

All Together Kids Year End Report 2008-09

88 children with severe disabilities achieved individualized educational and developmental progress goals through participation in education, aftercare, recreation, therapeutic, and other community based programs. The program now has a waiting list of over 30 new children unserved in 2008-09 and we have requests from families for continuing services for the children described below. We are actively seeking funding for continuation of the program.

<i>Community Inclusion Program Type</i>	<i>Number of Children</i>
Camp Program (summer)	33
Career or Skills Development Initiative	3
Daycare	12
Music, Arts, Dance or Theater	5
Recreation or Sports	11
Religious/Faith Based Service or Initiative	3
School Aftercare	21
TOTAL	88

Services to Children by Gender:

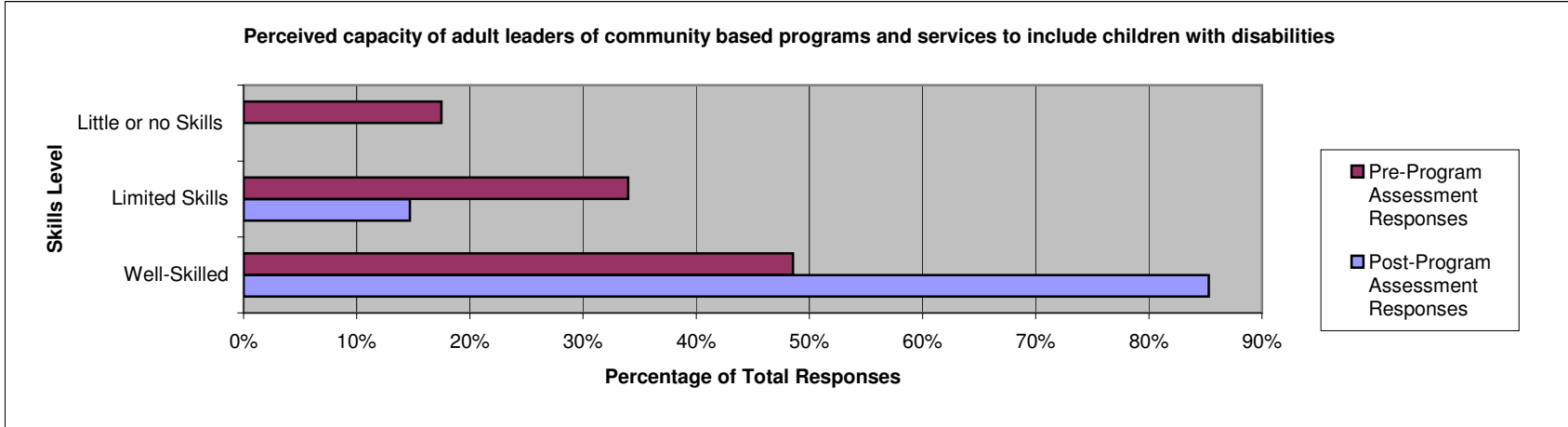
41 Female

47 Male

Primary Disability	Number Served
Autism, Aspergers or similar condition	31
Cerebral Palsy	13
Down Syndrome	11
Developmental Delay	10
Intellectual/Cognitive Disability	6
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	4
Other Physical Disability	2
Blindness or Vision Impairment	1
Cardiopulmonary Disease	1
Dandy-Walker Syndrome	1
Degenerative Bone Condition	1
Degenerative Neurological Condition	1
Developmental Dyspraxia	1
Dyslexia	1
Epilepsy	1
Head/Brain Injury	1
Rett Syndrome	1
Spinal Cord Injury	1

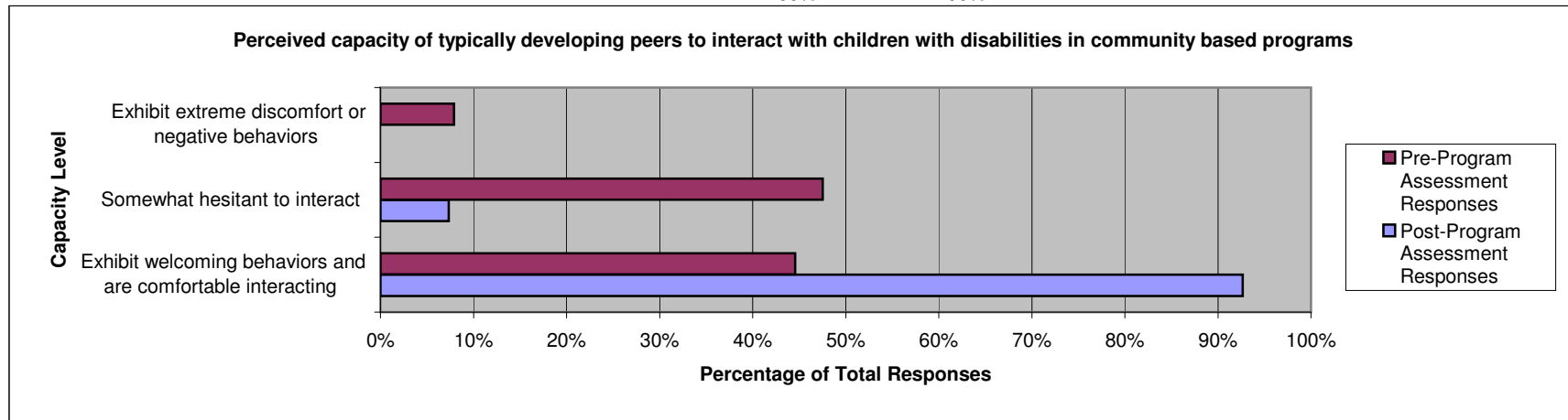
Capacity of adult leaders of community based programs and services to include children with disabilities

	Post-Program Assessment Responses	Pre-Program Assessment Responses
Well-Skilled	85%	49%
Limited Skills	15%	34%
Little or no Skills	0%	17%
	100%	100%



Capacity of typically developing peers to interact with children with disabilities

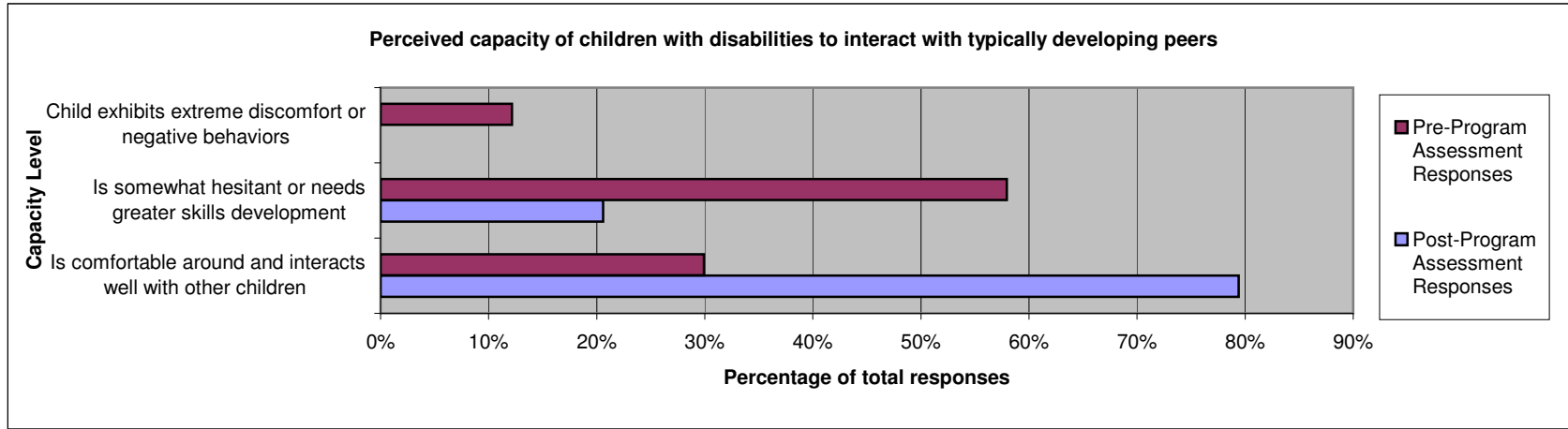
	Post-Program Assessment Responses	Pre-Program Assessment Responses
Exhibit welcoming behaviors and are comfortable interacting	93%	45%
Somewhat hesitant to interact	7%	48%
Exhibit extreme discomfort or negative behaviors	0%	8%
	100%	100%



Perceived capacity of children with disabilities to interact with typically developing peers

Post-Program Assessment Responses Pre-Program Assessment Responses

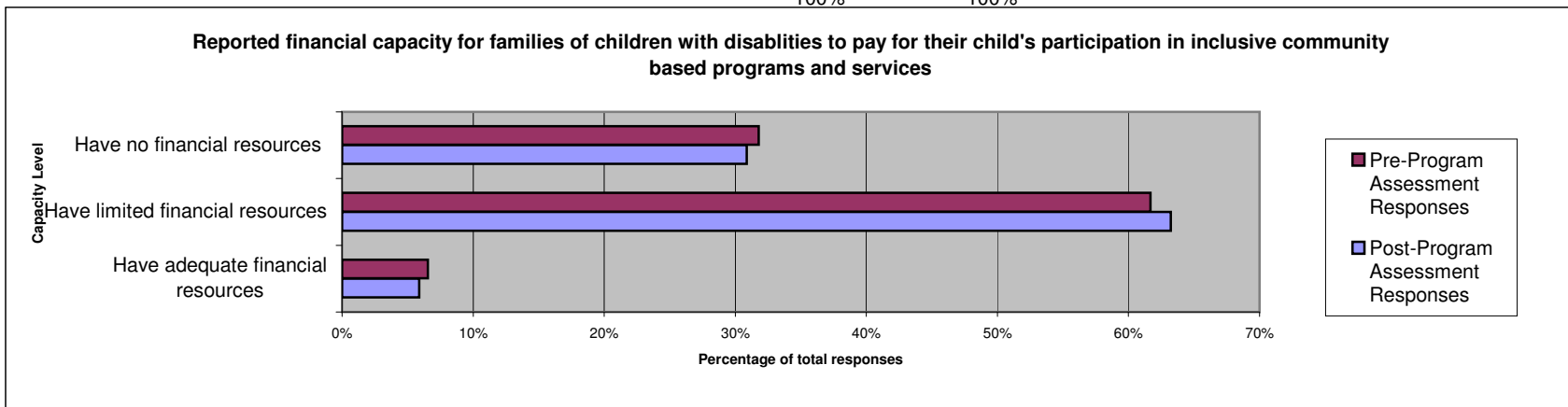
Is comfortable around and interacts well with other children	79%	30%
Is somewhat hesitant or needs greater skills development	21%	58%
Child exhibits extreme discomfort or negative behaviors	0%	12%
	100%	100%



Reported financial capacity for families of children with disabilities to pay for their child's participation in inclusive community based programs and services

Post-Program Assessment Responses Pre-Program Assessment Responses

Have adequate financial resources	6%	7%
Have limited financial resources	63%	62%
Have no financial resources	31%	32%
	100%	100%

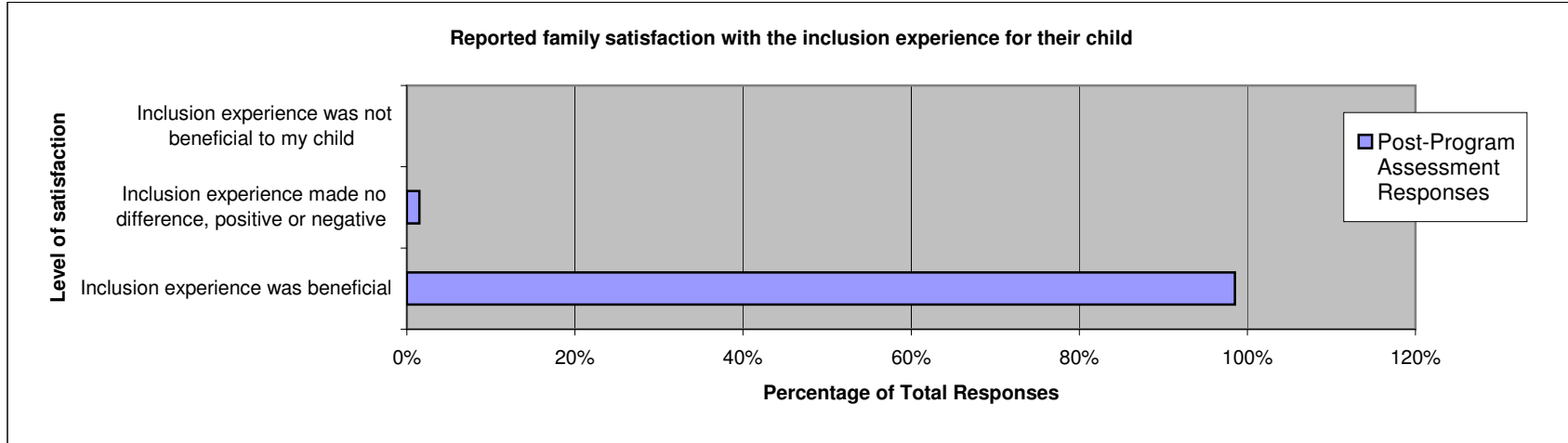


Reported family satisfaction with the inclusion experience for their child

Post-Program
Assessment
Responses

Inclusion experience was beneficial	99%
Inclusion experience made no difference, positive or negative	1%
Inclusion experience was not beneficial to my child	0%

100%



Post-Program Assessment Comments from Parents:

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) was made to feel welcome at the Harris Hillman care program. I think it is very beneficial to (My Child) to be enrolled and it was very beneficial to me. Without it I would have been stressed.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Very beneficial. Without the grant I would not have been able to work for the summer. Very helpful

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: My child was able to learn new skills, socially and physically, that she would not have been able to have gained without the opportunity to participate in this program. She really enjoyed the activities and has been speaking better and interacting more with other children.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This has been a wonderful opportunity to allow my child to try new things and to be in new situations. I was pleasantly surprised at how well she adapted to the new environment, and the typically developing peers included her in their activities. She has become more independent and we wouldn't have been able to do this without the funding from UCP. Thank you so much! I hope it is available again this year! Thanks for all you have done.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) now has wonderful vestibular input and output resulting in more balance in all of our (her family's and hers) lives! She has made friends with peers and adults and these experiences have given her tools to take into their lives as well! We continue to swim weekly and (My Child)'s appetite is better. We are all sleeping better. Aggressive behaviors are diminished directly as a result of swimming and interacting. And (My Child) is communicating better.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? It is fantastic! It is relevant. It is necessary. Compile, over time, a resource directory and suggestions for parents for supports and programs. Use examples from this year's program to help parents not feel overwhelmed as they are trying to coordinate it all. Compile materials for timid caregivers to bring to activity coordinators continuing as you did to offer training to service providers. Because they most certainly have a long way to come. The children, the so-called "typical peers", they got it! Not surprisingly in our experience, it is the adults who have un-learn their own attitudes.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: The inclusion experience for my daughter was a great overall experience. It allowed for her to benefit in summer programs that are available to her, and to have interaction among other children, whereas she wouldn't if this grant was not possible.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I honestly don't see any improvements as far as the grant goes. The only thing I can truly see is maybe making the information more available, maybe having the information given to Metro schools that have the pre-and inclusive special education life skills classrooms so that more families can benefit from this program.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: We had some issues with a few of the counselors who may have been poorly trained, which aggravated (My Child)'s negative behaviors, defiance, hair pulling and hitting. All in all however it was a very positive experience. Thank you so much for the grant.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program?

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Every opportunity like this makes a big difference in building confidence in our kids.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This is a much-needed program for children in our community with disabilities.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: My child got a lot of benefit from this program. She enjoyed participating in all activities. I wish this program will continue for the next fiscal year.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The announcement of the grant. The time period was too short to find the most suitable programs for my child.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Thank you so much! My daughter was able to do almost as much as the typical children on the playground.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This grant money was super beneficial to my daughter! It purchased playground equipment to be used for all of the enrolled children, but especially my child. She is now on the playground two to three

times per day so it improved her daily experience in the program! May I apply again for 2009/2010? If so when?

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: My child was the only child with a disability in the program, so she greatly appreciated the grant. She was able to play and learn around regular peers.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? None at all. I was very impressed and would love to be a part of this next year. Thank you.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: The program provided needed benefits that are not included in health insurance.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This is the best program because our financial resources are all very limited. My child would not and could not have participated full-time. Only part-time. All special needs children can benefit from this program. Thanks for the All Together Kids program.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) loves to be with all children and these children also love to help (My Child). I was able to work late and come in to work early without worrying who was watching my daughter!

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The grant will help every one in the PNA program that (My Child) attends. The materials that have been purchased with the grant money will be beneficial to all children. In the future, any money that is used to buy supplies, arts, crafts, sports equipment, will be used in the program and will be available so that all children can use and adapt to special needs children in a wheelchair and to be handicapped accessible.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: It made a huge difference in my daughter's life.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program?

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: This experience was very beneficial. Especially during summer months when my child doesn't have the opportunity to interact with typically developing peers unlike during the school year.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This is a program that absolutely must continue to be funded.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: THIS PARENT PROVIDED A LENGTHY WRITTEN RESONSE. THE RESPONSE FROM THIS PARENT IS ATTACHED AT THE END OF THE REPORT.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program?

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Thank you for allowing us to go to the YMCA program. We wish we could continue.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Great program.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: My son looked forward to going each day.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I think the grant is great. It provided funds for not only the camp, but for his educational assistant to attend. It would be helpful if a contact list of camps could be provided. I had a difficult time finding a camp.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child:

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I think it is a great asset. It was very helpful to me.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Great program. It kept my child from experiencing regression during school breaks.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This is needed in our community. We receive no SSI for our child, on the Medicaid waiver **waiting list**, and no services are covered. Any equipment that we purchase is very expensive. To be a large metropolitan area there are no resources or programs available for children with

disabilities, i.e. camps, during times when school is out. Eakin Harris Hillman program is wonderful but the space is limited. Our community just let the Easter Seals Camp go because of no support.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Very nice, helpful. I worked to help my son be able to attend. Even though he had some behavior problems, they worked well with him.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I was very grateful to UCP for providing funding. We, like many families, are experiencing financial difficulties and would not have been able to send our son to Eakin Harris Hillman for summer programs. He has behavior issues and it is nearly impossible to find placements for him.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: My son did well at both camps he attended. The first day at TRIAD camp was difficult because transitions and new things can be a challenge for him. But he overcame the anxiety and that was also a good experience for him; to see that he faced his fear and anxiety and worked through it. Camp U-Grow was also great. Some of the kids there go to my son's school so that helped a lot with the transition issues. And he made a new friend!

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I think this is an awesome program. Just the awareness that it creates about various disabilities is great. My sons disability is not physical, so to many people it is invisible until they see him interact with peers. I think the awareness aspect goes a long way. Most people don't realize that kids with disabilities don't have access to very many afterschool and summer programs.

Re: financial capacity, we simply would not have been able to do the TRIAD camp without this grant. We have some money to put toward these activities, but it would've taken our entire summer budget to do just this one camp. (My Child) loved this camp, he felt very accepted and was so confident at the end of the experience. Thank you. We hope to do this in 2010!

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child:

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I was hesitant when it was time to apply for the grant, because I assumed that (My Child) had to have a more severe disability. I think that may have been a reason why there were not a lot of applicants in the beginning. I hope you all can help more people understand how and

who you were helping and, of course, continuing research on children in different situations and how some people may not understand how important this program is.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: The program was too brief to see any significant difference at this point. More time is needed.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This is a fantastic idea and program! I would only ask that you get the word out sooner about availability of the money to kids on the autism spectrum. There was an as much time as we needed to get fully involved.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) has done exceptionally well at Blakemore. Her communication skills are stronger, and she seems to have the confidence to interact with her peers and teachers alike.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The ATK program is wonderful. We are so blessed to have been the beneficiaries of this grant. Having the funds to be able to put (My Child) in an inclusive environment is a huge gift for her and for us as a family as we strive to give for the tools she needs to succeed. Thank you.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: The horseback riding, swimming, and boating helped improve his understanding of everyday activities of life. It has also helped speech, behavior, and recognition of things he can do.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The UCP ATK grant initiative has helped to improve the lives of people with disabilities and has eased the financial burden on this family. It will help a lot if the amount of money is increased so that the children can spend more time in the programs.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Oak Hill Day Camp made an exceptional effort to provide appropriate well-trained supports for my child. They welcomed my daughter speech therapist who was able to come one time a week and take advantage of the social opportunities.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Getting the word out. I appreciated the opportunity to apply for this grant. Thank you.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) loves his camp, and his counselor, Bobby, was incredibly prepared to work with (My Child). A really great month!

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I feel that this program has made it possible for (My Child) to strengthen his social learning capabilities alongside typical peers. It has also helped his peers to learn what a great kid (My Child) is.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child:

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Make funding available to the program in every county.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: She was able to participate in field trips twice each week which included swimming at Nashville Shores every Friday. She made new friends and learned new skills, and continued to develop good social skills.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This is an awesome opportunity for children with special needs to have typical role models to develop good social interaction skills. The program also benefits typical children in learning about special needs children and learning to understand and accept them. We have two special needs children. Without this grant that they would not have been able to participate in summer programs. Thank you!!

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Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) has made lots of progress in the area of speech and communication through participation in this program. What an unbelievable positive experience.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Thank goodness for this grant. It has been a wonderful opportunity that our children may not have had otherwise.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Great experience. Hope to have another opportunity in the future.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I think this is an excellent program for children with disabilities. It not only exposes them to different life experiences, it allows other children to learn and interact with children with disabilities. The more children interact with other children their attitudes will become more accepting and accommodating.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: This is extremely helpful for my child to learn how to behave in a group of typical teens.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This initiative is fantastic! If I'd known about it sooner, I might've been able to set up a program or get my son involved in a program with teens in his school or in our neighborhood that would have helped him to make more real friends. In the meantime the jujitsu and the social skills program are both very beneficial to him. **PLEASE** continue this program! It is so hard to find inclusion opportunities without some financial help! My younger children can just run out into the neighborhood to play. My teen cannot. Everything has to be set up to make a successful social experience for him. Thank you so much!!!

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Our son had a great experience at his camp. I feel it has helped him to interact with both disabled and typically developing children.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? We were so thankful for the All Together Kids grant. Without it, our son could not have attended camp full-time. The only improvement I can think of is to include other counties in addition to Davidson because there are a lot of great summer programs in surrounding counties.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: It was very helpful to receive this grant! Thank you.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I don't think any improvements need to be made.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Inclusion definitely helped my child develop his interpersonal skills.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Actually nothing. It was perfect! Thanks so much for giving our child this opportunity! It has truly helps to enrich his motor and social skills and even more importantly to us, his spiritual side.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: My child works well with all peers once he warms up to them. (My Child) feels good about himself.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? ATK grant initiative is a great program to aid children with special needs. I could not afford the tuition by myself. The program itself helps families as a whole. Parents are less stressed and the children are happy being involved in a program designed for their individual needs. No improvements at this time.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: He had a great time.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This came at a great time for us. My husband was laid off from work and we were not sure how we would pay for a summer program for our child. Thank you so much!

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child:

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The grant was wonderful. It allowed us the opportunity to have our child learn new skills that will help him to play and interact with other children.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Thank you for your help!

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Our kids can never get enough funding and support. Hoping to have more one-on-one support in the future.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) reached 53% mastery on requesting a preferred activity. Goal with 60%. She also met her objective in sorting and packaging. Funds are limited with Social Security this was a blessing for our family.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I see no need for improvements. I think the UCP All Together Kids grant initiative is great for children who would otherwise be unable to attend summer camps that enable them to increase their skills and social interaction with their peers. Thank you for your support!

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Most typically developing children exhibited welcoming behaviors and were comfortable with my child. Some were hesitant at first until we explained that she was just like them, but she just can't talk. This was such an incredible experience for my daughter. She was able to spend time with her peers as well as improve her social interaction, all while learning new skills.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? This is a fabulous program that allowed my daughter to participate in activities she would not have been able to experience otherwise. You are wonderful and we appreciate everything you did to make this happen.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: I am thankful for this grant. Many, many thanks.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program?

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Great, Great, Great!!!!

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Nothing. You have all blessed us in what we would have never been able to provide.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: She could see how other children act in public and she learned different activities other than the regular activities in her life.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I am glad with this program because it was easy to apply for and was very helpful for us. Thank you. Could you add therapy in the options list?

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: The adult leaders of the community-based programs try very hard to include my child in all activities, but they still have limited resources in dealing with special-needs children. My child is hesitant to join normal peers as she is shy and lacks social skills. Her play is not as mature as that of her typical peers. She first watches and observes peers, then will join in if invited. Just by watching, she picks up a lot of skills and learns how to interact with others. I will definitely continue to keep her in an inclusive program.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I had not heard about this grant before it now wish I had. It is a wonderful program. At first I was hesitant to put my child in an inclusive program for fear others wouldn't play with her or fear she wouldn't see the end. It has been a wonderful experience to my surprise.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: She was absolutely thrilled! She didn't get in until 1 a.m. but I didn't think we'd ever get to sleep -- she was so excited and signing about her camp!

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The grant was a great benefit, helping her go to a regular camp and having a communication device has been a blessing for her. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: I think the more opportunities our children with different abilities have to be included with their peers, the more typically developing children will learn how to act around and treat our children. They also grow so much with inclusion, as they learn social interaction and new skills from the activities.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I think it is great to have this opportunity for our children. We usually have to spend every extra penny on therapies, so many times he doesn't have a chance to participate in all the other great

group programs. Maybe some of the explanations on paper could be more clear. It was a great thing being able to call and ask questions over the phone.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) had to deal with being away from home for a week, so this camp program gave her experience in dealing with separation and depending on others for friendship entertainment etc.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? we were very thankful to have the UCP Grant because (My Child) would not have been able to participate in the Young Life camp. We thank you UCP for your consideration, and for the efficient manner in which the whole process was conducted.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: This was a very positive experience for my child, and for the other typically developing children. My child had the opportunity to learn new athletic skills and model peer behavior in a structured environment. And, the other typically developing children were exposed to a child with developmental delays.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I believe there was an offer to provide a video to instruct adult leaders on how to best interact or include someone with special needs in their program. It would be helpful for parents to see this. Also, a list of questions that could be provided to the adult leaders for a directed discussion about how to best help the child and include the child. Many times the adult leaders don't know to ask for what they need to know about a child before they begin working with him. We were there could be a simple fact sheet provided about the participating child so that program leaders could better understand instruct and include the child with special needs. Perhaps ATK could provide the template for these facts to be shared.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Thank you. It made a great difference.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Excellent program

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: I think she really enjoyed it. We did not have any aggressive episodes and she was able to go on all field trips as well.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? No recommendations.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: My son's experience has been exceptional. He interacts and models typical children and we have arranged play dates and attended birthday parties.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I found the process simple, well thought out and of great benefit to my child. Thank you.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: It has been very beneficial. (My Child) has learned so much. With all their love and support, my son is now going to be a second-grader. That's a blessing, being given a chance to soar through this program.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? Not at all, this program gives so many children like my son a chance to excel and be something in life, which is himself. Thank you all! Soooo much!

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) was - or has thus far been - a bit hesitant to initiate conversations with new kids, so go into the pool has provided (My Child) good practice at appropriately approaching same age peers and holding conversations.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I think it's wonderful! I've passed it on to several other families I know and it has allowed at least one other child I know of to participate in activities they might otherwise have not been able to. In this economy, recreation is often seen as expendable, but for our kids who deal with social skills related issues, I think it's just as important as formal education! Thanks Deana and Crew and sorry this is late.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Very beneficial. Thank you.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I think this is a wonderful program. Parents of non-typically developing children have so many medical and therapeutic bills associated with their child's deficiencies. Providing assistance to further the child's development is greatly needed and appreciated.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: The only thing was that he came home with new behaviors that I assume he learned from other kids. Otherwise it was great.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The hardest thing for us was that we didn't get all the funding we needed because of the deadline. However, we wouldn't have been able to put him in this program otherwise. I think the program is great. Keep up the good work!

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: The inclusion experience was extremely beneficial in developing (My Child)'s social skills. In addition, he has a couple of new friends. He's still talks about the swimming lessons and how much fun he had.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The UCP All Together Kids grant is a wonderful and valuable grant for the children it aids. My children would not have been able to experience the summer fund they enjoyed without the grant. No improvements. Thanks very much!!

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: the inclusion experience was extremely beneficial in (My Child)'s social skills and physical skills. The swimming instructors fell in love with her. She still asks me when we are going back to the pool.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The UCP All Together Kids grant is a wonderful grant. My children wouldn't have been able to have the experiences they enjoyed this summer without the grant. No recommendations for improvements. Thank you very much!!!

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: The Music Playhouse staff were committed to making (My Child)'s experience a positive one. They worked to include (My Child) in the activities, and to make the other kids comfortable while interacting with (My Child).

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The funding from this program also helped to get a specialized car seat for the sitter and/or other family members to use in transporting (My Child). Because of this my child will be able to take part in many community activities. Also the typically developing children in the program are learning how to interact with children who are different/or who have special needs. That is something you can't put a price on.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: Our daughter participated in two programs through this grant. One was a daycare program she went to part time - we probably had funds for this. The other was Vanderbilts swim school, which we could not have afforded without the ATK grant. This is a great program, very beneficial. (My Child) was very welcomed and had a blast. She tried many new things.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? I understand that the fiscal year ends June 30, but I wish there was a way to obtain grant money for the second half of the summer. Our daughter would've really benefited from and would have enjoyed continuing the swim school, but it is out of our reach financially. Otherwise the ATK program is accessible, though it could use more advertising! Thank you again for the grant!

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: The Vocal Camp was a completely new experience for my daughter. She had to work with new teachers and students on her own. She learned new vocal skills and social skills. She had her meltdowns, but survived.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program? The ATK grants made it easier to attend to this camp. If we had known about applying sooner, we would have liked for her to attend a YMCA Camp for broader experiences. Not certain about any improvements.

Comments about the Inclusion Experience for Your Child: (My Child) was able to interact with children of many different levels of ability. This is great for developing her social skills.

Comments about the ATK program: What do you think about the initiative? What recommendations do you have for improvements to the program?
