The graphics below represent outcomes from the 2013 Symposium, which was co-sponsored by the Lenzmeier Family Foundation, Rebecca Wallin & Ron Dickenson, Sanford Health, and the Alkire Family Foundation.

**Outcomes**

The Eighth Annual National PACER Symposium demonstrated how change can occur when passion meets vision. The charts below illustrate the outcomes* from the August 2013 symposium.

1. **Did you share the information you learned at the symposium with other parents, teachers, and professionals?**
   - **100%** Yes

2. **Since the symposium, have you implemented strategies in your classroom to assist classmates and peers to better understand children with mental health disorders and learning disabilities?**
   - **85%** Yes

3. **How effective was the symposium in increasing your knowledge about how to identify behaviors related to specific disabilities such as anxiety, depression, and ADHD?**
   - **87%** Very or moderately effective

4. **If you are a teacher, how effective was the symposium in changing the way you respond to children with learning disabilities or mental health issues in your class?**
   - **85%** Very or moderately effective

* Data are from an independent survey of Symposium participants nine months after the August 2013 event. Special thanks to Susan Hasazi, former Professor at the University of Vermont, who designed the evaluation tool for the symposium.
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PACER’s phone number is 952-838-9000 and its principal website is PACER.org. PACER’s National Bullying Prevention websites are PACERKidsAgainstBullying.org and PACERTeensAgainstBullying.org.

Participants’ enthusiastic comments tell about how the Symposium impacted them:

“This was my first time going. It was life-changing for me. Please continue this next year.”
- Teacher

“This was one of the best conferences I’ve been to. I really liked the information about mental illness and how to recognize the signs for it. I think I will be able to be more knowledgeable of it and recognize it better in my students.”
- Teacher

“This conference is a highlight of my summer. It gears me up for the new school year.”
- Parent and Teacher

“I learned new ways to look at a situation and try to use different approaches to handle how to react to things. I plan to look more closely at a student’s behavior when they come into my office and not be so fast to judge and make assumptions.”
- School Nurse

“There is hope for my son to succeed.”
- Parent

“This was the best day I have ever spent at a Conference. It was very helpful to me with my children and I will be implementing a number of the things that I learned.”
- Parent

“Every year the symposium inspires me to be a better parent, and a better teacher. I watch the youth panel, their amazing stories, and their advice in deepest admiration. Every year I try to take their advice into the classroom with me.”
- Parent and Teacher