






F2Fs and FVAOs

Family to Family Health Information Centers and Family Voices Affiliate Organizations

What's the Difference?

| | F2Fs | FVAOs |
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|  | Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2Fs) are family-driven organizations that support families of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). | A Family Voices Affiliate Organization (FVAO) is a statewide, territory-wide, or tribal organization that works to advance the mission, vision, and principles of Family Voices. |
|  | Most F2Fs are led by families of CYSHCN. | FVAOs are parent- or family-led non-profit organizations with a Board composed of a majority of family members of CYSHCN. |
|  | F2Fs are in every state, the District of Columbia, five US territories, and three F2Fs serving American Indians and Alaska Natives. | There is an FVAO in most states, and only one FVAO is approved per state. In many cases, the FVAO is the same organization that serves as the F2F in that state. |
|  | The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) funds F2Fs, although the organizations in which F2Fs sit may have multiple sources of funding. | FVAOs may have multiple sources of funding. These organizations pay annual membership fees to be part of the Family Voices affiliate network. |
|  | Family Voices provides technical assistance to the F2Fs through the Family Engagement and Leadership in Systems of Care grant, funded through 2028 by MCHB. | The national network of FVAOs receives resources, peer support, and tools that help them build their capacity to serve families and advocate collectively for policy change. |