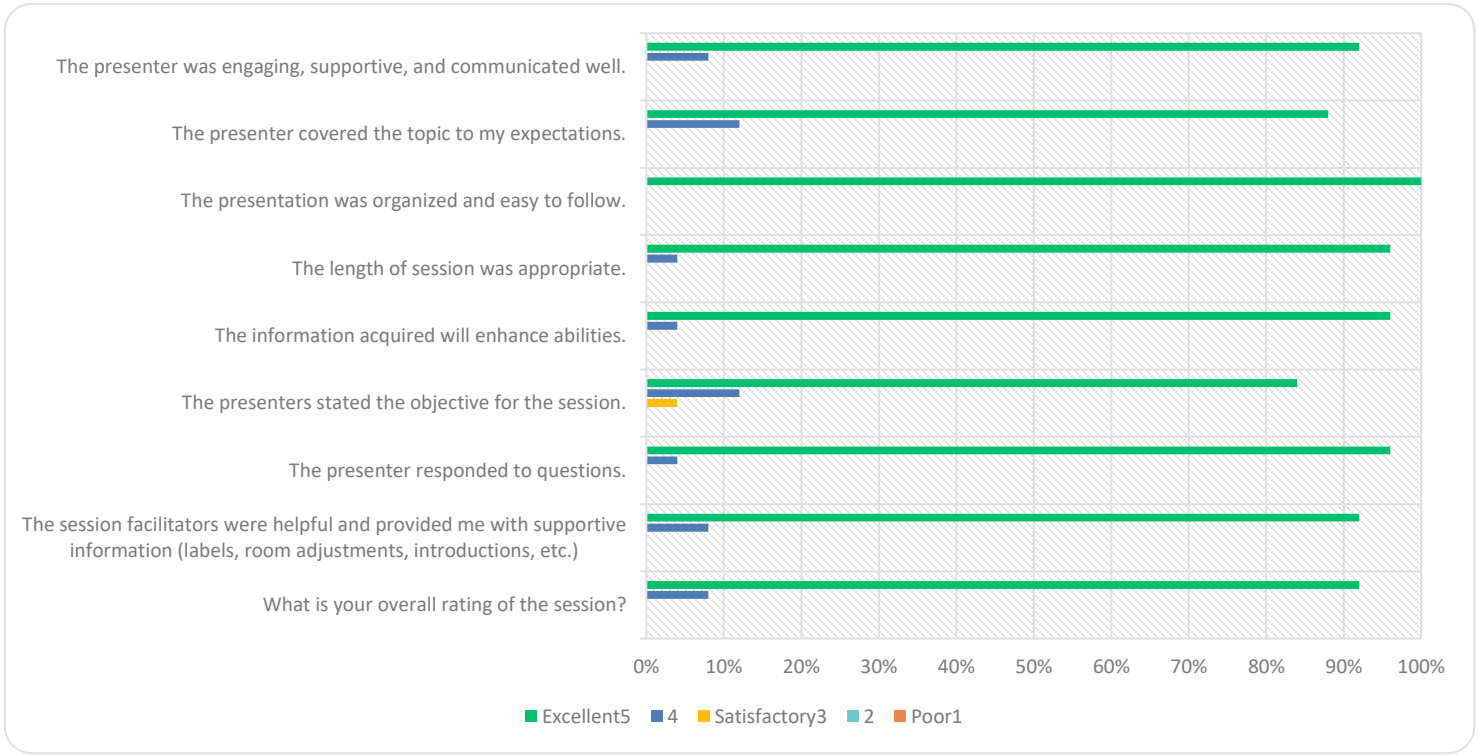

Comments

- Great job on your presentation!
- I enjoyed the presentation.
- This was awesome!
- I really enjoyed your sessions
- Amazing Lecture
- Make Me Time

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HOPE: Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences
Scott Kines

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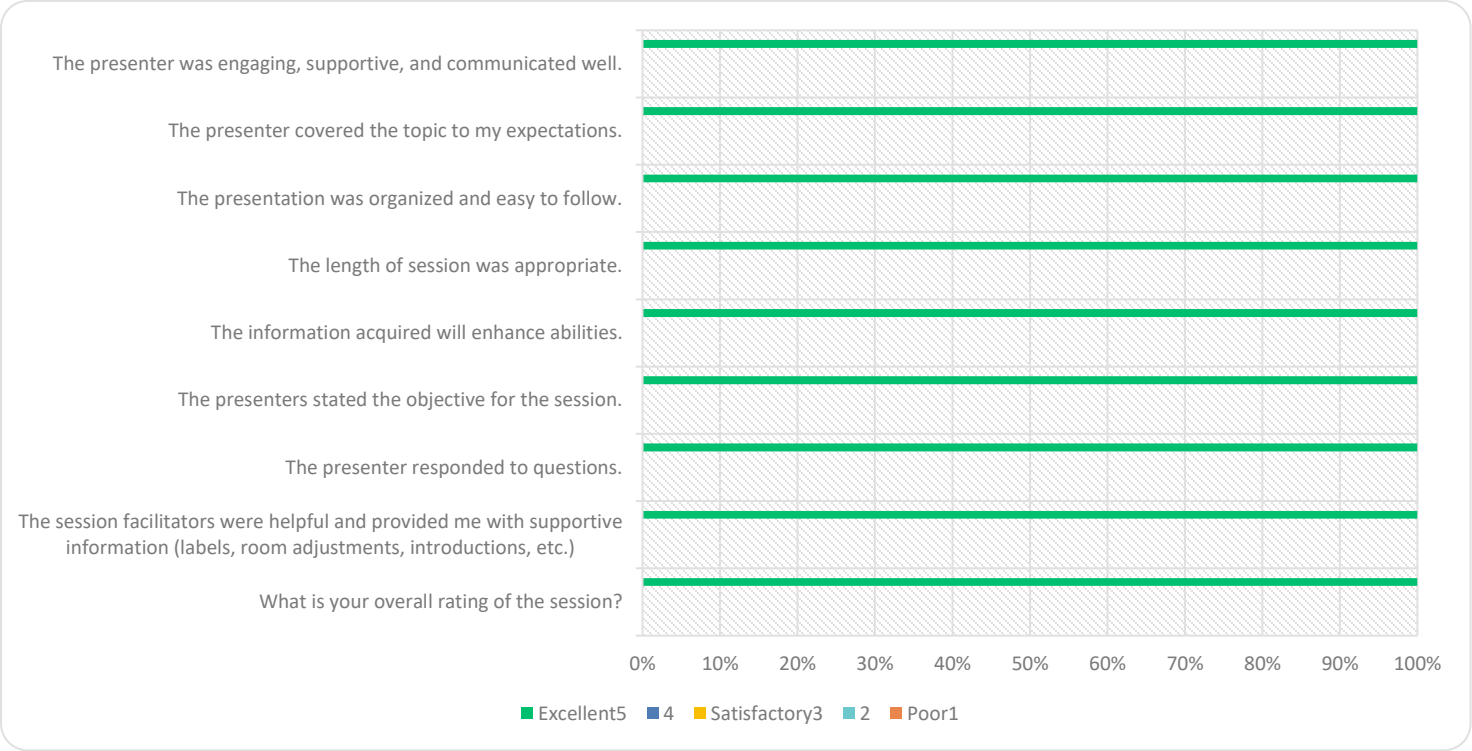

Comments

- Loved the Beach Ball Activity
- Very informative, engaging and different perspective on child outcomes.

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SHOW UP: RE-FRAMING SOCIAL EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES
Dr. Felice Harris

Answered: 7 Skipped: 0



Comments

- Wonderful presentation and outstanding strategies to use in the classroom.

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Tuesday, June 9, 2026

2:00 PM-4:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Tick Tock, Shoot Your Shot! – Unleashing The Ideal Team Player Model for Tomorrow's Success Eyona Lewis

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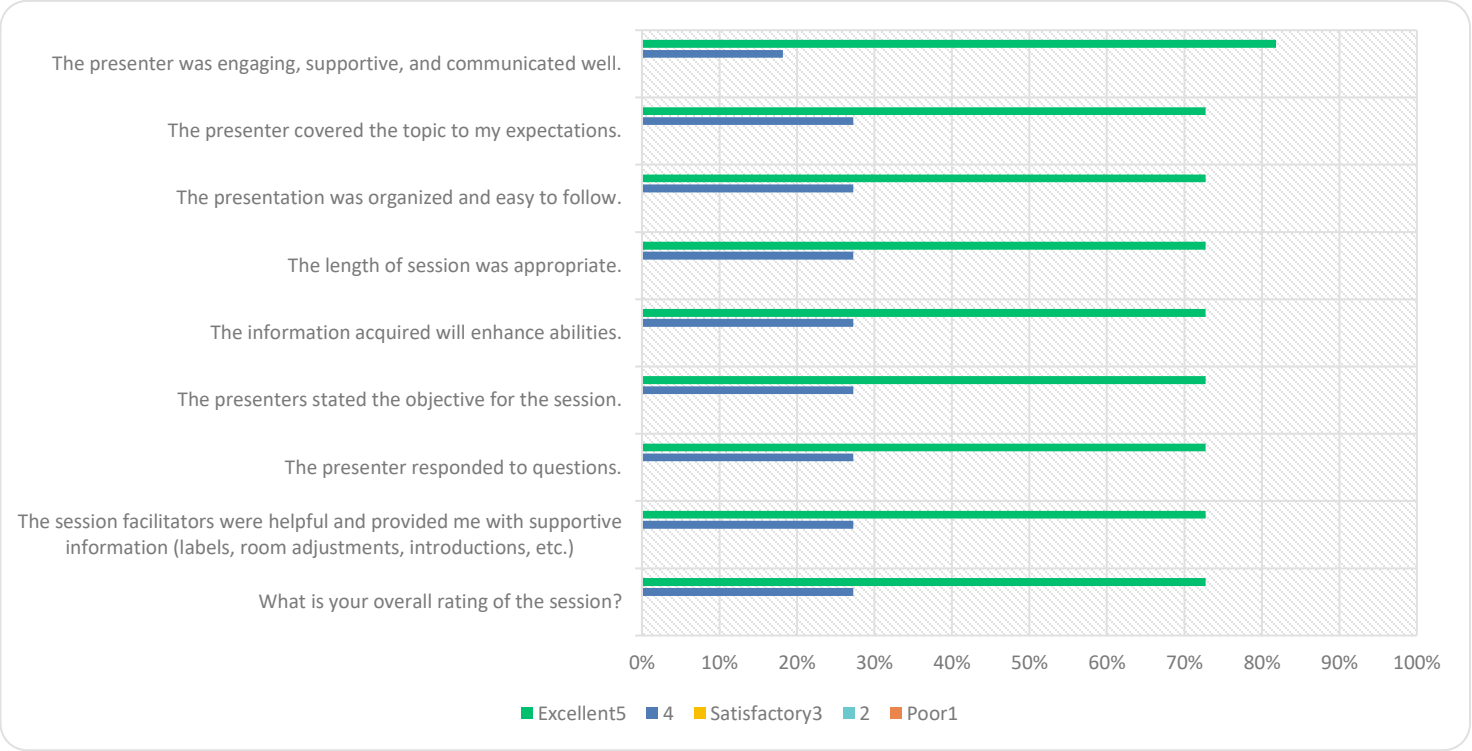

Comments

- Very helpful in keeping the focus relatable to Conscious Discipline
- The presenter provided much needed information and the session was engaging.
- Very very good training

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Innovation without Overwhelm: Practical Tech Every Head Start Program Can Use Kevin Donohue

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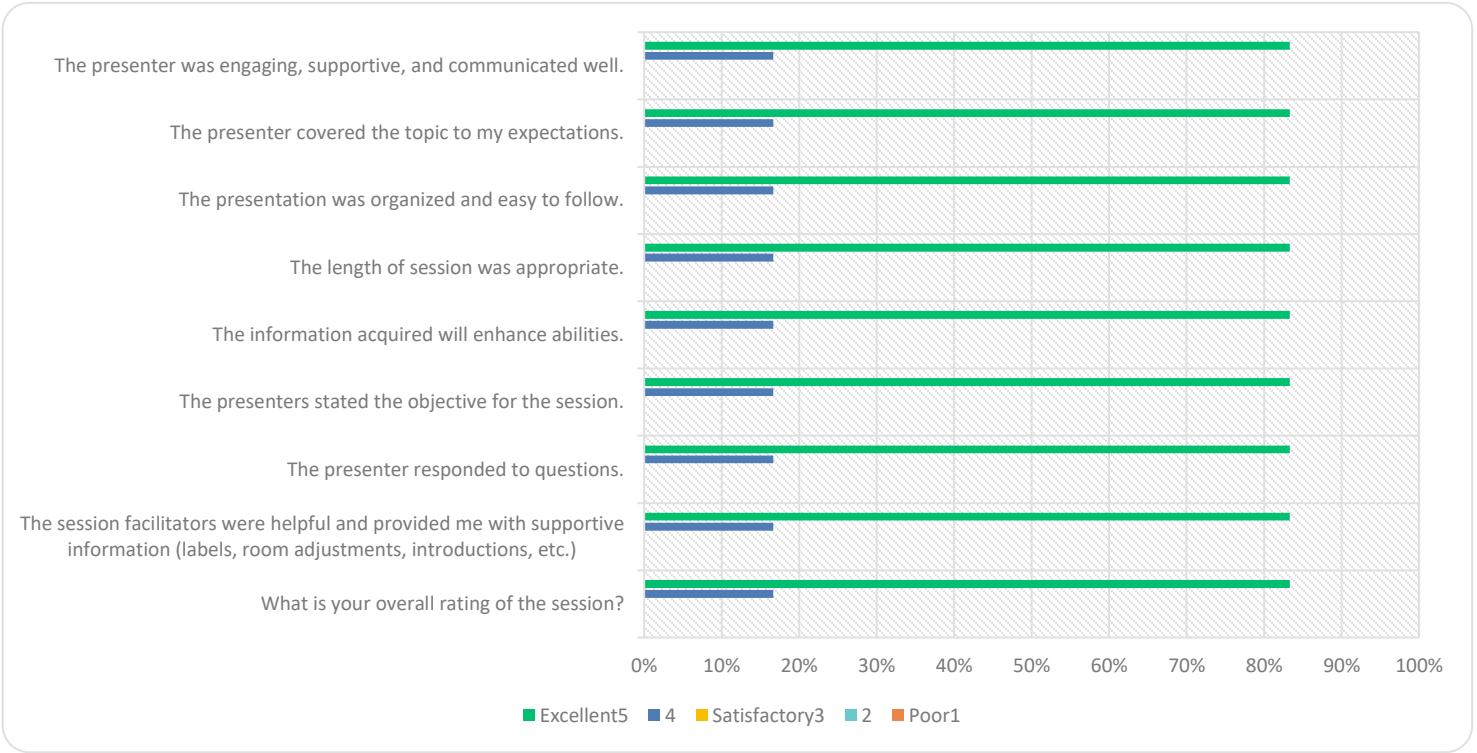

Comments

- I learned so much. What the gpt and Gemini can do. I created a coloring sheet for my grandkids. Thank you.
- Excellent session very knowledgeable.

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How to Manage Disruptive Change
Adam White

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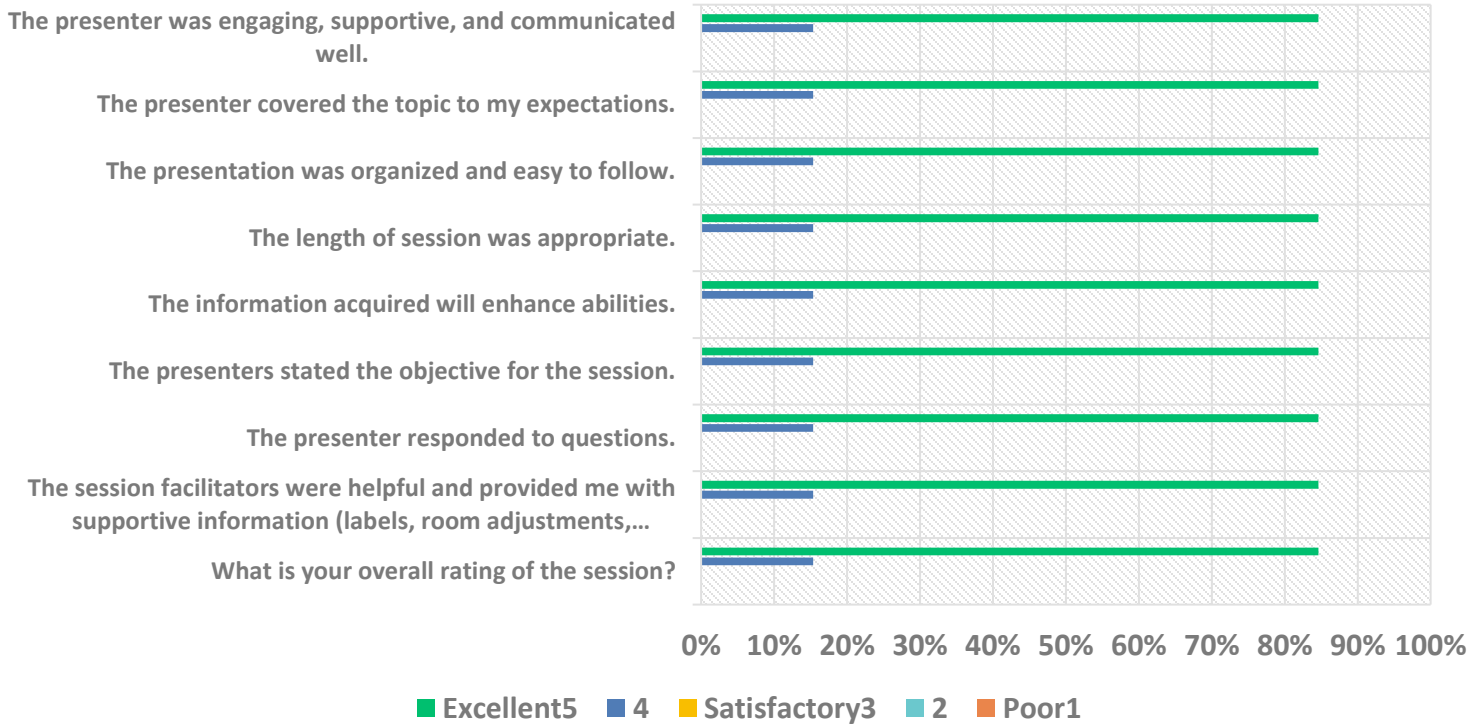

Comments

- I rarely take notes and I took a lot in this session!
- I loved this session! Mr. White did a fantastic job delivering his message and then facilitating a very helpful networking discussion afterwards. I will definitely attend more of his trainings and look forward to reading his books!
- Enjoyed Mr. Adam White! Absolutely Great Speaker!
- This was a great experience. Very knowledgeable

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Engaging Families through Literacy Nights with Imagination Library! Dr. Tammy Benson

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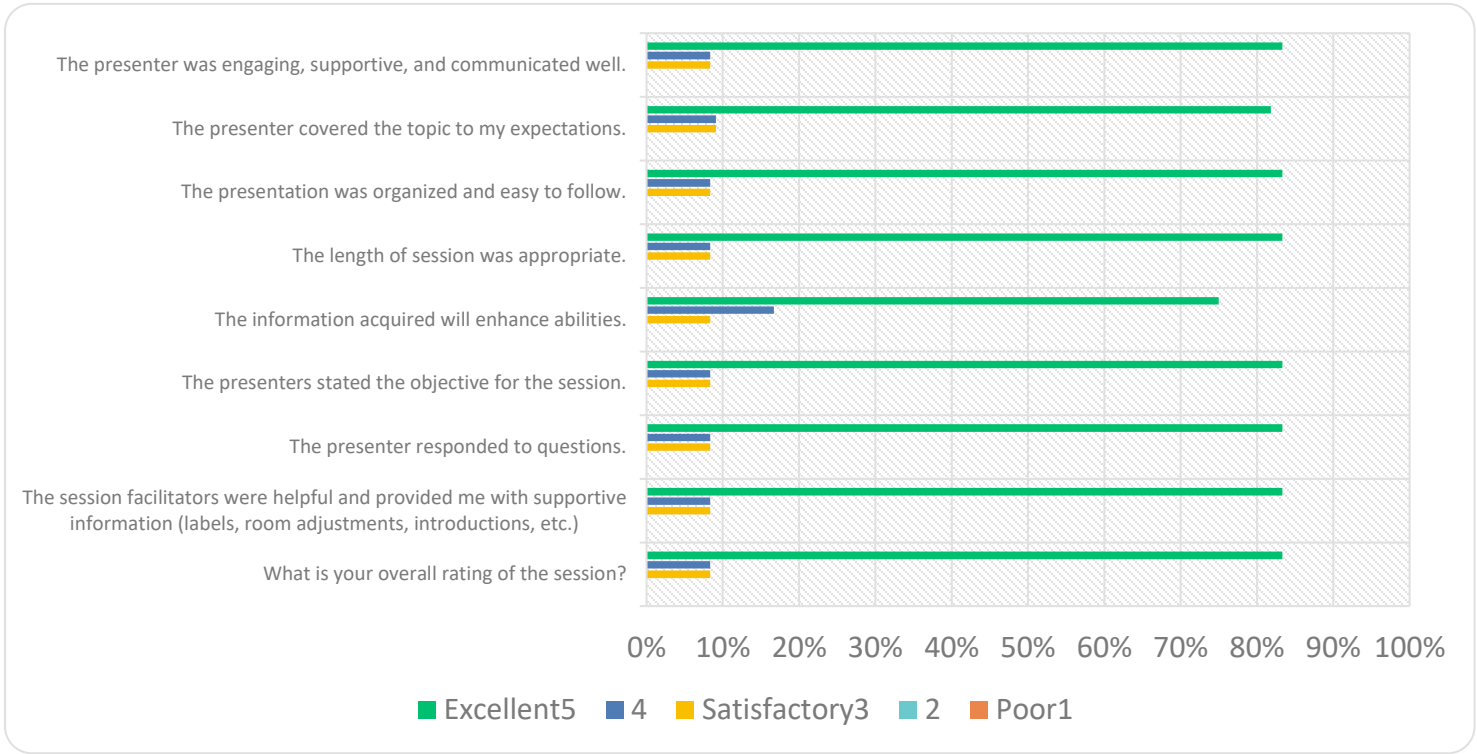

Comments

- Great job on your presentation!
- Enjoyed the Session!!
- Very Informative

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Nutrition for Special Needs in Head Start Supporting Healthy Growth, Inclusion, and Allergy Safety for All Children Pam Darby

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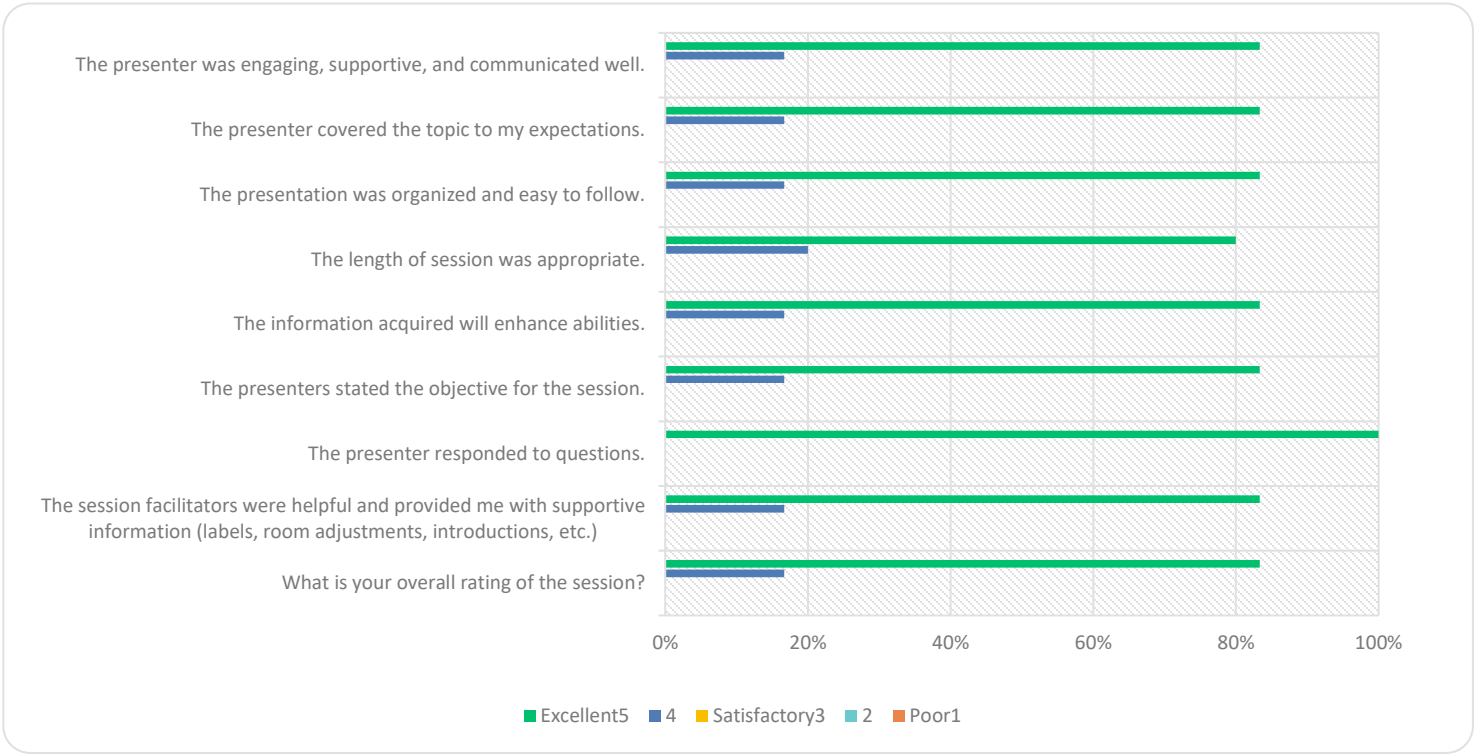

Comments

- Really Enjoyed All The Learning and Materials That Was Given To The Staff.

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Every Step Counts: Educator Tools for Inclusive Early Development Amber Robinson Ati Bell

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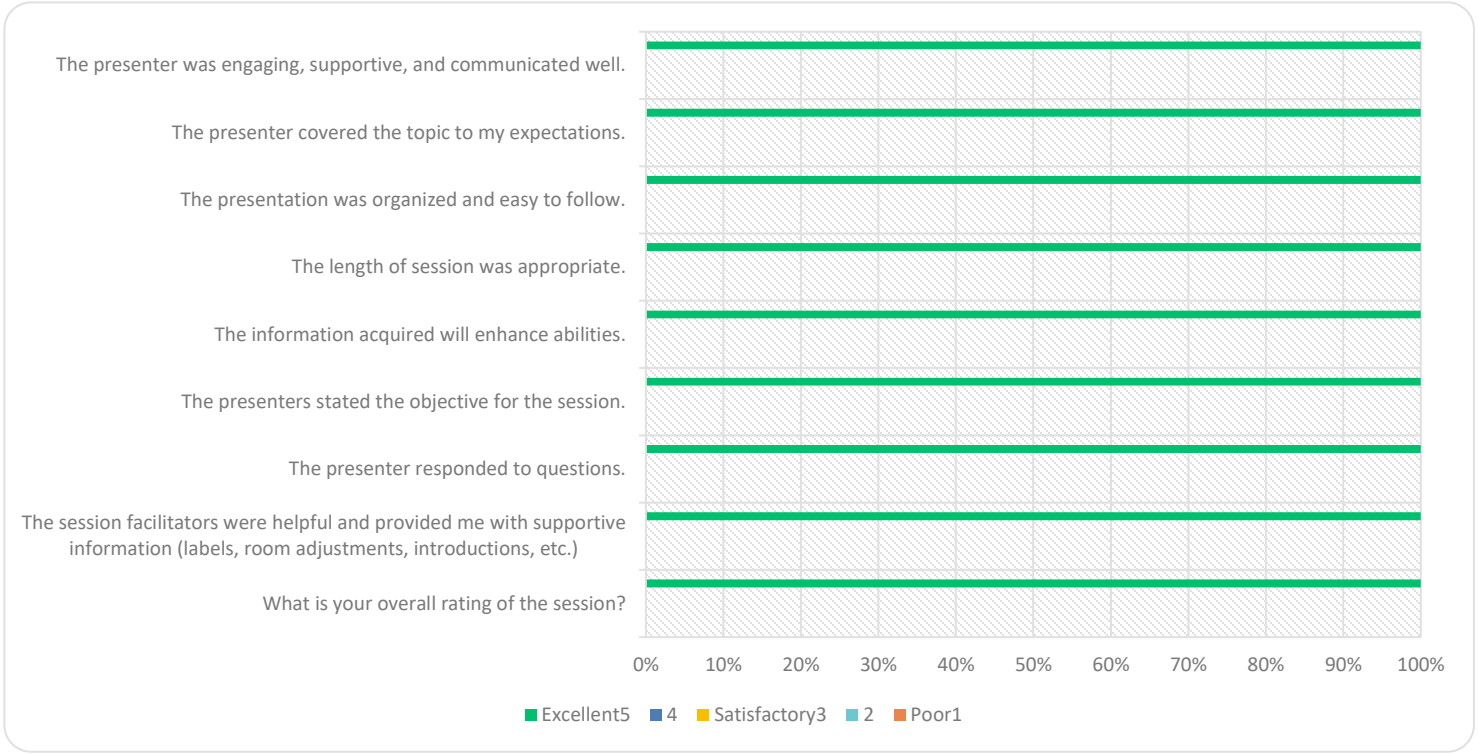

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Where does Pre-K Fit in the Science of Reading?
Tammy Jones Sharon Burnett Diane Patterson

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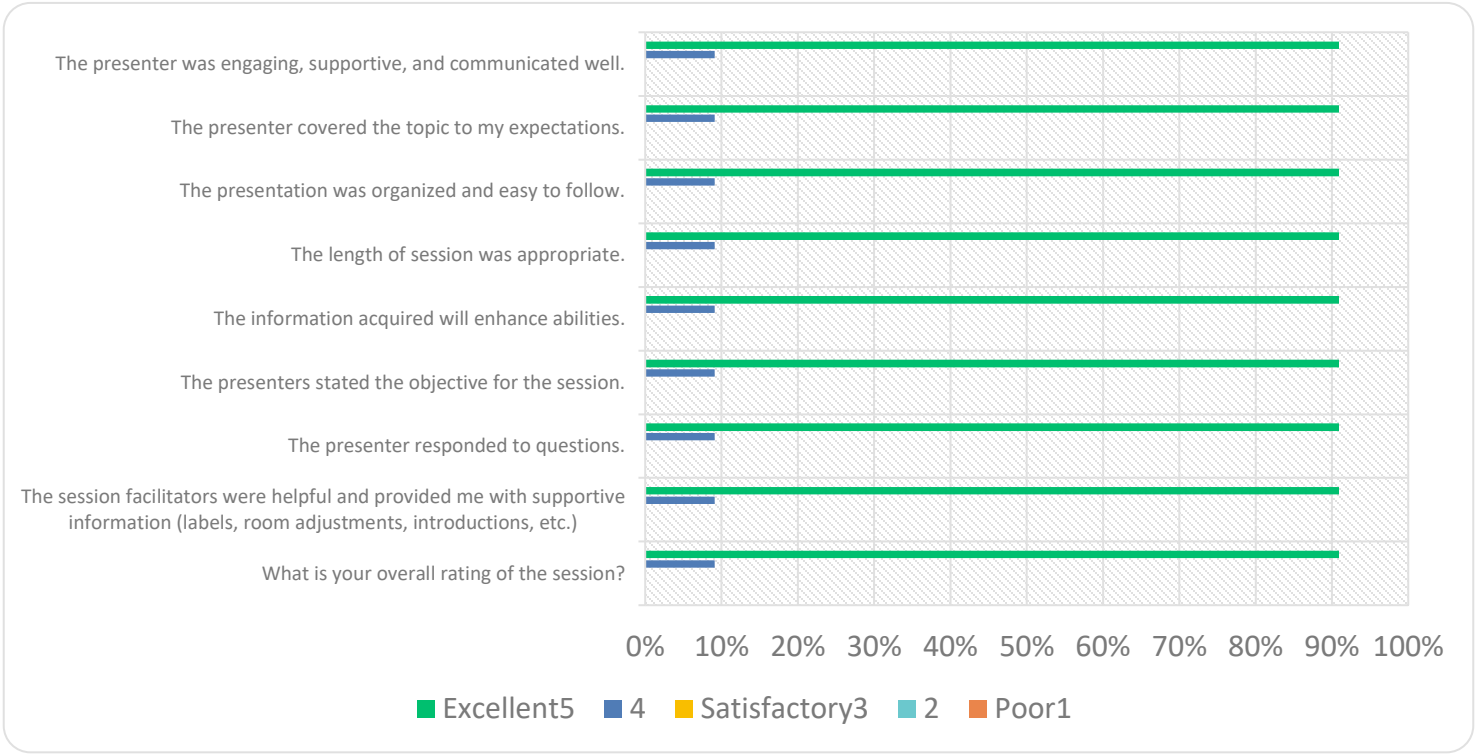

Comments

- Need it information to encourage and support learning.. She was excellent in her presentation.

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4:15 PM-5:30 PM NETWORKING ROUNDTABLESS

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Networking Roundtable Education Shawna Lynch

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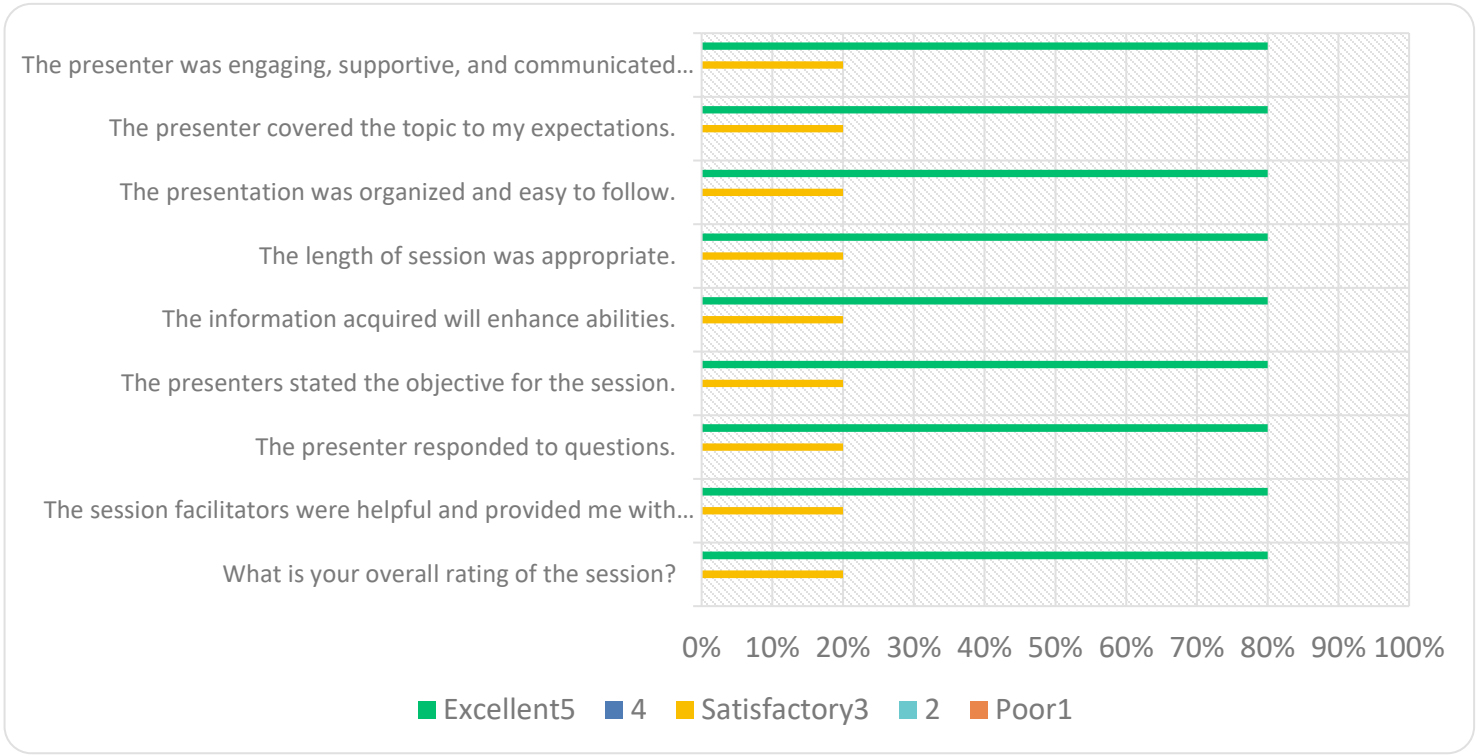

Comments

- Good feedback

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Networking Roundtable Health
Rose Nichols

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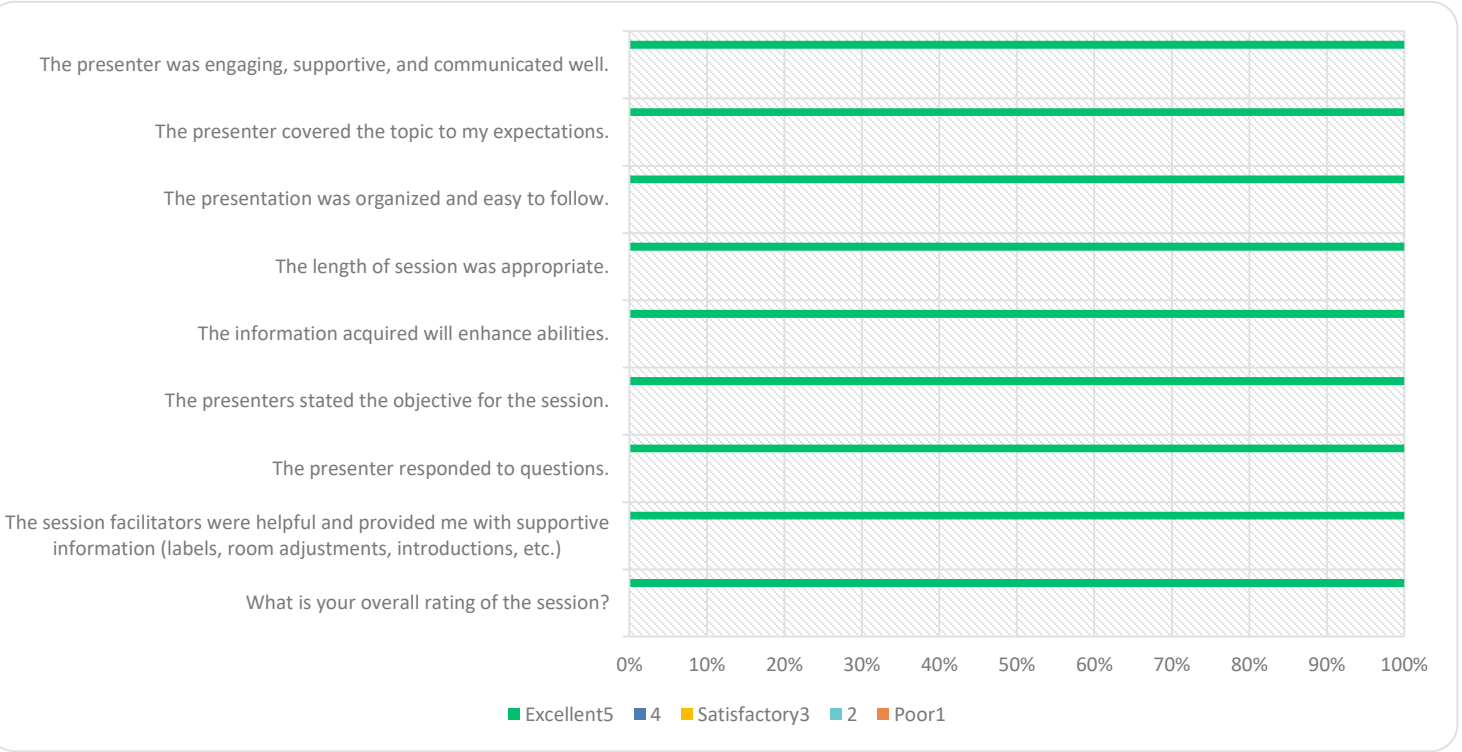

Comments

- Good training

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Networking Roundtable Disabilities
Angela Blankenship Melinda Calhoun

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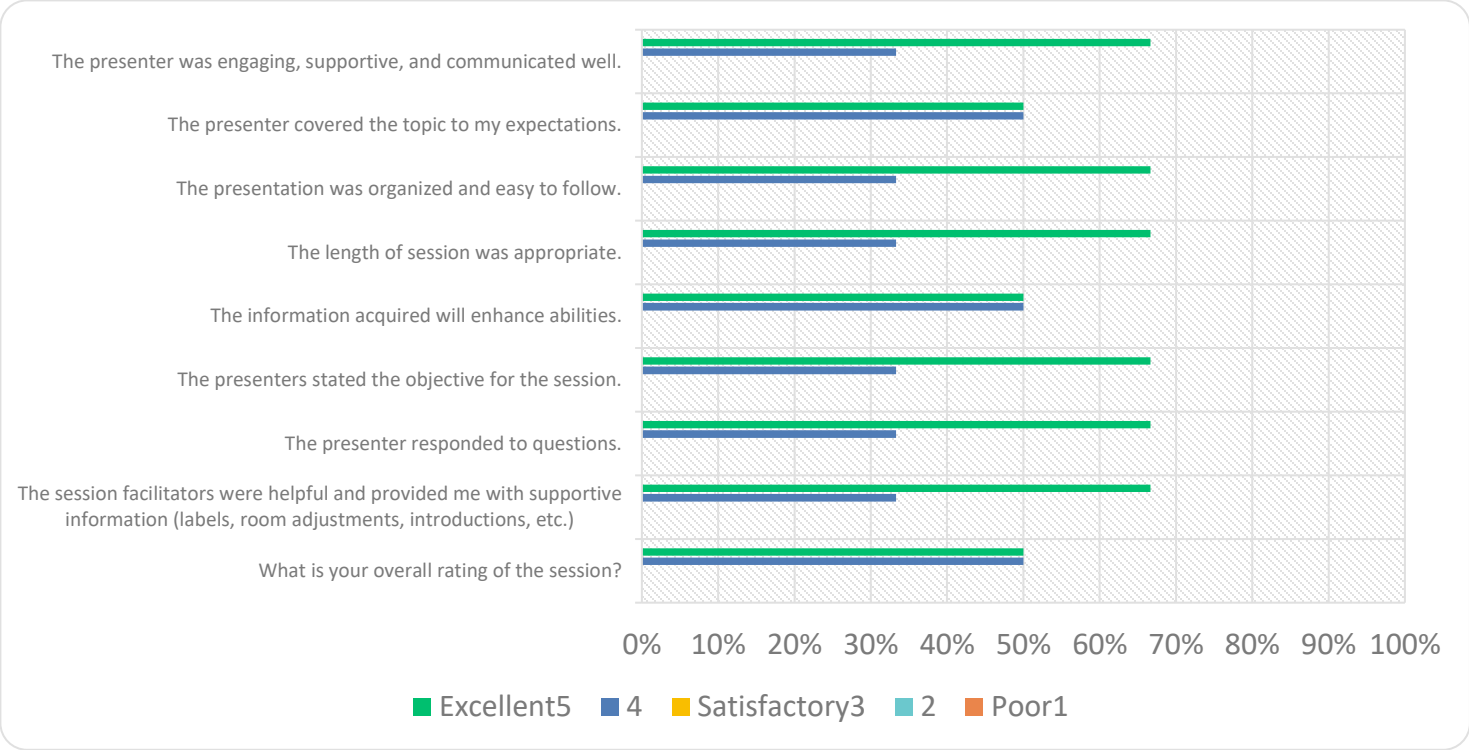

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Networking Round Table Nutrition: Challenges and possible solutions in the rising cost of food and nutrition services Tara Arnold

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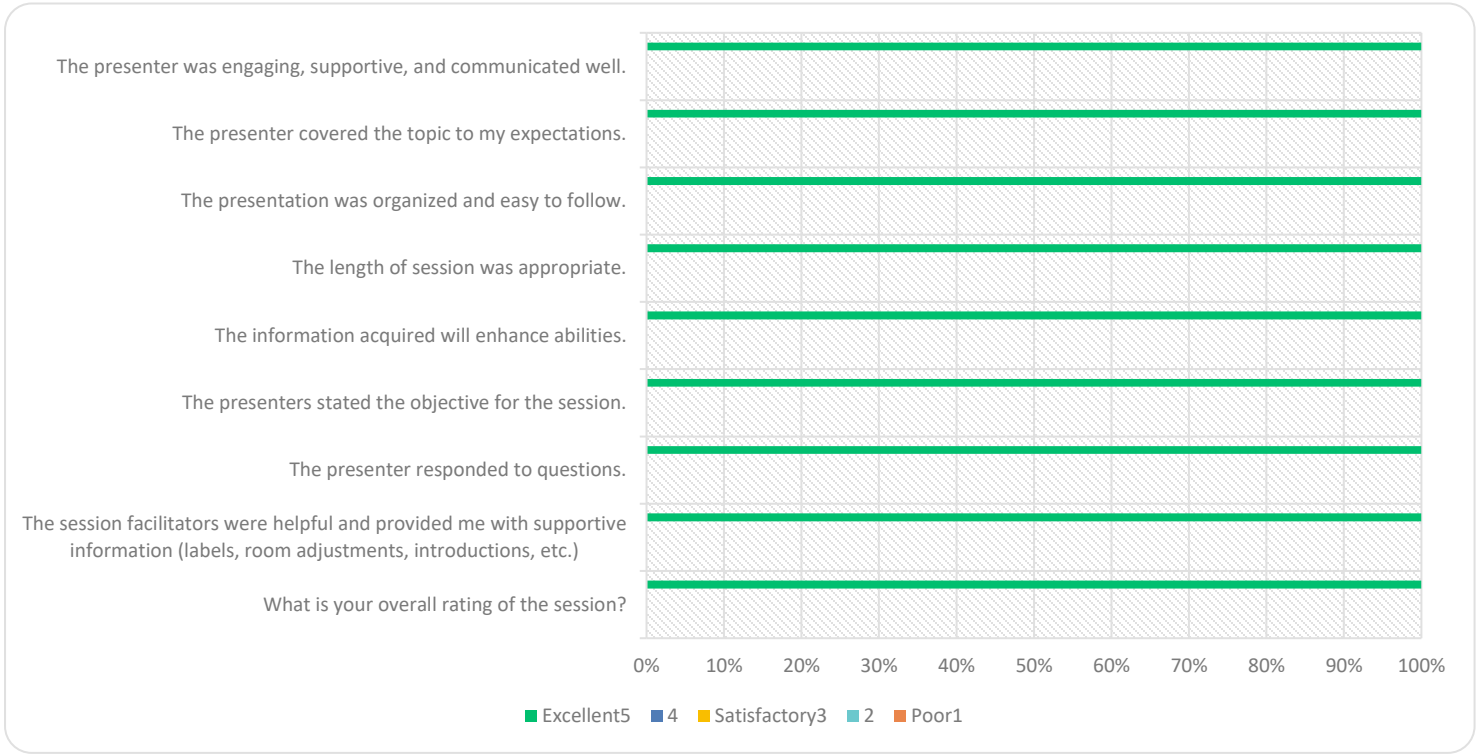

Comments

- Discuss USDA and importance of new forms.

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Networking Round Table Family Engagement: Engage and Empower Hour Melissa Risher Shaytra Bridges

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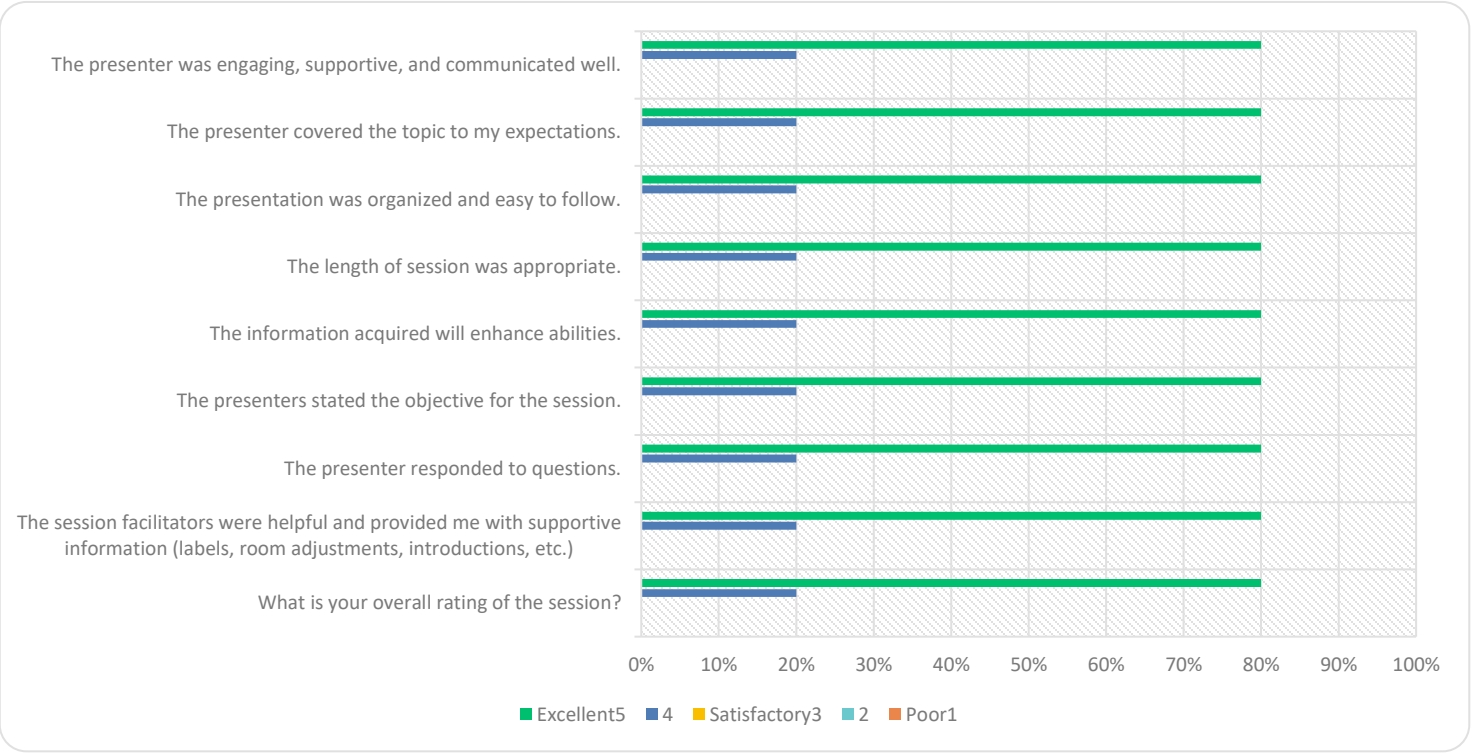

Comments

- It was fun to moderate this one. I wish we had more participants but the discussions we did have were good.
- Engage and Empowerment discussion was very informative

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Networking Round Table Leadership/Management
Shirley Pulliam

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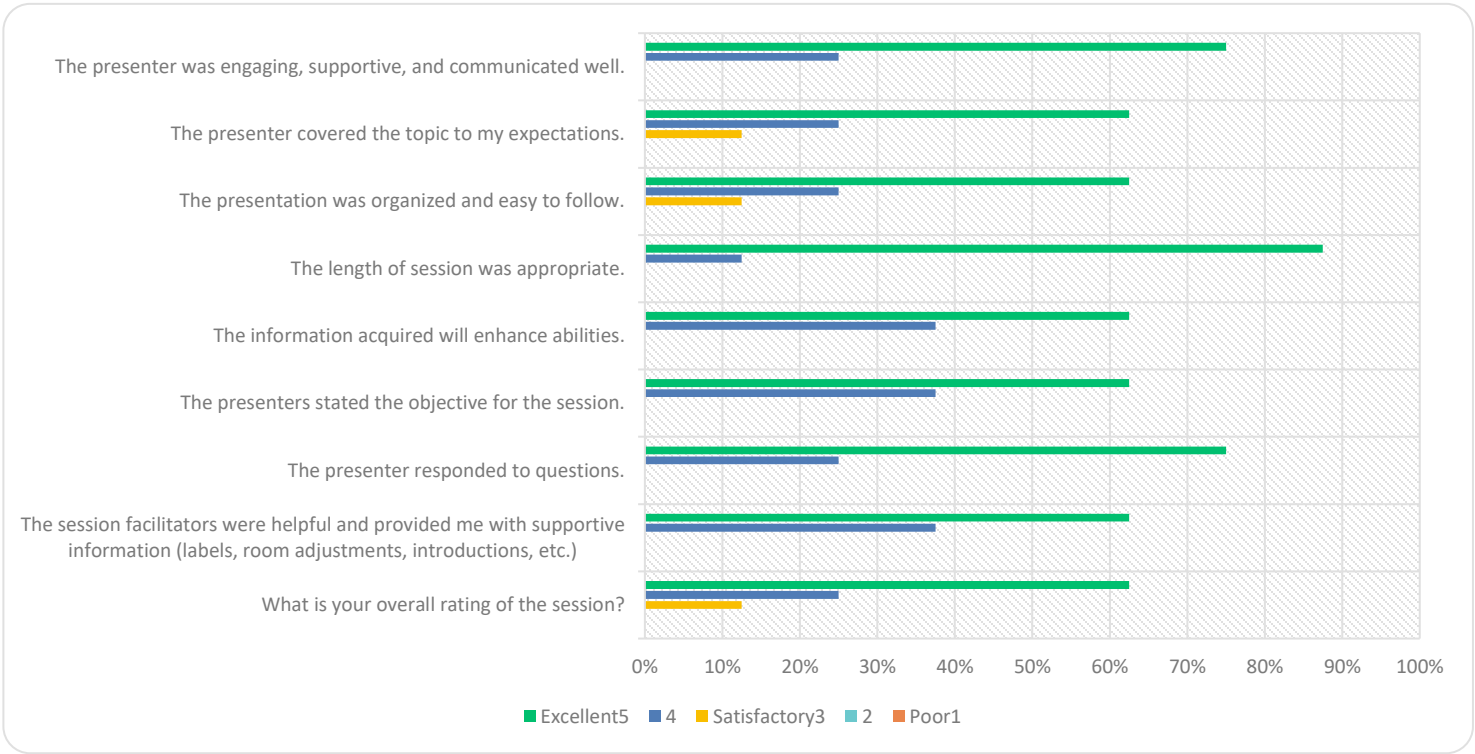

Comments

- My questions were answered and inquired information that will help my program in the future

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Networking Round Table Infants/Toddlers
Meghan Graham/Stephanie Arnold

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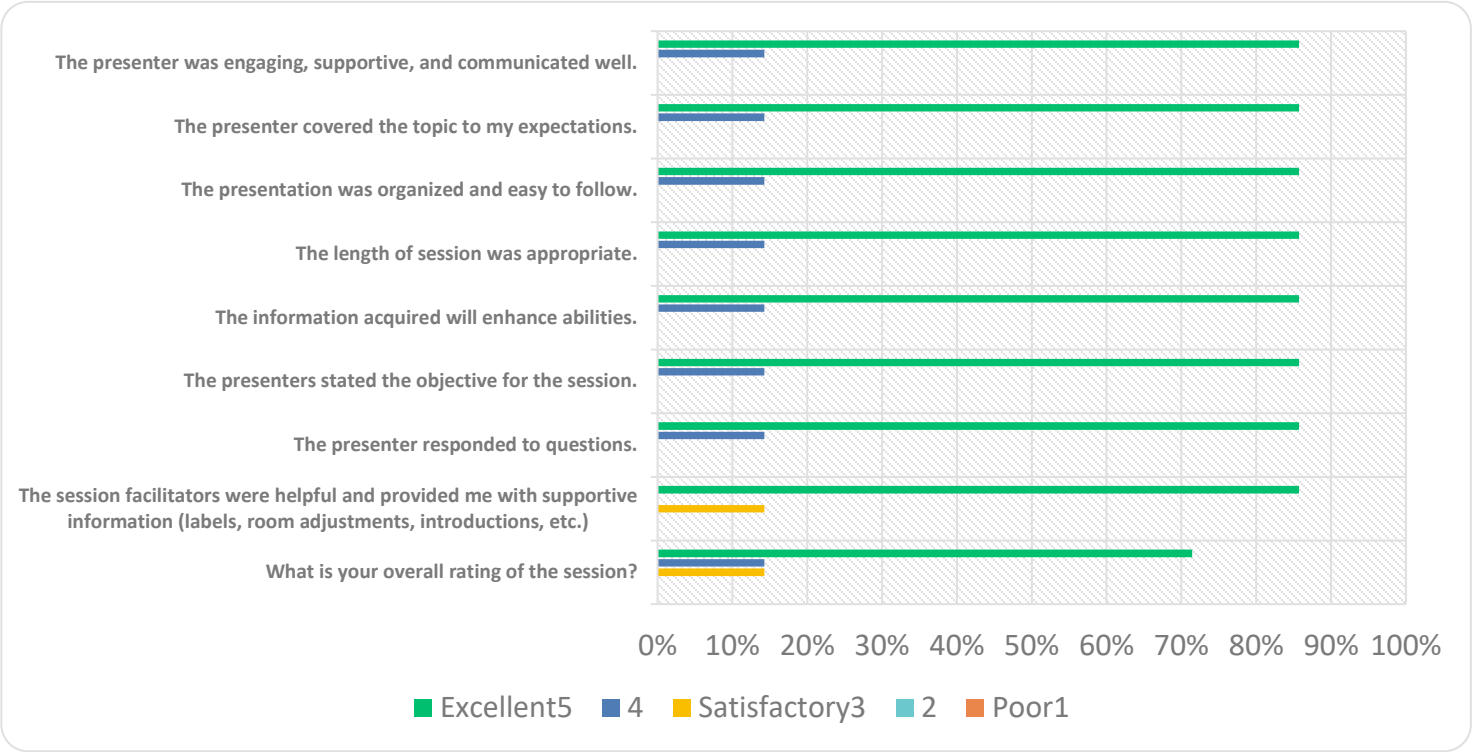

Comments

- Meghan and Stephanie did a fantastic job facilitating conversations that deepened our knowledge about how other programs approached Infant/Toddler issues. Great networking and collaborating opportunity!

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Play Your Position in the Classroom – Using DISC with Preschoolers Eyona Lewis

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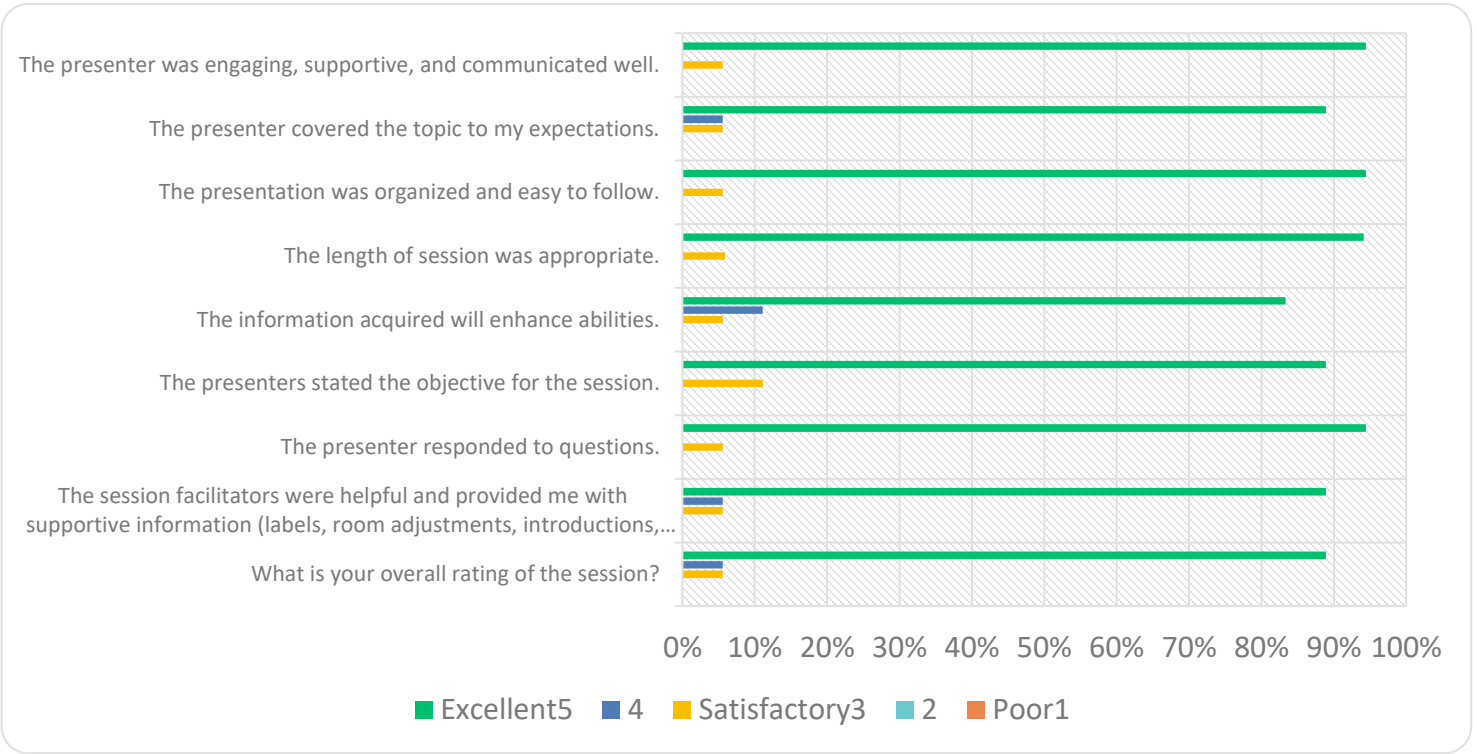

Comments

- She would make a great keynote speaker.
- Amazing!!!! Full of energy excitement and love
- Ms. Love is wonderful! I thank the lord for her
- Great! Heart felt.
- Coach Love is the best!!!!! I love her energy and she also gave a lot of valuable information
- The session was amazing
- Very engaging presenter I was 100% focused and it's usually hard for me to stay paying attention during trainings

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Talk, Read, Repeat-Every Day Tools for Early Literacy
Julie Rich

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



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How to Ace Your OHS Monitoring Reviews: Understanding the New PSR and CSR Frameworks Mark Davis

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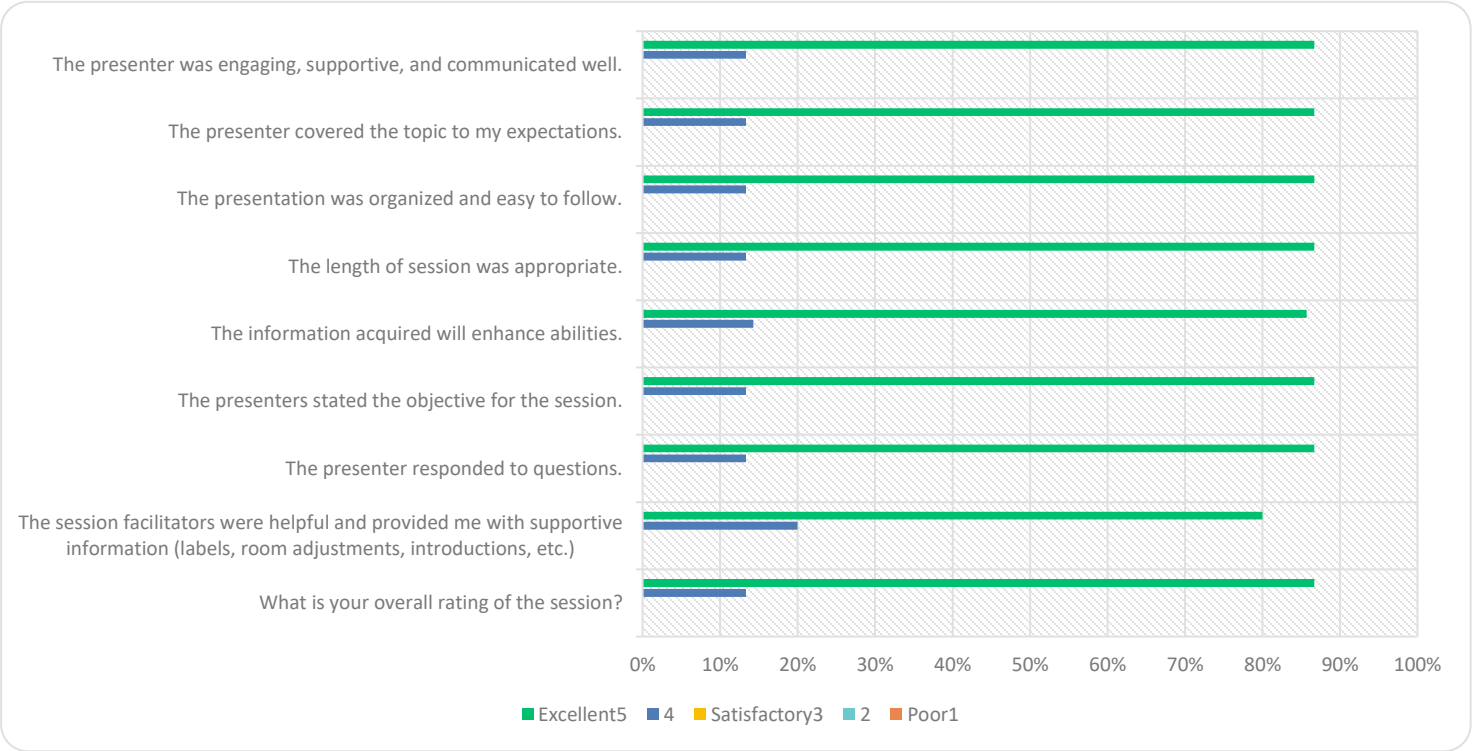

Comments

- Very informative and helpful
- Very helpful information
- Great session great speaker
- Great Job on your presentation!
- Presenter did an awesome job on OHS monitoring reviews!
- Excellent

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The 3 Cs of Leadership Development
Jeff Dyer

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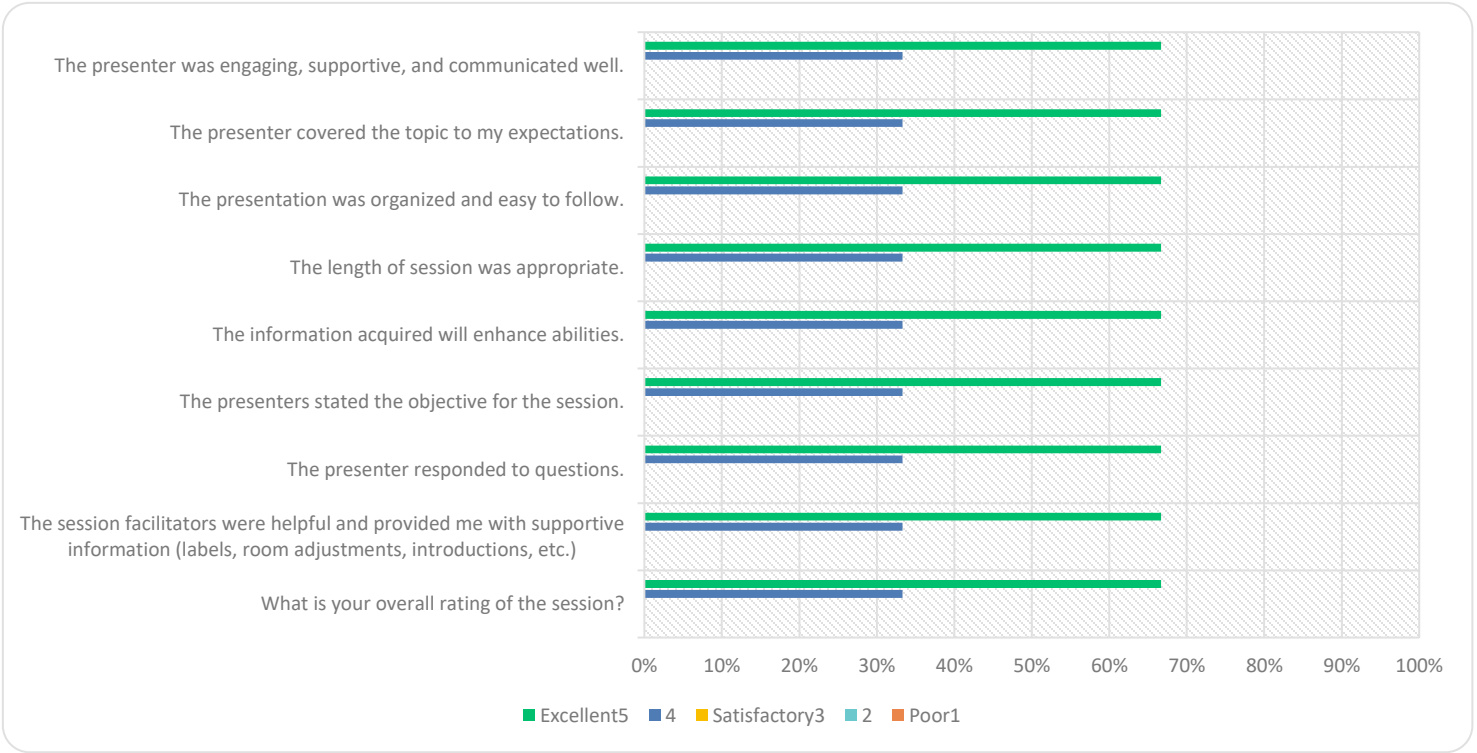

Comments

- I learned so much from this session and plan to use it.
- Jeff Dyer did a great job on his training. I really did enjoy his training and information giving about the 3 C.

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Closing the Word Gap Together: Empowering Families and Educators Through Language, Literacy, and Innovation Tammy Jones Jeff Piontek

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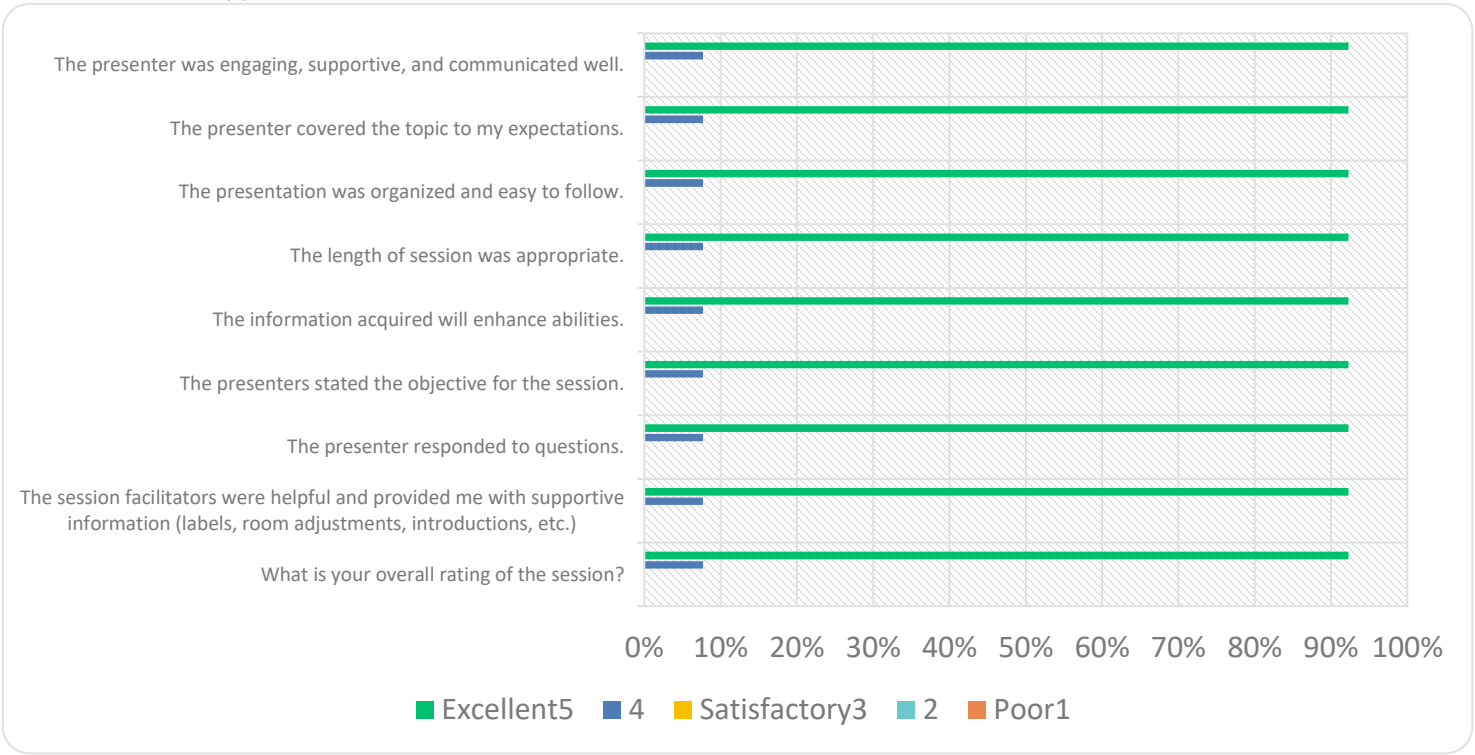

Comments

- Great speaker

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