

Leading Together:

Convening of Family-Led and Family-Supporting Organizations

Evaluation Summary: Transformational Storytelling

August 4, 2017; CESA 2

Total Attendees: 44

Total Surveys Completed: 34

*NA col. was added for summary. It was not available to survey respondents

	N/A*	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I understood the purpose of the Leading Together Meeting.	1 3%	-	-	15 44%	18 53%
Overall, I was satisfied with the training I received.	-	-	-	8 24%	26 76%
I feel that material learned will be useful in the future.	-	-	1 3%	6 18%	27 79%
I was given ample opportunity to practice the skills I am being asked to learn.	-	-	-	14 41%	20 59%
I was given ample opportunity to get answers to my questions.	1 3%	-	-	15 44%	18 53%

What was the most helpful/useful part of the Transformational Storytelling workshop?

- Learning about components of storytelling.
- Difference between writing and storytelling.
- Working through our stories in a one-on-one format with feedback, group workshops, practicing.
- Practicing the stories!
- The worksheets and step by step process led by Ex Fabula. I was nervous about my story and by the end of the day I felt empowered!
- Ex Fabula.
- Guidance and handouts about storytelling and the examples of what they are as well as what they are not.
- Tips for listening for story and drawing it out.
- Practicing and learning others tell their stories.
- Opportunity to practice and share.
- The steps/organization—how to collect stories.
- Being able to get feedback from a number of different people. (total strangers too!)
- Practicing the interview. Story structure with a storyteller and listener. Especially the part 2 feedback.
- Robust discussion on how storytelling can move the work of family engagement/family leadership.
- Understanding there's a time limit.
- The 3 parts!
- Practicing my story with others and hearing their stories too.
- Learning the structure of effective storytelling.
- Updates from partner agencies.
- While I'm grateful for the practicing we got to do, I really appreciated the structured instruction and elements of storytelling.
- Ex Fabula fabulous.
- It generated ideas for me as I move forward with my work.
- The group activities.

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What was the most helpful/useful part of the Transformational Storytelling workshop? (*cont'd*)

- Refining my listening and communication skills.
- Working together in groups.
- All of the discussions we had in the different groups.
- Practice time. Listen to others.
- The structure/framework. Ideas how we can incorporate this into our daily work.
- Working on sharing my story.
- This was a great workshop! I really liked the tools to help us frame our stories. I will use them!
- How to use storytelling in my job.
- Simple structure—easy to replicate.
- The ease of learn.

What are your suggestions for improving the Transformational Storytelling workshop?

- I loved this!
- Please tell where the questions can be located on the worksheets.
- Maybe another 30 minutes for practice/feedback.
- More time to refine our skills/what we learned.
- N/A –Maybe have more time to dictate identifying and writing a story.
- Being given some criteria ahead of time so I didn't feel put on the spot to come up with something great.
- More examples from the trainers as the experts.
- None. I really enjoyed it.
- Would have loved to hear a few finished stories!
- I wished we had some more partner time discussing our stories and getting the listener's feedback and a little less larger group time.
- Use visuals (slide directions or directions on handout) for activities, discussion prompts you give orally. I have a visual memory and had some difficulty remembering group directions.
- I needed a little more time when telling your stories.
- Not sure.
- This was excellent! Thank you!
- Keep collaborating going and opportunities to present.
- Instructions were confusing. A little more organizational context or visual instructions would be helpful.
- Addressing people's anxiety initially. I had reservations but realized it wasn't so bad. Getting people to know from the start of the day what it's ok to be anxious, no judgement.
- Want to practice and continue.
- It would be more beneficial, I think, to have us think of a story we want to work on to have an impact on our work to use somewhere.
- Linking storytelling to communication more and questioning linked to listening skills should be developed more.
- I think more questions/statements could have been placed on the overhead/projector for taking notes.
- NA
- No
- More time allocated to practicing stories.
- I can't think of anything.
- Having more time to learn more skills in storytelling.
- I would have preferred to have a bigger picture of what would be next. How it was going to build. Some instructions weren't clear.
- More parts in storytelling workshops around the city.

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What topics, skills or information about family engagement and leadership would you be interested in learning more about through Leading Together?

- Steps to use in our work to do a better job on parent engagement and general inclusion.
- Identify and share about culturally responsible activities/programs in the community.
- Best practices and tools for evaluating for family engagement and leadership activities.
- Everything! Would love to connect with the CoP.
- More discussion on how to use stories in family engagement.
- Cross-agency-organization/collaboration—Specific goals examples of member groups to highlight and workshop or have to and what to organize cross agency for families.
- What are the barriers to engaging families from a provider point of view and what does the federal, state government play a role to assist this to happen.
- Creating space for family leaders.
- More cultural stories/presentations.
- Helping parents speak the language of deficiency when they need to understand their needs and at the same time speak the language of strength, resiliency and empowerment.
- Specific tools, Strategies? How to measure or assess where organizations are in family engagement.
- How to support parents to attend—financially.
- How to move forward with our new partnerships.
- It was helpful to meet others, network and make connections. Makes it more meaningful.
- How to engage families.
- More about parent cafes.
- Willing to look into anything offered.
- Engaging in schools.
- Carry on-going events.

We hope to learn if the information on Transformational Storytelling is helpful to you as a parent. Would you be willing to complete a follow up survey in 3-6 months to learn how you have used what you learned today?

No, thank you. = 20

Yes, absolutely! = 14

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