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FAMILY VOICES
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Health Information and
Education Center

Creating Partnerships for
North Dakota Families



A Grassroots Network of
Families and Friends
Speaking on Behalf of
Children with Special
Health Care Needs

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Our Mission

Family Voices, a national grassroots network of families and friends, advocates for health care services that are family-centered, community-based, comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent for all children and youth with special health care needs; promotes the inclusion of all families as decision makers at all levels of health care; and supports essential partnerships between families and professionals.

Our children have challenging conditions that usually make their lives and the lives of their families more complicated. Some of our children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; others live with a chronic illness; many present a brief but life-threatening medical problem. Some of our children need only an accurate diagnosis and routine treatment and monitoring; others will require life sustaining technology, treatment and medicines throughout their lives. About 33,000 children in the state of North Dakota have a chronic condition of some kind; over 40 percent of these children have a health condition that limits their play and school activities.

CALL US TODAY!

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What Family Voices Does

Family Voices of North Dakota is a statewide health information and education center for families who have children with special health needs: disability, chronic illness, and physical or mental health conditions

- ♥ To assist families as they navigate public and private systems, including health systems and insurance plans
- ♥ To educate families about how to access services and resources for their children and how to work with providers
- ♥ To listen to families as they describe their encounters with systems and help guide them to possible solutions
- ♥ To work with families, health care providers, public and private agencies, and advocacy or support groups to promote *family-centered care* and *medical homes* for children with special health care needs
- ♥ To promote discussion and linkages among families, providers, managed care programs, and government to better serve the health care and related needs of children and families in North Dakota

Our Guiding Activities

- ♥ Educating families and professionals about quality programs and best practices for children with special health care needs
- ♥ Assisting families to navigate health care and related service systems and avoid or overcome barriers to care for their children
- ♥ Training families to be the best possible advocates for their children's health and training professionals to work with families via developed workshops (Call today for workshops available)
- ♥ Supporting families to have a voice in the design, development, implementation and monitoring of policies and programs for children and families
- ♥ Working with professionals and families to improve children's health policies and programs that are helpful to families
- ♥ Promoting family centered care, family/professional partnerships and Medical Homes for children with special health care needs
- ♥ Helping document family needs and stories as a basis for policy planning and service implementation and providing outreach to families and professionals to raise awareness for children's health issues and build the FVND network