

TX Parent to Parent TEXAS FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER (F2F) 2016 DATA REPORT

Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P) is committed to improving the lives of Texas children who have disabilities, chronic illness, and/or special health care needs. The F2F at TxP2P offers training, resources and support around health issues for parents, family members, professionals, and community members, to better support children with disabilities or special health care needs throughout their lives. Trainings and presentations in English and Spanish are available at no charge to professionals, parents, and parent groups across Texas.

2016 IMPACT on FAMILIES

Since Texas has one of the highest rates of uninsured children in the nation, the TX F2F helps many families get health care for their children with special health care needs, even if they lack insurance coverage. Even those with private or public insurance coverage need help navigating the health care system. For example, many families of medically fragile or technology-dependent children are worried that their children will not get the care they need once they are shifted into managed care (the STAR Kids program), which the state is planning to do in November. The TX F2F will use its experience supporting and voicing concerns of families, as well its relationships with professionals and providers, to support families and providers during and after this transition.

CSHCN in TX¹

>919,876 children (13.4%)

- >286,736 children have inadequate insurance
- >247,587 children have conditions that consistently affect their activities
- >342,226 do not receive familycentered care



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Leveraging Technology and Social Media for Impact With at least 7,000 parents and almost 1,500 professionals on our F2F newsletter mailing list, the TX F2F undoubtedly has an impact leveraging technology to disseminate information about resources and support. Additionally, the TX F2F operates the largest listservs supporting families of CYSHCN and professionals in the state of Texas. Given the newsletter and listery success, the next steps are to create regional Facebook pages and to launch into Twitter. The TX F2F has been very instrumental in the development of Navigate Life Texas (www.navigatelifetexas.org) for the state. This one-of-a-kind website is specifically for families of children with disabilities, chronic illness and other special health care needs.

Training Impact The TX F2F organizes four conferences a year for parents: one statewide 2-day conference in central Texas that hosts at least 500 attendees a year (about 400 parents and 100 professionals) and three regional 1-day conferences in north, east and south Texas.



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