ABSTRACT

The objectives were to assess
a. how much experience the respondents had prior to Bay Cliff
b. and how community-based education shaped their attitudes and behaviors

METHODS

- Data were collected from 36 respondents who had participated in this educational intervention as dental students and 45 students who had participated as pediatric dentistry residents.
- Procedure: Recruitment emails were sent to former participants. The email informed the participants about the study and asked them to use a web-link provided in the email to respond to the anonymous web-based survey.
- Conclusions: These findings show the benefits of engaging dental students and pediatric dentistry residents in community-based education with patients with SHCNs.

RESULTS

- The first objective was to assess how much experience the respondents had prior to their rotation at Bay Cliff.
- The second objective was to assess how community-based education at Bay Cliff shaped the respondents’ behaviors.

DISCUSSION

- After their experience at Bay Cliff with providing dental care to children and adults with SHCNs, both University of Michigan dental students and pediatric dentistry residents were more comfortable and confident with treating children with SHCNs than before. It is unclear if the community-based experiences would have had the same effect, the full time 24 hour residents might have had a stronger impact than less comprehensive programs.

CONCLUSIONS

- These findings show the benefits of engaging dental students and pediatric dentistry residents in community-based dental education about treating pediatric and adult patients with SHCNs.