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Center For Courageous Kids

Mission: "Our mission is instilling inspiration and empowerment, while enhancing the lives of children with serious illnesses."

Vision: "Our vision is to reach as many children as possible."

Identified Agency Needs

- To reach potential campers and families for independent summer camp by accurately depicting camp through the eyes of people who have experienced CCK (campers, families, healthcare partners, staff, volunteers, etc.) in a promotional video to present at weekend family retreats
- Recourses for volunteers of each program area explaining adaptations and modifications for each diagnosis served on weekend retreats

Goals of Capstone

Learning Objectives:

- Create resources to inform volunteers on how to facilitate each program area accurately and safely
- Create resources to inform volunteers on how to engage children with varying diagnoses in each program area by explaining adaptations, modifications, and strategies to facilitate successful participation
- Create a video that displays camp through the eyes of previous campers, staff, volunteers, parents, and/or healthcare partners to expand on knowledge about camp and provide comfort for campers and parents about attending a camper only summer camp

Personal Objectives:

- Enhance my leadership skills
- Expand upon my clinical practice and reasoning skills with varying diagnoses

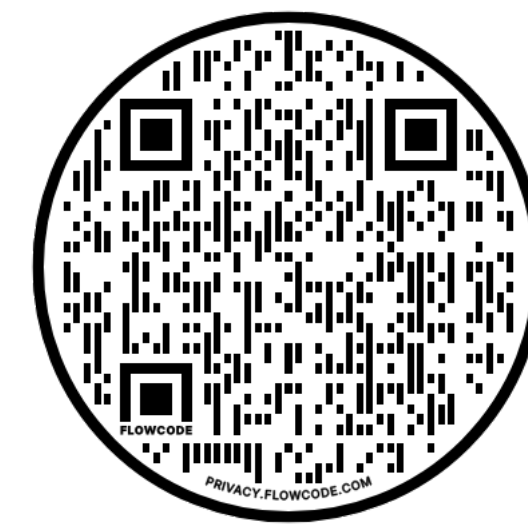
Outcomes of Volunteer Training Resources

- Created program area trainings for areas utilized through the weekend family retreats
- Performed activity analyses of each area to identify potential difficulties for each diagnosis and create modifications, adaptations, or strategies to promote successful participation
- Created trainings of the diagnoses served during the spring family retreats explaining the condition, potential symptoms, how it may affect the camp experience, and ways to empower campers to participate as independently as possible
- Increased confidence in grading and adapting activities for various deficits
- Greater proficiency for creating educational content

Program area Trainings:

- Arts & Crafts
- Woodshop
- Music
- Pool
- Nature
- Archery
- Fishing
- Cooking
- Mini Golf
- Horse Barn
- Fun Center(Bowling Alley and Arcade)

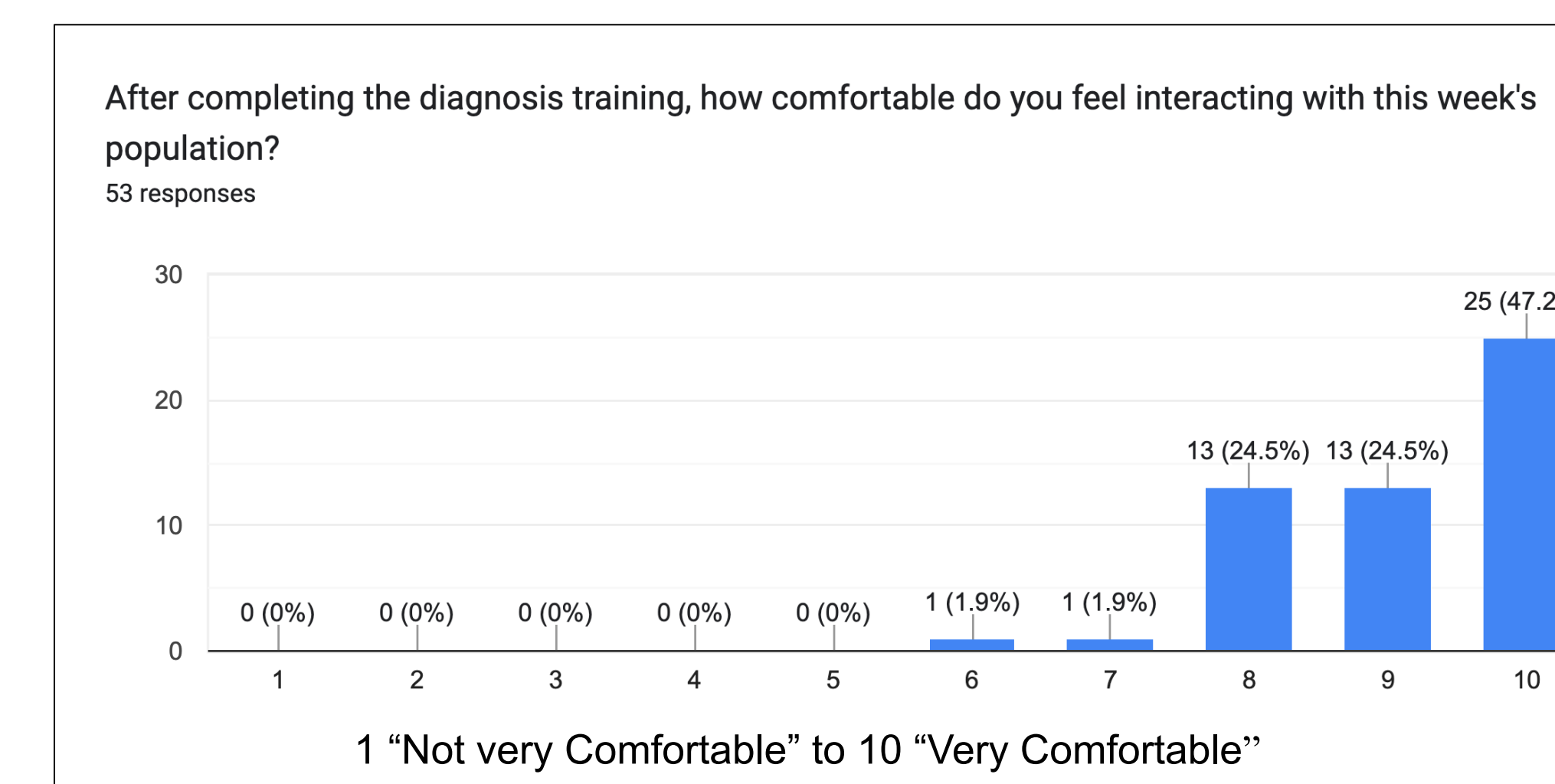
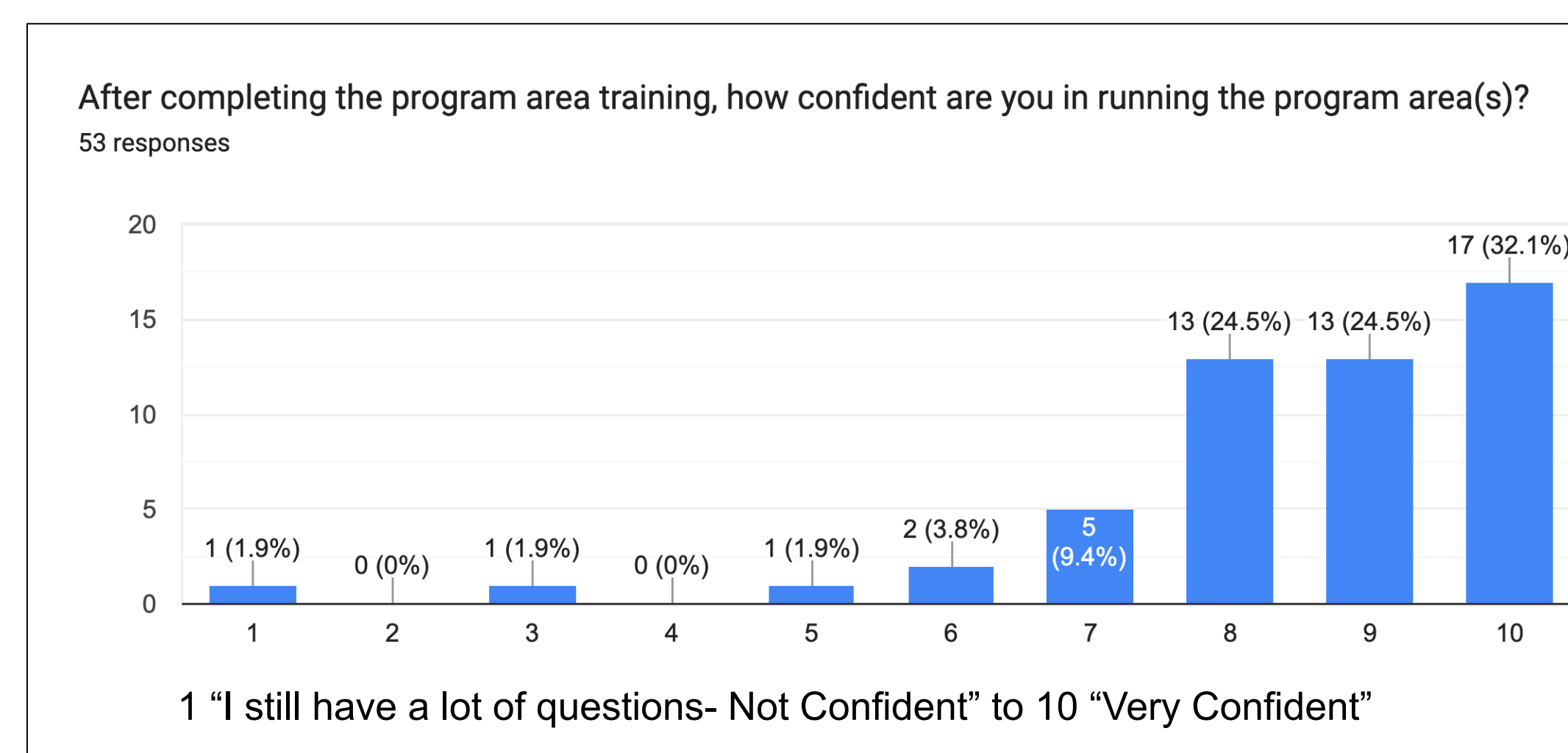
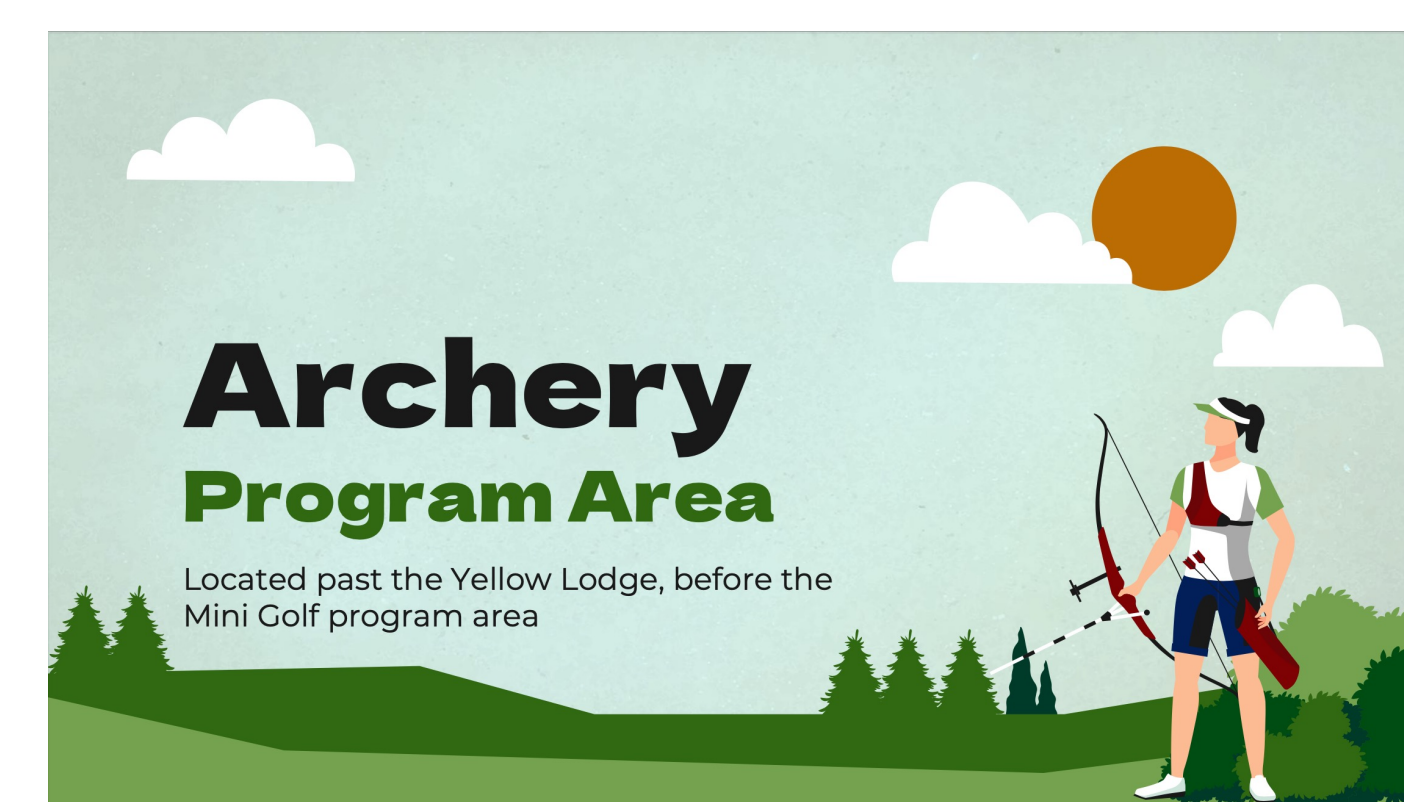
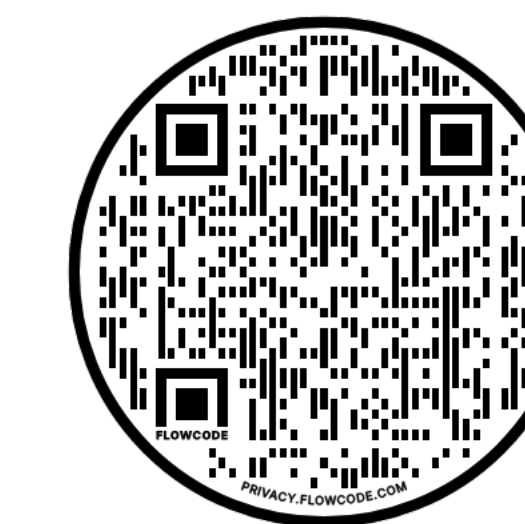
Scan for an example of the program area trainings sent to volunteers each week



Diagnosis Trainings:

- Cardiac conditions
- Diabetes
- Down Syndrome
- Apraxia
- Angelman Syndrome
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Autism
- Spina Bifida
- Neurological Disorders

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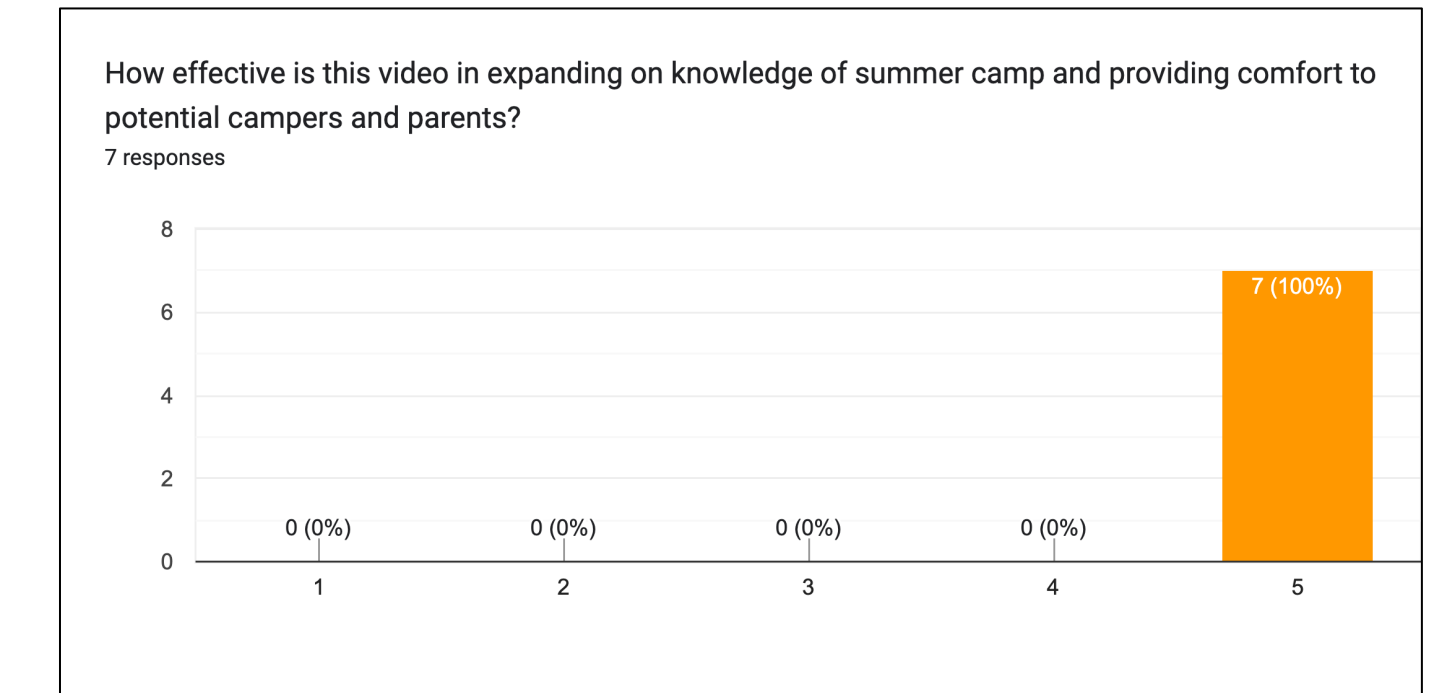
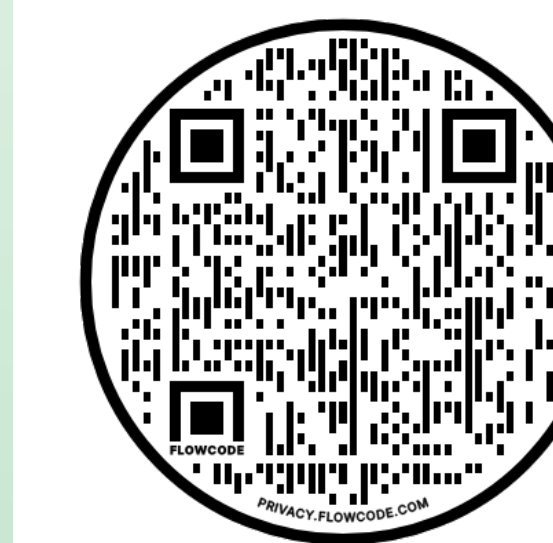
Feedback from Volunteers

- "These seem very well put together and they provide an excellent overview of the program areas"
- "It was informational and made me feel well-prepared about this upcoming weekend!"
- "Super excited for this weekend!!! Great training guides!"
- "The video is a really good overall explanation and helped me to know what to do so much better as someone that hasn't done this area and doesn't know a lot about fishing."

Outcomes of "Through Our Eyes" Video

- Conducted interviews of participants during spring family retreats
- Created a combination of testimonials to display the impact that CCK has on the lives of people who attend
- Learned new skills to advocate for agency
- Initiated building relationships with stakeholders and camp participants

Scan to watch video



Feedback from Stakeholders

- "This video does a great job with pulling together different views about summer camp including campers, staff, volunteers, parents, and healthcare partners. Megan did a wonderful job in creating a video that communicates the benefits and impact of summer camp for each of these populations."
- "Fantastic video!! Shows how fun and worthwhile camp is!"

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