

4-H Coastal Futures Program

Developing Skills for Youth Engagement in Oregon's Coastal Communities

About the Program

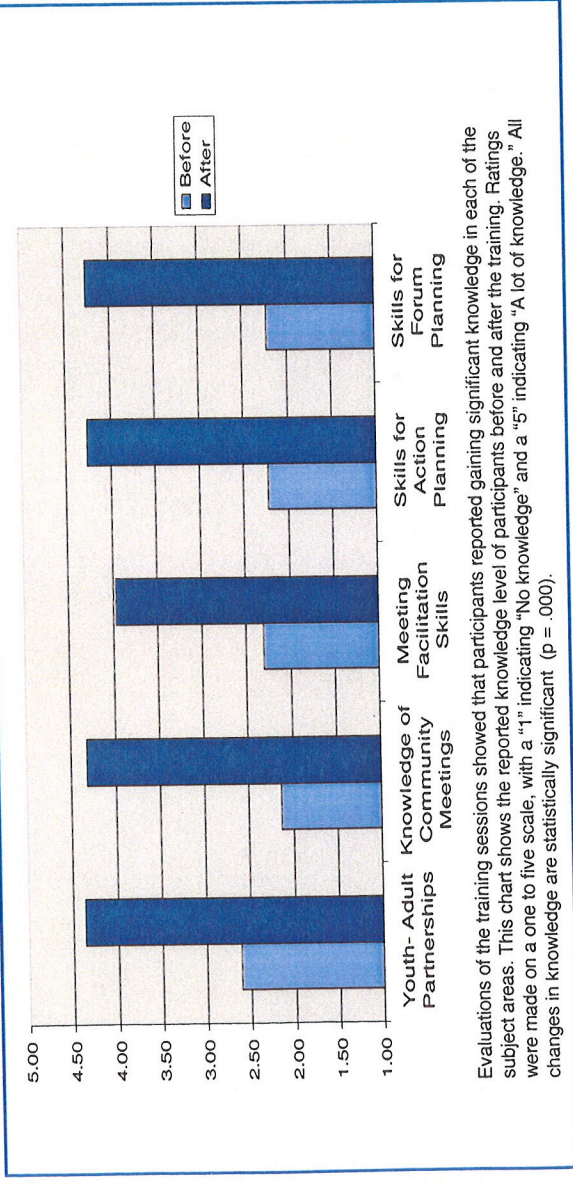
The 4-H Coastal Futures Program provides training to youth-adult community teams. The training prepares local teams to plan and conduct a community forum. The purpose of the forum is to gather community input on the factors affecting the future of youth in rural communities along the Oregon Coast. Following the forum, local teams can apply for a \$2,000 community action grant that can be used to fund a community service project that helps address a need identified through the community forum.

Youth and Adults Develop Skills In:

- Youth-adult partnerships
- Planning a community meeting
- Facilitating a community meeting
- Recording information at community meetings
- Organizing and summarizing information
- Creating an community action plan

2006 Project Sites

- Cloverdale (with Nestucca High School Development Council)
- Gold Beach (with Curry County 4-H)
- Lincoln City (with Community Services Consortium)
- Newport (with Community Services Consortium)
- Myrtle Point (with Coos County 4-H)



Evaluations of the training sessions showed that participants reported gaining significant knowledge in each of the subject areas. This chart shows the reported knowledge level of participants before and after the training. Ratings were made on a one to five scale, with a "1" indicating "No knowledge" and a "5" indicating "A lot of knowledge." All changes in knowledge are statistically significant (p = .000).



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