

NAMI California Summary of
Implementation Experiences and Evaluation Findings
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In Our Own Voice: Analyses are based on a total of 1504 useable surveys. A useable survey was one in which both pre and post sections of the survey were completed and no more than 3 of the 13 items were omitted for either pre or post administrations. The possible range for overall scores was from 13 to 65, with higher scores indicating more positive attitudes.

- It is apparent that attitudes were **reasonably positive** even prior to the IOOV presentation, with an average score before a presentation of 49.09 (maximum of 65).
- There is a statistically **significant improvement in attitudes after the presentation**, with an increased average score of 51.66.
- The IOOV presentation, on average, **improved understanding** and acceptance of mental illness as intended.
- The items that appeared to improve most were those related to knowledge of mental illness- **better reported understanding** of mental illness and **less uncertainty about how mental illnesses are treated**.
- The items also showing great improvement were those related to appraisals of the potential of people with mental illnesses; respondents **agreed more strongly that people with mental illnesses are able to be productive citizens** and disagreed more strongly that they are not able to help themselves.