The Family to Family Network of Virginia (VA F2F), an initiative of the Center for Family Involvement at Virginia Commonwealth University’s Partnership for People with Disabilities, has nine regional offices where family members of culturally and linguistically diverse children and young adults with disabilities have people in their own communities to call upon in their efforts to identify and obtain needed health related information, services and community supports. The F2F works with families to increase their skills as advocates, mentors and leaders so that children and young adults with disabilities and their families can lead the lives they want.

2016 IMPACT on a Family
From a parent letter written to thank the VA F2F:

“I wanted to take a moment to share my heartfelt thank you! I met with the agencies you told me about and it seems like lots of doors are now opening up for services for my son. I thought I was an organized person in my professional life, but was taken off guard by how unorganized I was in my personal life. I put a binder together that you suggested and even on days I don’t feel strong, I represent strength because I have it all together and can pull off what I need without giving as much thought. You are a heaven sent angel and thank you for taking the time to listen to me and allowing me to cry the most painful tears I have ever shed.”

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
Training Impacts “We are proud of our work with the VA Title V Maternal and Child Health program to co-lead its new Medical Neighborhood initiative. The F2F will be working with the Title V program, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the University of Virginia and many other community members in Central Virginia to develop and implement training modules – one on Patient-Centered Medical Homes and one on Transition (for young adults). These modules are unique in that, for each topic, one module will be developed for patients and families and another for providers (not just physicians, but all professionals who assist CYSHCN). The provider trainings will also be offered for CEU credits.”

OUTREACH
Total Families Served: 3,321
Total Professionals Served: 2,848
Materials Disseminated: 19,089
Trainings: 92

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