



# The Oklahoma Family Network OKLAHOMA FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER (F2F) 2016 DATA REPORT

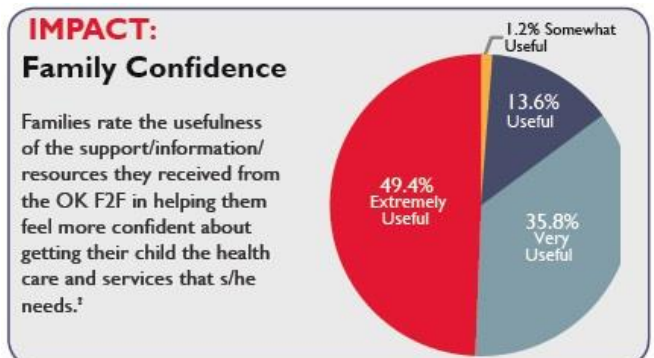
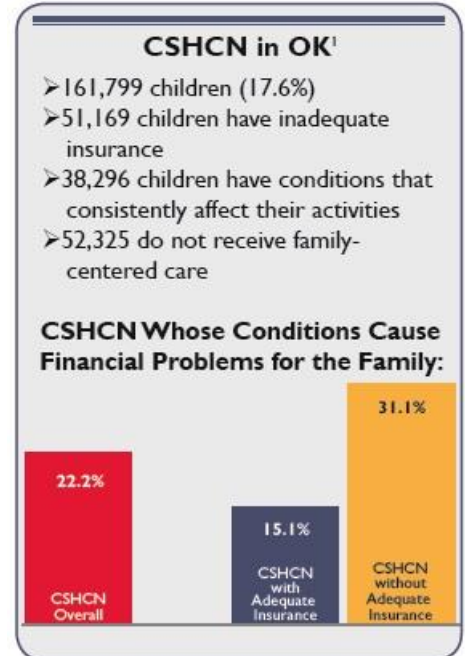
The Oklahoma Family Network (OFN) Family-to-Family Health Information Center informs and connects individuals with special health care needs and disabilities, their families and professionals to services and supports in their communities. OFN provides opportunities for individuals and families to strengthen their communities through leadership development and volunteering.

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

**Family Impacts** The F2F began a new project, partially funded by a small grant from Heartland Regional Genetics Collaborative, to support parents whose child was diagnosed with a special health care need prior to birth or shortly after. Similarly, the F2F has provided oncology and bereavement support to families. The OFN Oncology Coordinator has provided not only family-to-family support but also developed a FACEBOOK group and a support group.

**Family-Professional Partnerships Impact** The F2F 2016 “Supporting Family Professional Partnerships Conference” included 160 professionals, families, students and self-advocates. The conference focus was building and strengthening family-professional and community partnerships by fostering an atmosphere in Oklahoma where community members and agencies work together to ensure people with disabilities and other special healthcare needs are able to have meaningful lives. The keynote speaker was Randy Lewis, former Walgreens executive, who set, and achieved, the goal of a significant increase in hiring of individuals with disabilities at a living wage. Conference evaluations showed that 85% of the conference participants said they would definitely utilize what they learned in community work. Additionally, 96% of participants gained a better understanding of the importance of family-professional and community partnerships.

**System Impact** The OK Health Care Authority (“OHCA”) invited 7 F2F family leaders to a retreat for 2 1/2 days. Families provided input regarding the many OHCA Medicaid programs. This family input has resulted in more interactive meetings with breakouts to foster meaningful participation. Additionally, the F2F continued to coordinate the Member Advisory Task Force (MATF), an advisory of individuals and families who access Medicaid as their health care insurance. Family leaders weighed in on topics such as guidance to OHCA as to impacts of proposed budget cuts on families, reviewing policy updates and contributions to the member newsletter. Under F2F leadership, the MATF gained a new voice with the addition of a member representing foster care families and saved OHCA over \$100,000 based on their recommendations for reduction in length of the OHCA member handbook.



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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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