

Family Voices of California (FVCA) is a statewide collaborative of locally based parent run centers working to ensure quality health care for children and youth with special health care needs. FVCA provides information and a forum for parent centers and families to advocate for improved public and private policies, builds partnerships between professionals and families, and serves as a vital resource on health care.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Training Impact FVCA F2F hosted its 15th annual statewide Health Summit on February 27-28, 2017. The Summit’s objectives included enabling families, health care providers, and advocates for CYSHCN to learn about the changes to California Children’s Services (CCS) with the Whole Child Model (WCM); having a better, clearer understanding of the Medi-Cal program for CYSHCN as well as learning about Mental Health Services for children and youth in CA. Family members who attended the Summit learned how to present issues regarding their CYSHCN to their legislators in preparation for the second day of the Summit, when families visited their legislators at the Capitol in Sacramento to provide legislators (25+ legislators and aides in total) with information about their needs and those of CYSHCN in general. FVCA provided stipends, travel, lodging and all meals as well as child care-giving for all attending families. For the first time, this year’s Summit featured a dedicated programming track for youth, which was organized and led by youth and young adults with disabilities in partnership with YO! Disabled & Proud.

Family Leader Impact FVCA Project Leadership is now in its third year. The goal for the project is to continue to build a strong, statewide learning community with mentoring and support that helps ensure that family members of children with special health care needs are prepared to become advocates for health care policy and service improvements. Primary goals include:

- Expanding Project Leadership trainings to Los Angeles County and/or a rural region of California.
- Translating the Project Leadership curriculum into Spanish to reach families with limited English ability.
- Providing ongoing mentorship of Project Leadership graduates from Phase I and Phase II of the project.
- Encouraging participation of Leadership alumni and trainees in the annual FVCA Health Summit and Legislative Days in Sacramento
- Continuing to maintain and update an opportunity database and a database of family leaders.

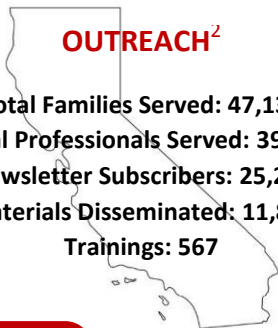
2016 IMPACT on a FAMILY



Daniel, a father who graduated from the FVCA Project Leadership training, said “Progressively I have taken on the role of advocate for the needs and resources for our daughter, Mia. I have had no mentor or guide. None of my other friends or family members, who are also dads, could relate to what I was going through as a father, not even my own father. So I tried my best, despite not having someone to mimic my behavior after or show me where, when and how to hone and harness my energy and to what degree to do it. That’s where Project Leadership comes in. I am beyond thankful and blessed to have been part of a workshop that has guided me and empowered me and has shown me where, when and how to harness my despair into a catalyst of advocacy for my daughter.”

OUTREACH²

Total Families Served: 47,134
Total Professionals Served: 39,672
Newsletter Subscribers: 25,227
Materials Disseminated: 11,855
Trainings: 567



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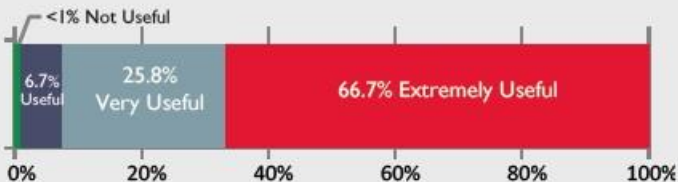
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CSHCN in CA¹

- 997,157 children (10.6%)
- 353,181 children have inadequate insurance
- 289,340 children have conditions that consistently affect their activities
- 379,891 do not receive family-centered care

IMPACT: Service Navigation

Families rate the usefulness of the support information/resources they received from the CA F2F in helping them find and/or learn about community services (primary health care, intervention programs, translation services, etc.)³



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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