

As the F2F in Wisconsin, Family Voices of Wisconsin is a statewide network of families who have children with special health care needs and those who work on their behalf. The focus of our work is health care access, coverage and community supports and services for children and youth with disabilities and special health care needs. We work closely with the Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs around Wisconsin to make sure families find the resources they need.

2015 HIGHLIGHT: *Impact of Trainings*

For Spanish Speaking Families: Family Voices of Wisconsin reaches out to families from many backgrounds, rural and urban communities and, during 2015, provided several training sessions for Spanish speaking families (with both written material and presentation in Spanish). “Did You Know? Now You Know!” trainings are face to face sessions that explain resources and services for children with disabilities and special health care needs from birth through young adulthood. Participants learn about health insurance and how to best use their benefits, Medicaid, long-term supports and how to partner with their doctor.

- *“I can begin to plan for the future and feel more prepared.”* (Puedo empezar a pensar en el futuro y estar preparada).
- *“A lot of my doubts were clarified.”* (Aclare muchas dudas)
- *“I’m more prepared.”* (Estoy mas preparado)

For Emerging Family Leaders: Family Voices of Wisconsin hosts a full day intensive advocacy and leadership event for families from around Wisconsin. This year 30 family members from diverse backgrounds attended this event and all left feeling more prepared and supported to advocate for issues important to their family.

- *“Thank you for doing this. I don’t feel lost anymore!”*
- *“Would you share a great big thank you to the team who made the March 3rd Advocacy for Change seminar possible? It was educational, informative and exciting. I would never have talked with anyone in the Capitol without your support. Thank you for educating me, supporting my family and empowering me to make a difference.”*
- *“I want to thank you for inviting us to the conference. It was amazing and empowering! I loved it!”*

CSHCN in WI¹

- 201,529 children (15.5%)
- 61,610 children have inadequate insurance
- 52,617 children have conditions that consistently affect their activities
- 64,691 do not receive family-centered care

CSHCN Whose Conditions Cause Financial Problems for the Family:



OUTREACH²

Total Families Served:
12,255

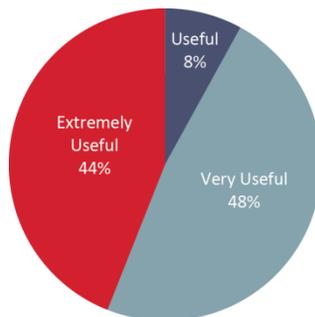
Total Professionals Served:
3,963

Newsletter Subscribers:
3,300

Materials Disseminated:
11,000

Trainings:
40

IMPACT on Service Navigation²



100% of families rate the usefulness of the support, information, and/or resources they received from the WI F2F in helping them feel more confident about getting their child the health care and services that s/he needs as useful to extremely useful.

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¹ 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.

² FY2015 F2F data represents families and professionals served through one-to-one contact, training, and broader outreach from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015.

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