Oregon Consortium of Family Networks

All families deserve support to raise their children at home. Since 2011, the Family Networks have partnered with DHS to provide trusted peer-delivered services to families of children with developmental disabilities while building connections in local communities.

What is the Oregon Consortium of Family Networks? "A decade of helping families of children with disabilities build sustainable

peer-to-peer support systems in local communities."

10 non-profit organizations led by local family members

Available in 20 Oregon counties

Supporting 12,250 families by connecting families

to other families

"High parental expectations are evidence-based predictors of positive outcomes for youth...."*

Those who have been connected with a Network for at least 6 months are more likely to believe:

"My child will earn a HS diploma"

82% believe

"My child will work at a paying job"

"My child will live independently"

71% believe

Families now focus on their child's strengths

3 out of 4





Strengthened **Families**

to build connections and supports to raise children in their family home.



to support and welcome people and families experiencing disability.



Created Natural Supports

to live a whole life and reduce the need for paid services.



Developed Community Partnerships

in local communities to rise to the challenges of the moment with as much resilience as possible.

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Data Sources: 2018 OCFN Periodic Progress Reports & Survey Results, and Erik W. Carter, Partnerships in Employment, Dec. 2014 Pleet-Odle, A., Aspel, N., Leuchovius, D., Roy, S., Hawkins, C., Jennings, D., Turnbull, A., Test, D. Promoting High Expectations for Postschool Success by Family Members: A To-Do List for Professionals. Career Development and Transition for Exceptional Individuals, v39 n4 p249-255 Nov. 2016.

"Without the family networks, here's what happens..."

"My family would have been Isolated and alone." "I would not have expectations that my child would have a job. He would not now be working." "My child wouldn't be able to access their community and we would rely only on state funded services. We would cost the state more money."



What are the long-term benefits of OCFN?

OCFN provides a great value to the DD Community. Families that have been involved with Family Networks over 6 months were significantly more likely to:





isolation



Feel their family has the support they need

"Our peer led organizations are efficient and effective"

access to community

We leverage volunteers and community partners with minimal paid staff.

\$1.3 Million per biennium funded 10 locally led Networks



went to pay multiple part time staff totalling 1 - 2.5 FTE per Network



Each contract was \$50k-\$85k a year

depending on number of counties, population density and total square miles



Community Partners



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