

As the F2F in Wisconsin, Family Voices of Wisconsin (FVofWI) is a statewide network of families who have children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and those who work on their behalf. The focus of the F2F work is health care access, coverage and community supports and services for CYSHCN. FVofWI works closely with a network of state partners, including the Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs to make sure families identify and access the resources they need.

## 2016 IMPACT on a FAMILY

Wisconsin's F2F provides many training opportunities to families, focused on navigating supports and services, leadership, and advocacy. The impact of this information sharing is best captured in feedback from families such as: "We had not received **any** of these resources beforehand, and my child is 12!" and "I understand a lot better (what and where to go to get answers)." The impact on the care of children from these trainings cannot be underestimated, nor can the impact on improving system access, function and efficiency.

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

**System and National Impact** The F2F has worked closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), the Survival Coalition, the Council on Children with Long Term Support Needs for many years to reduce and end waiting lists for children's long term supports. As a result of these efforts, Governor Walker included funding to end waiting lists for children in Wisconsin in his biennial budget. FVofWI has also worked with DHS to include family experience in metrics to measure program performance.



**Family Partnership Impact** Family Voices of Wisconsin is continually recognized as a leader in advancing family partnership and leadership in Wisconsin. Increasingly, FVofWI is called on to collaborate with Title V partners, as well as partners from the education, disability and health sectors. FVofWI's cornerstone training programs remain popular, and are sought out by families and professionals, including state and county staff, as sources of accurate and reliable information. FVofWI newsletters and fact sheets take complicated information and make it accessible to those with a variety of literacy levels. Wisconsin families are better informed, and partner and advocate more effectively as a result of the work of Family Voices of Wisconsin.

## OUTREACH<sup>2</sup>

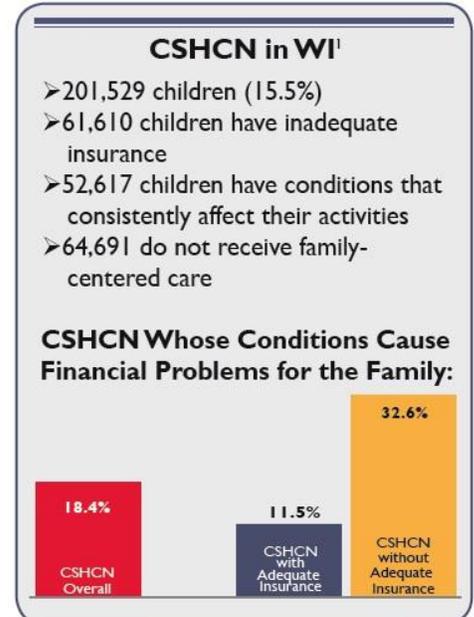
Total Families Served: 13,177  
Total Professionals Served: 8,913  
Newsletter Subscribers: 3,500  
Materials Disseminated: 13,000  
Trainings: 60

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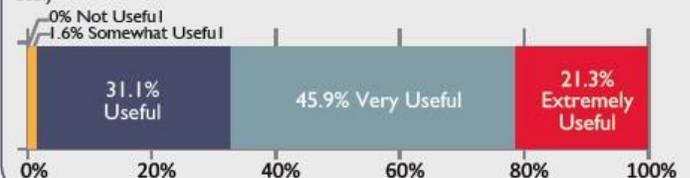
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## IMPACT:

### Service Navigation

Families rate the usefulness of the support/information/resources they received from the WI F2F in helping them find and/or learn about community services (primary health care, intervention programs, translation services, etc.)<sup>2</sup>



<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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