

Family Voices of Alabama (FV of AL) had its beginnings in 1992 as a grassroots volunteer organization committed to speaking up about the needs of CSHCN in health care reform. As the F2F in AL, they provide information, training, technical assistance and peer support to families of CSHCN as well as those who serve them. FV of AL mentors families via one-to-one contact; nurture collaboration between families and professionals and assist families to be better able to participate in systems building activities in their communities and states. Throughout all of their activities, they integrate the philosophy of Family Centered Care, Family Professional Partnership, and Cultural Competence.

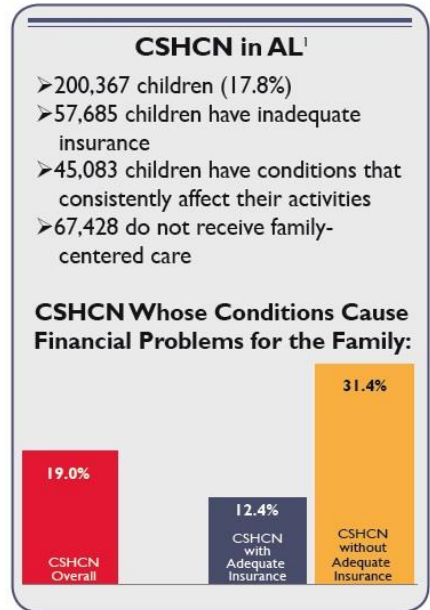


2016 IMPACT on FAMILIES

In 2016 the F2F rolled out a social media campaign entitled #IAmMedicaid. During the family leadership-training portion of the annual Partners in Care Summit, one of the speakers shared about the campaign and asked all participants to write a potential post using the hashtag. Some stories were posted immediately from the conference but many of the family participants continued to post and share their stories after the conference was over. As a result of their posts sharing the story of their family experiences with Medicaid, two F2F staff and family leaders were invited to the statehouse and to participate in a press conference held by the AL AAP and other groups working to convince legislators to fully fund the state Medicaid program.

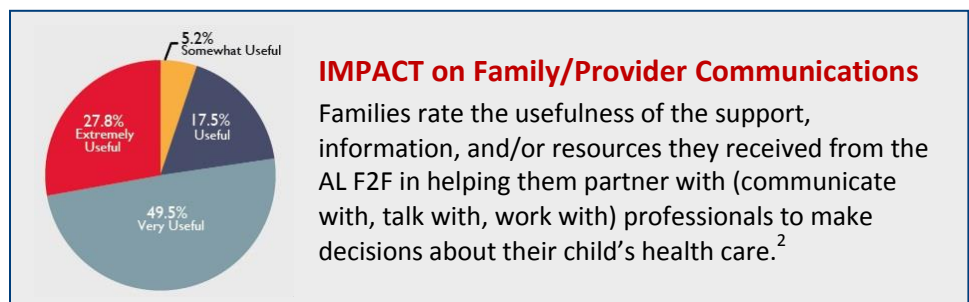
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Training and Collaboration Impact The AL F2F worked in collaboration with the University of Alabama Birmingham School of Public Health to develop and present a one-day training for the Mississippi Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs program staff and those hired as family partners. Additionally, the success of this training was also due to collaboration between the AL F2F and the F2F in the state of Mississippi.



OUTREACH²

Total Families Served: 10,993
Total Professionals Served: 1,959
Newsletter Subscribers: 9,794
Materials Disseminated: 2,568
Trainings: 121



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¹National 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.

²FY2016 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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