



MICHIGAN FAMILY IMPACT SEMINARS

Michigan State University
Department of Family & Child Ecology

FACT SHEET Policy Options for Justice Reinvestment in Michigan: Implications for Families March 2009

Seminar Speakers

Michael Thompson, Director, *Justice Reinvestment in Michigan: Analyses & Policy Options*, Council for State Governments Justice Center

Marshall Clement, Project Director, *Justice Reinvestment in Michigan: Analyses & Policy Options*, Council for State Governments Justice Center

Carol Shapiro, Founder & President, *Strengthening Michigan's Families: An Innovative Approach to Improving Safety and Family Well-being*, Family Justice

Seminar Attendance:

Total	35
Legislator	2
Legislative Aide	7
State Agency Administrators	2
Governor's Representative	1
University	11
Other	12

What Participants Liked Best about Seminar

All of the Speakers were Great
Orientation to MI Justice Issues
Quantitative Research Presented
Availability of Information and Resources
Possibility of Family Integration

What Did Participants Find Useful About the Seminar?

- Council on State Governments – data on Michigan, geographical differences - rural and urban
- Shapiro - confirmation of the need for systems perspective
- Expungement - programs to erase past criminal records needed
- Family approach with an asset based approach
- Understanding family reunification
- Integrating family into the Corrections process

Were Knowledge and Understanding Increased Through Attendance of Seminar?

The responses on the pre-post test questions related to Corrections, Policy Options, and Strengthening Michigan Families showed the participants significantly increased their knowledge and understanding in these areas.

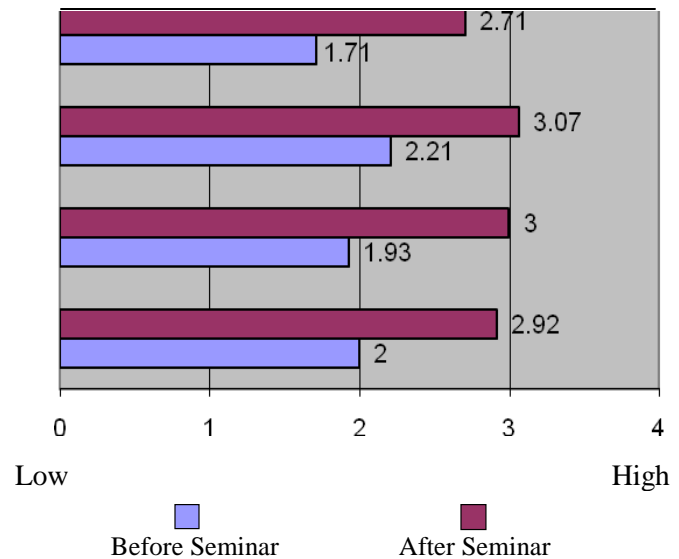
How Participants Rated Their Understanding Of:

Crime, community corrections and sentencing policies in Michigan.

Policy options to deter crime, lower recidivism, and reduce spending on Corrections.

What Michigan can do to strengthen families.

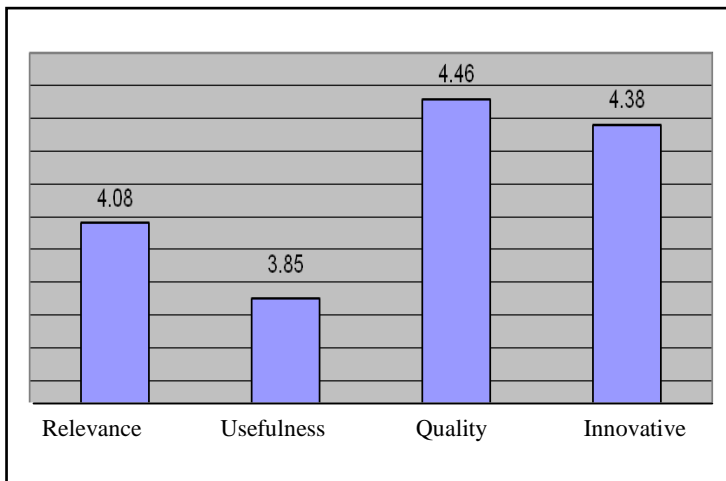
Family-focused work in other states to strengthen families.



How Did Participants Evaluate the Seminar?

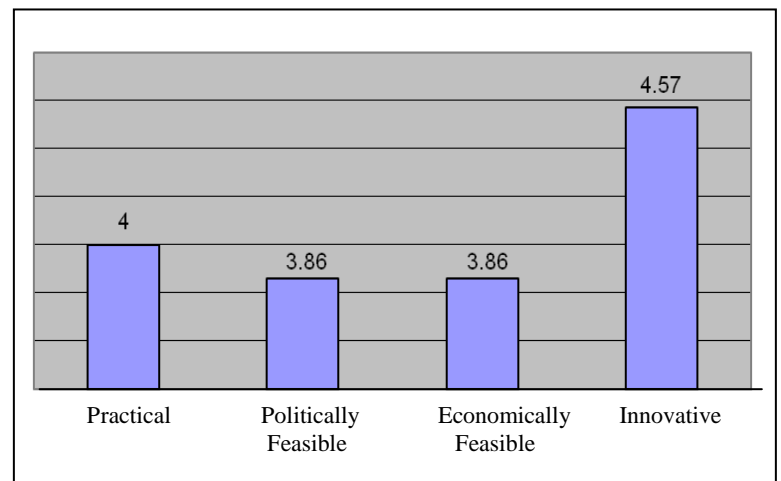
Participants rated the seminar as “good to excellent” in overall impression, relevance to their needs, usefulness in current role, quality of the research presented, and objectivity. Participants gave the policy options favorable ratings in practicality, political and economic feasibility, and innovation.

Mean Ratings of Seminar (scale of 1-5)



1 = Poor 5 = Excellent

Mean Ratings of Policy Options (scale of 1-5)



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