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## F2F Newsletter Summer/Fall 2019

### Update on Supporting Families of Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (CYSHCN) whose Nursing Services have been denied

Our goal is to educate and advocate for nursing care solutions and policy changes that sustain and/or improve the health and safety of children and adults with intensive medical needs and developmental disabilities.

**More about solutions and resources**

### "Serving on Groups Training" Kicked Off for Families in Ohio

### Ohio F2F Staff Meets with Senator Sherrod Brown



Pictured here: Marion Cosgrove Rauch, Lynne Fogel, Senator Brown and Amy Clawson

At the annual Family Voices national leadership meeting in Washington DC in May, Ohio F2F staff members (pictured above) met with Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown at his weekly "coffee with constituents" gathering. They thanked him for his ongoing support, as evidenced by his fight for a vote in Congress to continue CHIP coverage for Ohio's children, and shared contact information with policy staffers to help with future initiatives that might affect



Pictured here: Family Leaders, May 2019

This Spring, Ohio Family to Family kicked off a new training for families titled, "How to Serve on Groups that Make Decisions".

Our Northern and Central Ohio Family Support Specialists hosted a four-part training for parents/caregivers of children with special health care needs, delays and/or disabilities on the importance of being a partner at the table; opportunities to get involved and types of groups; how to be prepared for meetings; effective communication tools; and the keys to being a successful family leader.

[Learn more here](#)

## Powerful Tools for Caregivers Training

We are offering a new training series this fall where attendees will learn how to care for themselves as they provide care for others. The 6-week series beginning September 12 is full, but stay tuned for another class to be held in the spring.

## Ohio Parent to Parent (P2P) Support Parent Trainings

Ohio families of children with special healthcare needs.

## "Advocating for your Child in Healthcare Settings" Recorded Session

In June, we hosted a session on Advocating for your Child in Healthcare Settings. This was recorded via facebook live and 300 people engaged with the session online.

[Watch recorded session here](#)

## "Intelligent Lives" Film



Pictured here: Micah, one of the adults with disabilities who stars in the film

Dan Habib is an award-winning filmmaker who has developed a film to help transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America.

We are currently working to schedule a screening of the film and panel discussion sometime this winter...stay tuned.

## Update on Speak Health Project

# OHIO P2P

## Ohio Parent to Parent Statewide Mentoring & Support Program

We have recently begun implementing the P2P USA model in Ohio. The first step in this peer matching program is to recruit and train parents who are interested in providing support to other parents seeking support. Once we have enough Support Parents, we will open up the program to those parents seeking support.

One Support Parent said that through this training he learned that his experiences could help someone else more than he realized.

[Learn more here](#)

### Accessing Past Training Materials

If you are interested in accessing past recorded trainings and materials, you can find more [here](#) , and [here](#) . One parent had this to say about a recent Transition Session on Sexuality, Safety & Relationships, "I appreciate the Being Safe Online resources given by the speaker and will use that in talking with my daughter about safety and relationships."

### Upcoming Events

Details about our all trainings and events, including Transition Booster Sessions can be found [here](#) .

**Ohio Family 2 Family at the UCCEDD**  
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Ohio F2F continues to partner with a research team at Nationwide Children's Hospital to collect family input/feedback on an exciting new technology being developed. The Speak Health project is hoping to create an app that families can use with a voice-activated speaker (like Alexa or Echo) for documenting caregiving tasks for their child(ren) with complex healthcare needs. Families were given an opportunity to complete surveys in a recent phase of the project. The research team will present and demonstrate a prototype of the technology at the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in Washington, DC next week! We are hoping they will get approved for a second round of funding. Stay tuned for a report of family survey results and a timeline for this project to continue.

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