



# University of Cincinnati, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities OHIO FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER (F2F) 2016 DATA REPORT

The Ohio Family-to-Family Health Information Center at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center helps families of CSHCN to learn about and access services and supports to assure optimum health care for their children. We collaborate with providers, state agencies, and other key stakeholders to raise awareness of the needs of families and to address gaps in systems and policies that adversely affect children with special health care needs. All our staff and board members are parents of children and adults who have special needs and represent a wide variety of children, health conditions, families and communities from every region in Ohio.

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

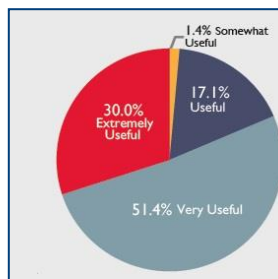
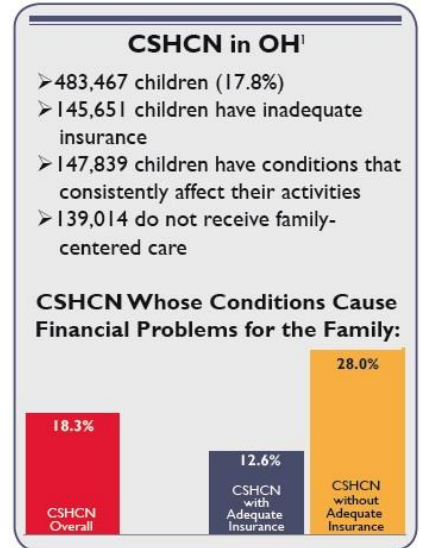
**NOTE:** FY16 was the first year Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center served as Ohio’s F2F. A great deal of time and effort went into hiring and training staff, and programmatic efforts focused on regional and state impact activities.



**Regional** The Ohio F2F partnered with the University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UC UCEDD), four southwestern Ohio County Boards of Developmental Disabilities Services, community organizations, and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center on the regional *Transition Bootcamp* conference, an annual transition conference for family caregivers and professionals working with transition-age youth (14 through 30 years) that drew over 300 attendees this year. The conference offered sessions on transition-related topics and a vendor fair to orient attendees to available resources and services for adults with developmental disabilities and special healthcare needs. This all-day conference, which received very positive feedback regarding increase in knowledge and satisfaction, was followed up with monthly Transition Booster Sessions that address one specific transition topic at each session. Information is provided by an expert speaker.

**State** Ohio F2F partnered with UC UCEDD, the southwestern Employment Workgroup, and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) on a three-session workshop on *Charting the Lifecourse*, a curriculum developed by the Institute for Human Development at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, that empowers families to take charge of their child’s life and future without solely relying on state-and other agencies services. Over 200 people attended these sessions and expressed great increase and knowledge and satisfaction with the training.

**Resulting Family Impact** Beginning July 1, 2016, DODD began a *Charting the LifeCourse Community of Practice* of which Ohio F2F is a partner. Through the Community of Practice, Ohio will address family support needs of all families who have a child with a developmental disability or special healthcare need.



## IMPACT on Family/Provider Relationships

Families rate the usefulness of the support, information, and/or resources they received from the OH F2F in increasing their ability to partner with their child’s provider.

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<sup>1</sup>National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs. NS-CSHCN 2009/10. Data query from the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website. Retrieved 04/03/2014 from [www.childhealthdata.org](http://www.childhealthdata.org).

<sup>2</sup>FY2016 F2F data represents families and professionals served through one-to-one contact, training, and broader outreach from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016.

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