

JULIE CENTER NEWS



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*Climb every mountain,
Search high and low,
Follow every byway,
Every path you know.*

*Climb every mountain,
Ford every stream,
Follow every rainbow,
'Till you find your dream*

In the superb musical, *Sound of Music*, Mother Superior encourages Maria to live the life she was meant to live. Go out and find it. It won't be easy. There will be obstacles to overcome and you'll need to put in the work, but you'll get there. Now, Jiminy Cricket from *Pinocchio* tells us to merely wish upon a star and the dreams in our hearts will come true. Two different approaches. The first requires active pursuit and the second requires wishing and hoping. We know we cannot only wish for a dream to come true, although prayers do help, we must work for it. Once you find it you will need to nurture that

dream every day of your life. Through the highs and lows and obstacles that seem insurmountable. Through periods of low energy when you are ready to throw in the towel. You will stay the course because you are persistent, tenacious, and steadfast. This is called perseverance and it is a choice. A daily choice that is made to continue to put your strength in pursuit of your goal, your dream.

Students in the Child Care Training Program receive approximately 170 hours of Office of Child Care mandatory training. This is a commitment, a lot of work and time. Discouragement is at every corner and yet they remain constant in their pursuit of a career in early education. *Perseverance!* Julie Community Center with the help of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health completed a survey of past students to see how we are doing and areas we need to strengthen. You will find the results on page 2. Since this survey 12 students have successfully completed this training in Spanish.

The cost of the training is the biggest barrier. With your support we have been able to eliminate that roadblock.

Thank you!



Greetings from the President's Corner,

As President of the Board, it's an honor to serve the Julie Center which has remained a strong and steady presence in Baltimore, persevering over the years in its mission to support families and improve neighborhoods.

It never ceases to amaze me how many people have been impacted by the goodness of the staff, the dedication of volunteers and the far reaching extended support network. We are grateful for our sponsors, donors, contributors, and all who help the Center accomplish its goals and deliver its programs.

In March, we once again hosted our Night at the Opera event, the 3rd one. The board thoroughly enjoys seeing everyone for these fun social gatherings. We thank everyone who supports the event and hope that you can join us at the next one in 2019.

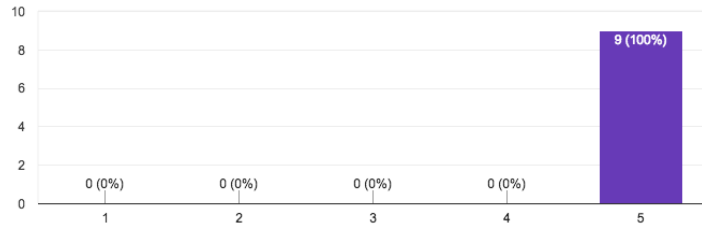
As I reflect on the importance of small community organization, I remain in awe of the Julie Center as beacon of hope, the power of love, and need for transformation in Baltimore. On a daily basis this is the story worth telling.



The purpose of this survey was to obtain information about the course from the perspective of the participants. Any person who had previously taking the childcare class was eligible to participate in the survey. There has been a total of 4 childcare trainings with a total of 35 students. In total, the survey was sent through email to 35 participants. The response rate for this survey is ~26%. The full report is available upon request.

What is your overall satisfaction with the training?

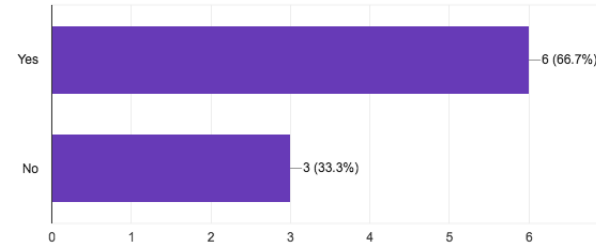
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Conclusion: All respondents were “very satisfied” with the training.

Are you currently working in childcare?

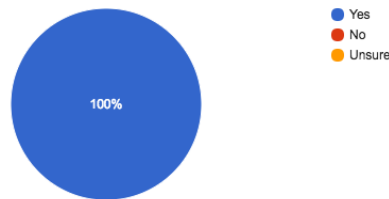
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Conclusion: 6 out of 9, approximately 67%, of respondents now work in childcare. The most common type of childcare worker was a teacher of varying types.

Did the training help prepare you for a course in childcare?

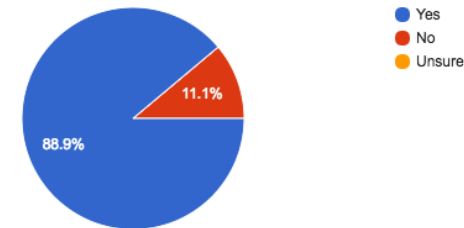
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Conclusion: Notable, everyone, including those who don’t currently work in childcare, agreed that the training was effective at teaching the material.

Has your career path been positively affected by the training?

9 responses



Conclusion: Overall, respondents believe that the training positively affected their career paths. Only one respondent did not agree with this statement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Food Studies Institute’s Culinary Adventure Camp for kids ages 8 to 12

August 13-17 at Julie Community Center

9am-1pm or 9am-5pm

Contact Ariel Demas for more info.

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Julie Community Center’s Summer Peace Camp for kids ages 5 to 11

June 25 – July 27

9am-2:30pm with before and after camp care available

Contact the center for more info.

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