

2018-2019 ATOU Accomplishments

In-School, Disability-Awareness Workshop

ATOU provided **254 three-hour school workshops** and related materials to **10,929 students** in **122 schools** (15 of which participated for the first time this year) and trained the volunteers who assisted at the workshops. In addition, ATOU also provided the Spirit of Inclusion (SOI) workshop for adults to **25** City of Elk Grove employees, **55** SMUD employees, and the Dark Meal for **41** VSP employees in Rancho Cordova, **47** members of the Rocklin, Lincoln and Roseville Chamber of Commerce Leadership Classes, and **20** community members.

This brings the total number of participants in our disability-awareness workshops to **116,545** including SOI and Dark Meal participants, since incorporation. Each participant received follow-up enrichment materials designed to extend the ATOU experience.

For the in-school workshops, each participating student, as well as their parents and teachers, received a post-workshop questionnaire. The results of our analysis are summarized in the following table:

Student Responses
students responded to the questionnaires: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 93% said they will be more comfortable around someone with a disability after going through the ATOU workshop.● 92% said it would be easier to make friends with someone with a disability.● 98% said they learned more about the tools that people with disabilities use.
Teacher Responses
teachers completed the questionnaire, which was sent to them approximately two weeks after their students participated in the workshop, responded: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 99% think the ATOU workshop was clear and easy for students to understand.● 99% say the ATOU workshop was a valuable educational experience for students.● 98% agree that students are more accepting and respectful of peers after the ATOU workshop.● 98% say the ATOU workshop increased their students' sensitivity and awareness of children with disabilities.● 97% reported that students can improve the ways in which they interact with children with disabilities.● 98% of teachers say they would recommend this workshop to other teachers. <p>114 teachers responded to the questions proposed to teachers who have had the ATOU experience in previous years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 91% have seen a positive impact of the ATOU workshop on their students throughout the year.● 96% reported an increase in sensitivity to other forms of diversity.● 95% reported that the long-term impact is one reason they schedule the workshop for the class each year.</p>
Parent Responses

parents whose children participated, responded:

- **94%** think ATOU will be helpful in encouraging their child to accept and include individuals with disabilities in their life.
- **87%** said their child was eager to share about the ATOU experience.
- **92%** anticipate ATOU leaving a positive, lasting impression on their child.

School Rate of Engagement

- **87%** of schools that had only one grade participate during the 2017-2018 school year participated again in 2018-2019. (7% of schools serve two grades, participated last year and will do so again next year.)
- **5%** did not schedule due to lack of funding.
- **8%** did not schedule for multiple reasons, including change in administration.

We served **15** new schools during this school year.