



# Surveyor Experience

Investigating the Impact of Collecting NCI Data on Research Assistants in Oregon

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# Oregon Health & Science University UCEDD Mission

Our mission is to improve the health and quality of life for Oregonians with disabilities and their families across the lifespan. We accomplish this through leadership and collaboration with local, state, and national partners, serving as a resource for excellence in education, research and evaluation, community outreach, service and information sharing.



- What is the impact of conducting NCI interviews on surveyors?
- Does the experience of conducting interviews have an impact on the professional development of emerging professionals?

# Meet Oregon's Surveyors!

## Previous Experience

- Non-profit project management
- Program Management
- Evaluation
- Parents, including a parent of a child with developmental disability
- Direct Care
- Peace Corps Alum
- Habitat for Humanity bookkeeper
- Case Management
- Mental Health
- Research

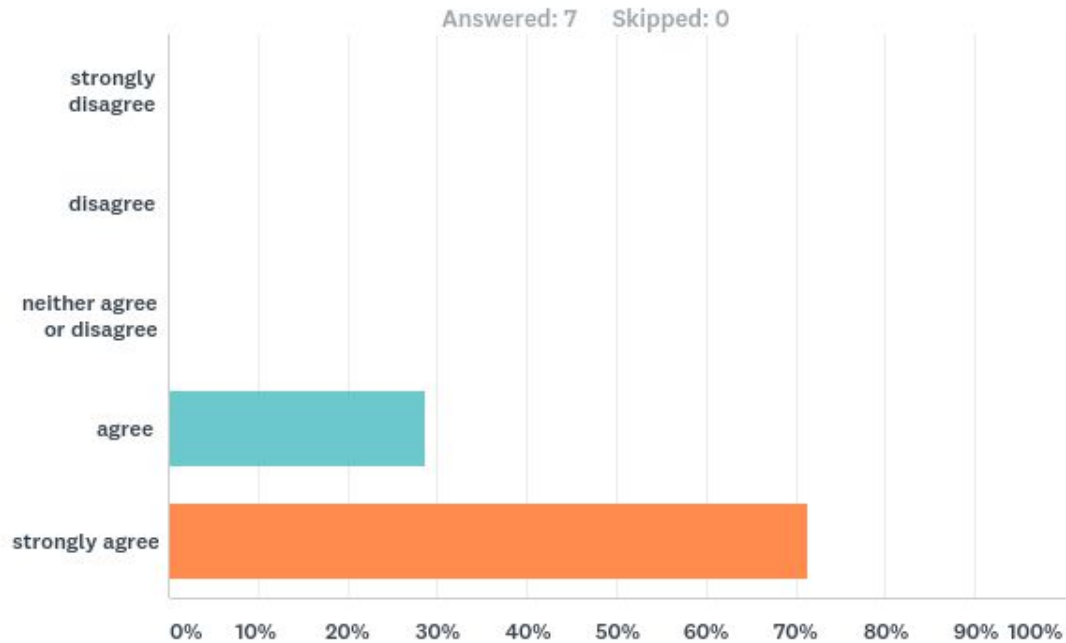
## Career Goals

### Graduate Students and Recent Graduates

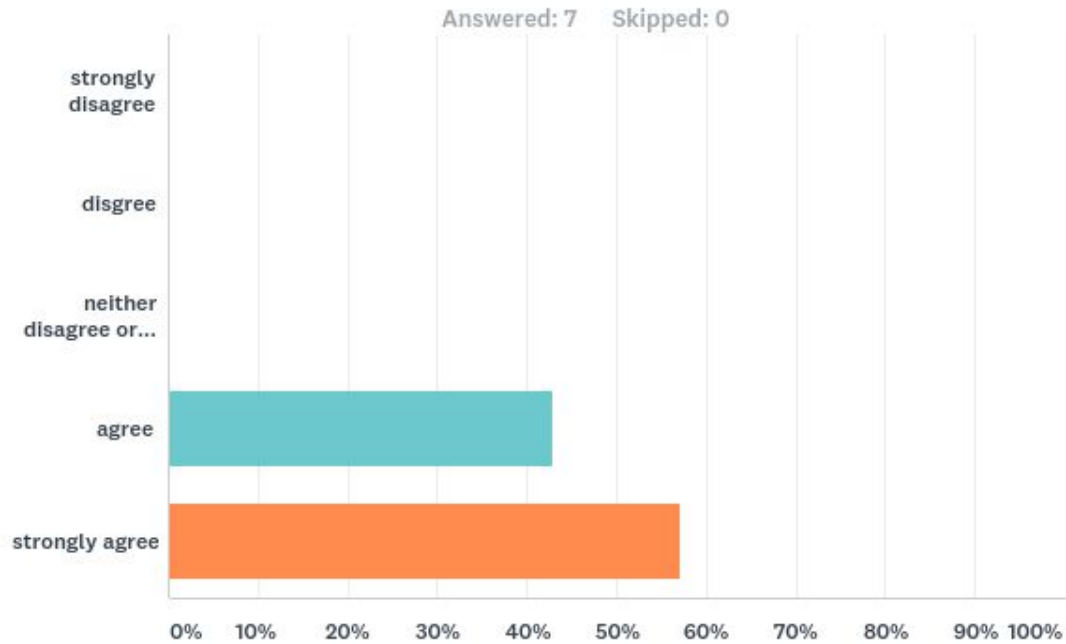
- Public Health (MPH)
- Social Work (MSW)
- Urban and Regional Planning (MA)
- Nursing (FNP)
- Public Administration (MPA)
- Nonprofit Management (Graduate Certificate)
- Affordable Housing Advocates
- Migrant Families Health Research
- Future LEND Trainee in Social Work



# Q1 My knowledge of Developmental Disabilities has increased as a result of NCI



## Q2 My knowledge of disability issues increased as a result of NCI



“This project has helped me personally learn the difficulties individuals with disability face (not enough resources, insurance coverage difficulties, isolation, potential for abuse). It will help me as a nurse and future family nurse practitioner in understanding how to work with and communicate with individuals and families with disabilities”

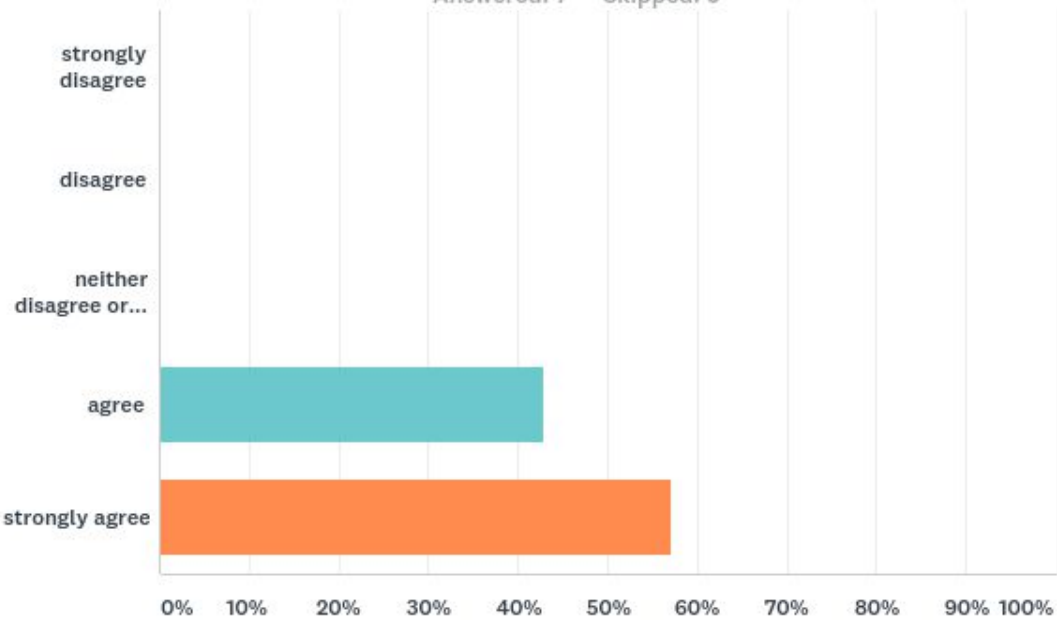


“The most important thing I learned about via the NCI project was how important the supports that individuals with disabilities receive. I also learned how any disruption to these services can affect their lives in a deeply negative way.”

“I learned that Individuals with developmental disabilities can easily become isolated without access to the right resources.”

# Q3 NCI had an impact on me personally

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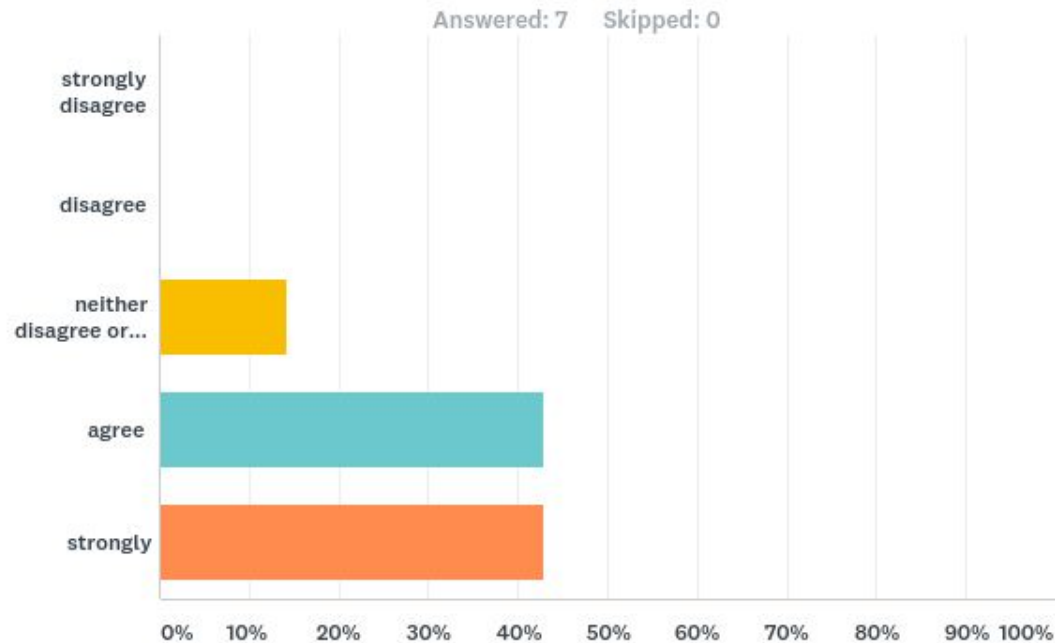


“NCI has taught be a lot about myself and my ability to connect with people with a vastly differently life experience than my own.”

“I learned that giving people a voice gives them power and control over their lives when they may not otherwise have had the opportunity to express their feelings and concerns.”

“I improved my communication skills as well as speaking with people from diverse backgrounds. I gained experience collecting data for a great study and cause.”

## Q4 My experience as an NCI interviewer had a positive impact on my professional development



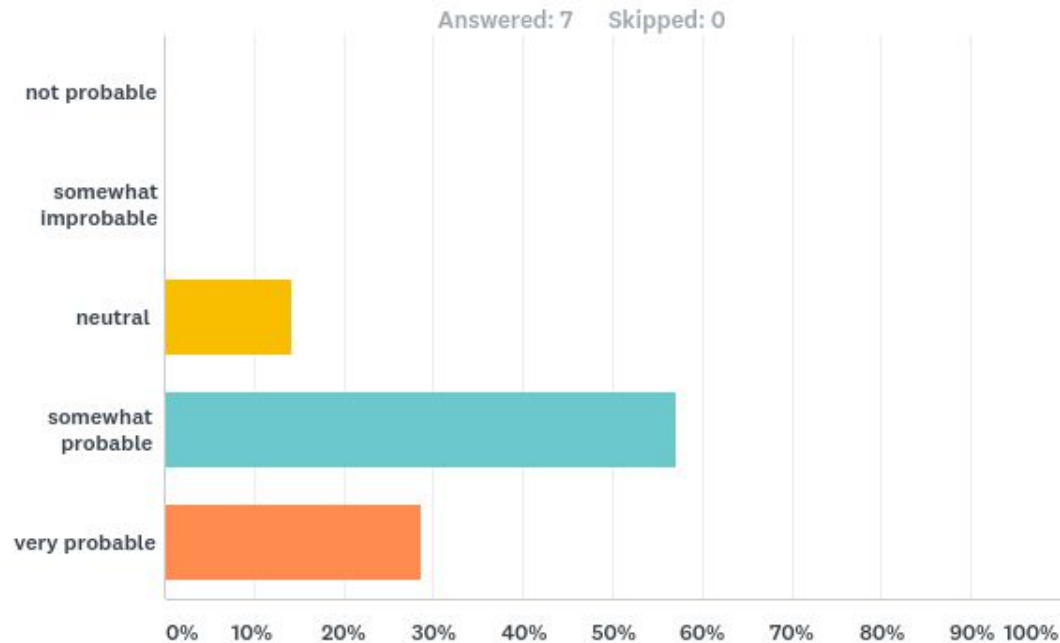
“I gained experience with a population I had little knowledge of prior to the project. As a social worker and public health professional, it is important for me to have an understanding of the unique needs of the disability community.”



“The NCI project was invaluable for the work I plan to do the future. I would like to work at the intersection of mental health supports and DD. Through this experience, I realized that there is so much to be gained from going into someone's home. NCI also provided an opportunity to sit for hours in conversation with people about their life and well-being. I was learning from the experts on their life experiences”

“I will be more likely to consider the impact of any policy/practice on the disability community.”

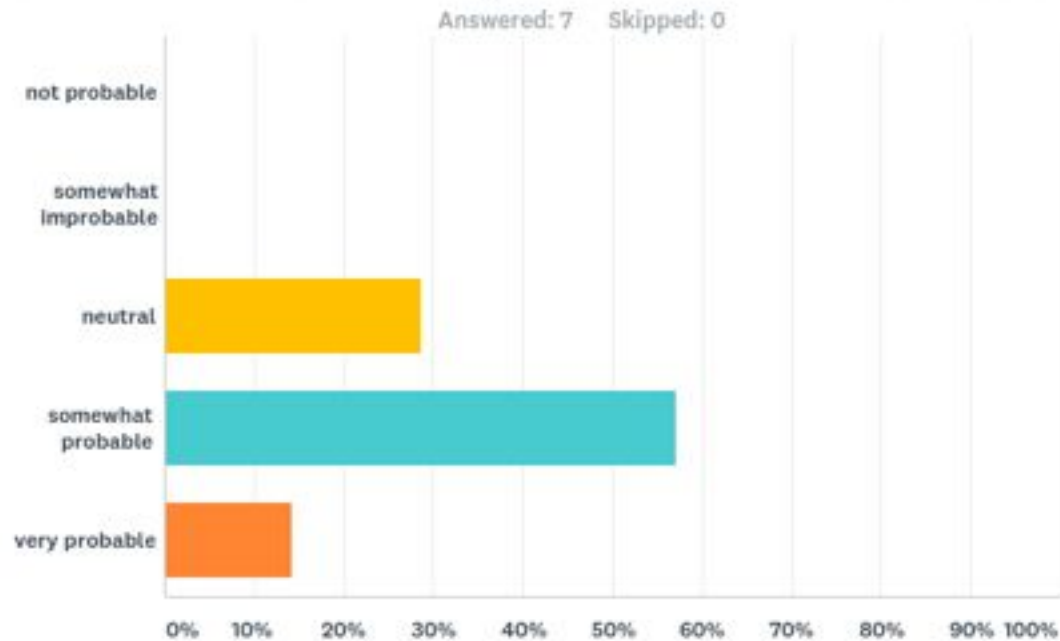
## Q5 What is the likelihood that you will work or volunteer with DD population in the future?



“I hope to have a long career in DD services and assume that the NCI experience will provide an early foundation.”

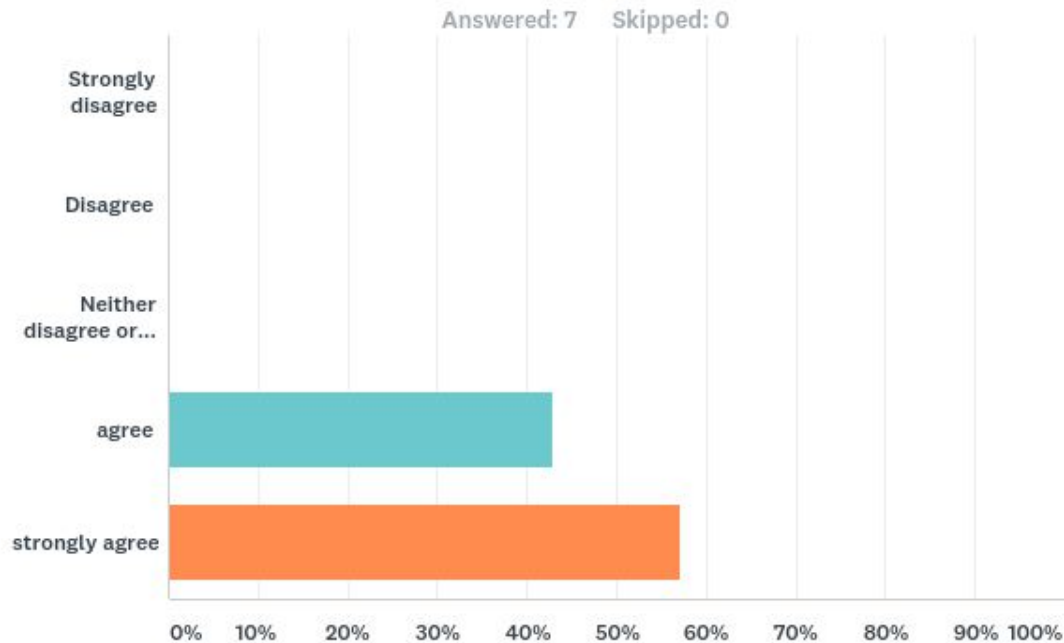
“NCI has exposed me to the barriers that limit housing opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. I'd like to work with DD population and their access to safe affordable housing.”

## Q6 What is the likelihood that you will continue to work in research?



“NCI helped me to understand the importance of research and evaluation, and made me feel more comfortable with engaging in research projects. It also impressed the importance of centering consumer voice and feedback in all of my future work.”

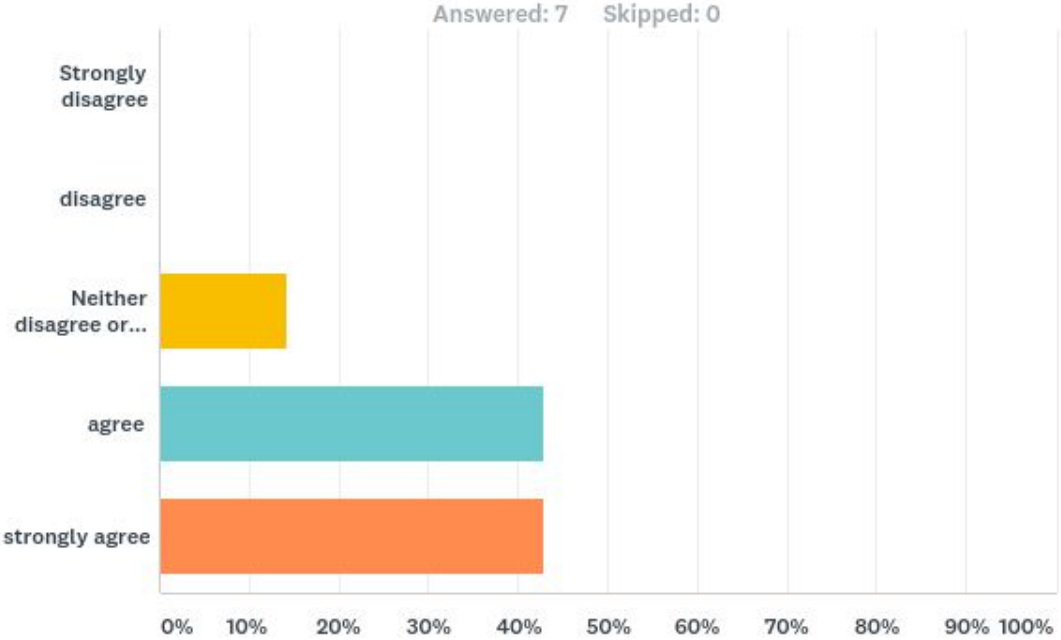
## Q7 I feel confident that I can model person centered communication to other professionals in my field





“The most important thing I learned is how to communicate effectively with individuals with disabilities”

# Q8 I feel confident that I can communicate about developmental disability and the unique needs of this population



“I met so many amazing people (clients, caregivers, family members) who inspired and humbled me. I will definitely be an advocate for persons with developmental disabilities going forward.”

“The most important thing I learned was how crucial Medicaid is to individuals with disabilities and their families.”

“The NCI project highlighted the importance of paying special attention to the needs of individuals with disabilities when doing any work, and making adjustments to that work to make it accessible for everyone.”

# Looking Forward to NCI 17/18

- Continue recruitment through graduate programs and alumni networks as well as family networks
- Continue to facilitate mentor type relationships with Research assistants
- Continue to include education about disability in NCI training and throughout data collection
- Further evaluation on impact next year
- Follow up with former NCI interviewers



# Thank You

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