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The Indiana Family Impact Seminars are a project of the Indiana Consortium of Family Organizations. Members include: Center for Families, Purdue University; Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Ball State University; Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children; Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Indiana Extension Homemakers Association®; Indiana Family Services; Indiana University School of Public Health – Bloomington; Indiana Youth Institute; National Association of Social Workers - Indiana Chapter; Purdue University Extension, Human and Health Sciences.

**30 attendees in total, 24 attendees completed evaluations**

3 attendees were legislators 7 were agency representatives

3 were extension specialists 4 were from non-profits

1 was a direct service provider 5 were from a professional association

*Attendees included members of the State House and Senate; Congressional Office Staff; Policy Analysts; State Division of Mental Health and Addiction and Family and Children Services; IN National Alliance on Mental Illness; IN Department of Correction; and others.*

Seminar Speakers

* Alison Greene, PhD, **“Juvenile Diversion Programs: Background and Impact”** 
  + Department of Applied Health Science, Indiana University
  + Southwest Institute for Research on Women, University of Arizona
* Sarah L. Desmarais, PhD, **“*Use of Structured Risk/Need Assessment to Improve Outcomes for Justice-Involved Youth”***
  + North Carolina State University
* Henry J. Steadman, PhD, “***Reducing the Involvement of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System Through Jail Diversion Programs***”
  + Policy Research Associates

How will the attendees use the information?

Evaluations were completed by the following:

Legislators 2

Agency representatives 7

Extension agent/specialist 2

Professional association 2

Legislative Assistants 2

Direct Service Providers 2

Other 3

Participant Rating of the Seminar

Attendees reported that the seminar was highly objective and educational. Rating scale was from one (poor) to five (excellent), with five being the highest score possible.

Increase in Participant Knowledge and Understanding

The participants who completed an evaluation reported knowing significantly more (64% overall increase in knowledge and understanding) after the seminar than before about their knowledge of (1) Goals of programs that divert youth from involvement in the juvenile justice system, (2) Diversion program characteristics impact on outcomes, (3) Assessment of short-term risk for violence and treatability, (4 The relations between substance abuse, mental health, and the justice system, (5) Current programs and policy tools at state and federal levels.

**Diversion Programs at the Intersection**

**of Substance Abuse and Mental Health**

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