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## The Ohio Family to Family Health Information Center (Ohio F2F) receives grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

CINCINNATI, OHIO – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau awarded a \$387,000, 4-year grant to Ohio F2F at The University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCCEDD). The grant will allow Ohio F2F to continue to provide training, information and education to help families of children with disabilities and special health care needs navigate the health care system and find answers to their questions, while also strengthening family-professional partnerships.

“We are excited to receive this 4-year grant so that our Ohio F2F can continue the important work of helping families understand and navigate the health care system successfully and improve partnerships between family members and medical professionals. We are looking forward to conducting trainings for family members and professionals, providing short-term one-on-one support to families via our Family Information and Support Specialists and collaborating with community partners on efforts to increase family-centered care in healthcare systems. This funding supports our ability to continue existing efforts and expand opportunities across Ohio to ensure that children with special healthcare needs and disabilities have access to and receive optimal health care so they can lead the best possible lives with their families and in their communities” said Ilka Riddle, PhD, Assistant Professor, Director of Ohio F2F and the UCCEDD.

### About Ohio F2F

The vision of Ohio F2F, which is part of the UCCEDD at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and affiliated with the University of Cincinnati, is that all families of children with special health care needs receive best practice quality health care and community services. Ohio F2F also envisions that all health care professionals providing care to these families use the Medical Home Model – which is family-centered and accommodates families’ needs. Learn more about the work of Ohio F2F at [www.ohiof2f.org](http://www.ohiof2f.org), [www.facebook.com/OhioFamily2Family/](https://www.facebook.com/OhioFamily2Family/)

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