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List of Abbreviations Used in This Report

- AFS Adult Family Survey
- CIP Core Indicators Project
- CFS Child Family Survey
- CMS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- FGS Family/Guardian Survey
- HCBS Home and Community-Based Services

HSRI – Human Services Research Institute

NASDDDS – National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services

NCI - National Core Indicators

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Executive Summary

The National Core Indicators (NCI) are standard measures used across states to assess the outcomes of services provided to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families. Indicators address key areas of concern such as employment, respect/rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice, and health and safety. The data that result from NCI surveys are often used to inform strategic planning, produce legislative reports, and prioritize quality improvement initiatives. Many states also share the data with stakeholder groups such as Quality Councils and use the stakeholder feedback to help set priorities and establish policy direction.

The NCI Family/Guardian Survey is administered to families who have an adult (18 years or older) with a developmental disability who does not live in the family home and receives at least one service other than case management. Not all states that participate in NCI administer the Family/Guardian Survey on an annual basis. Of the 45 states, the District of Columbia, and 22 substate entities who participated in NCI during the 2016-2017 data collection cycle, twelve (12) states submitted a valid sample of Family/Guardian Survey data to be included in this report. This Final Report provides a summary of results based on data collected during the 2016-17 data collection cycle.

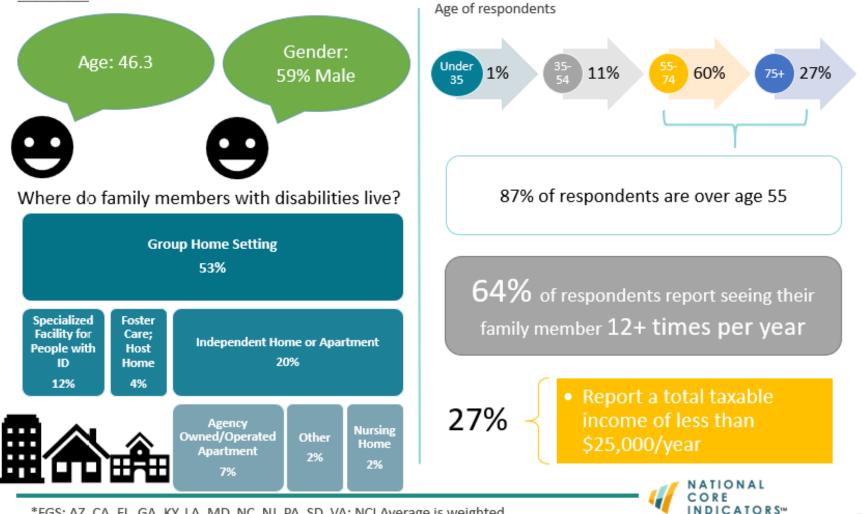
The following are NCI national weighted averages for a selection of survey items. Complete breakouts by state for each item in the Family/Guardian Survey can be found in the Results section of this report.

LOOKING AT THE 2016-17

Respondents: families or guardians of adults (18 years or older) with an intellectual/developmental disability. The adult with the disability should not live in the family home (with the respondent) and should receive at least one service funded by the state developmental disability agency in addition to case management. 12 states*: Total sample: 9,194

Respondents reported the following about their family members:

Respondents reported the following about themselves:



*FGS: AZ, CA, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, NC, NJ, PA, SD, VA; NCI Average is weighted

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Information and Planning Respondents reported...

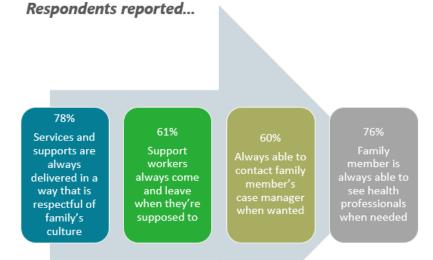


91%

• Family member's service plan includes all services and supports needed

67%

• Family member has enough support to work or volunteer in the community



90% of respondents reported that their family gets the support and services needed

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Choice, Decision-making and Control

Respondents reported...

Family can always choose or change family member's support workers

35%

Involvement in the Community

Respondents reported...



Satisfaction with Services and Supports

Respondent is always satisfied with services and supports family receives

46%



I. Results

This section provides state-by-state and national results for demographic and survey outcomes data.

Survey Development

The Family/Guardian Survey was developed and first utilized in 1999-2000 in response to various states' interest in determining whether families were involved in the lives of their family member with an intellectual or developmental disability (who did not live at home with them), whether these families had the support they needed to be involved, and whether they were satisfied with the service system that was intended to meet their family member's needs.

Many questions were drawn from survey instruments already in use in the field; others were developed specifically for NCI. NCI staff routinely refine the instrument based on feedback from families and state staff.

Most participating states use the basic survey tool developed by the project. However, some states opt to incorporate additional survey questions to look more deeply at specific issues. The addition of supplementary questions is typically done after a state participates in NCI for at least a year and establishes baseline results.

Organization of the Family/Guardian Survey

The Family/Guardian Survey is composed of the three sections described below. Additionally, at the end of the survey, respondents may write open-ended comments concerning their family's participation in the service system.

Demographics

The survey instrument begins with a series of questions relating to characteristics of the family member with a developmental disability (e.g., age, race, type of disability) followed by a series of demographic questions pertaining to the survey respondent (e.g., age, health status, relationship to the individual with the developmental disability).

Services and Supports Received

A brief section of the survey asks the respondent to identify the services and supports that they and/or their family member with a developmental disability receive.

Questions Regarding Services and Supports

The survey contains six groupings of questions that probe specific areas of quality service provision: information and planning, access and delivery of services, choice and control, community connections, satisfaction, and outcomes.

Each question is constructed so the respondent selects from either five possible responses ("always," "usually," "sometimes," "seldom/never") or two responses ("yes" or "no"). Respondents also have the option to indicate that they don't know the answer to a question or that the question is not applicable.

Presentation of Data

Direct feedback from families is an important means for states to gauge service and support satisfaction and to pinpoint areas for quality improvement. All demographic and individual outcome results from the Family/Guardian Survey are presented in this report. Outcome results are presented in six subsections that correspond with the sections of the Family/Guardian Survey.

For each question, outcome results are first shown in a graph with the NCI Average and then in a table that shows a breakout of each state's percentage.¹

For all outcome data, tables are formatted so that all states are listed in descending order of percentage and are categorized as statistically significantly above the NCI Average, within the range of the NCI Average, and significantly below the NCI Average. Statistical significance is taken to be at or below the .01 level. For those states that fall within the NCI Average Range, their 'always' or 'yes' response was not statistically different from the NCI Average.

States receive an 'n/a' designation for a survey item if fewer than 20 people responded.

The NCI Average is the average of all individual state percentages.

Note on Significance: in some cases, a state (let's call it state A) with a lower (or higher) proportion than another state (let's call it state B) may be significantly above (or below) the NCI Average even though the other state that is further away from the NCI Average is not. This may occur because statistical significance depends on both the difference between the average and the state's proportion and the sample size of the state. So, for example, when state A has a larger valid sample for the indicator than state B, state A may be significantly different from the average when

¹ Unlike in previous years, the NCI and state averages were weighted, see note below and "Weighting" in the Methodology section for more information.

state B is not, even though state B's difference from that average is larger than state A's. The larger the sample size of a state, the smaller the difference needs to be to be statistically significant.

Important note on changes to reporting

In previous years, NCI average was calculated as the simple arithmetic mean of all state means (an approach known as "average of averages"). This year, the approach has been enhanced to take into account the relative numbers of people receiving services through participating states' systems. Beginning this year, the NCI averages contained in this report are "weighted" means; their calculations reflect the relative population sizes of participating states, as well as the sample sizes. See more about weighting in the Methodology section.

Note:

"Respondent" refers to the person (usually a parent or guardian) filling out the survey.

"Family Member" refers to the person receiving services who the respondent is answering questions about in this survey.

Demographics

Family Member

This section provides demographic information about the family member receiving services.

State	Specialized Facility for People With ID ²	Group Home	Agency Operated Apartment	Independent Home or Apartment	Adult Foster Care or Host Family Home	Nursing Home	Homeless	Other	N
AZ	6%	65%	3%	4%	22%	1%	0%	0%	316
CA	12%	46%	6%	31%	2%	1%	0%	3%	3,955
FL	0%	66%	6%	23%	2%	1%	1%	2%	213
GA	10%	52%	8%	11%	17%	0%	0%	2%	404
KY	17%	47%	13%	6%	15%	0%	0%	3%	191
LA	29%	35%	0%	34%	0%	0%	0%	1%	397
MD	10%	60%	9%	14%	1%	0%	0%	6%	1,306
NC	10%	64%	14%	8%	2%	1%	0%	1%	188
NJ	17%	57%	4%	0%	20%	0%	0%	2%	553
PA	16%	61%	6%	9%	4%	3%	0%	1%	682
SD†	5%	54%	23%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	554
VA	10%	66%	3%	5%	4%	7%	0%	5%	186
NCI Average	12%	53%	7%	20%	4%	2%	0%	2%	8,945

Table 1. Family Member's Residence

+SD used the previous year's survey; in 2016-17 responses options were clarified, therefore comparisons of SD's should be made with caution.

Table 2. Family Member's Residential Designation

State	Urban or Suburban	Rural	Ν
AZ	92%	9%	317
CA	94%	6%	3,920
FL	87%	13%	229
GA	83%	17%	393
KY	70%	30%	193
LA	82%	19%	384
MD	77%	23%	1,308
NC	76%	24%	185
NJ	72%	28%	535
PA	71%	29%	676
SD	95%	5%	560
VA	75%	25%	179
NCI Average	85%	15%	8,879

² ICF, state-run or other institutional setting

Table 3. Family Member's Age

State	Age	Ν
AZ	46.1	319
CA	44.2	3,988
FL	44.3	228
GA	45.3	403
KY	50.0	191
LA	49.4	400
MD	47.1	1,313
NC	48.6	541
NJ	43.3	183
PA	51.3	676
SD	45.0	544
VA	50.1	178
NCI Average	46.3	8,964

Table 4. Family Member's Gender

State	Male	Female	Ν
AZ	55%	45%	320
CA	60%	41%	4,018
FL	62%	38%	233
GA	61%	39%	408
KY	63%	37%	194
LA	58%	42%	403
MD	59%	41%	1,332
NC	64%	36%	189
NJ	62%	38%	539
PA	55%	45%	687
SD	59%	41%	559
VA	56%	44%	185
NCI Average	59%	41%	9,067

Table 5. Family Member's Race and Ethnicity

State	American Indian or Native Alaska	Asian	Black or African American	Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic or Latino	Other	Ν
AZ	7%	2%	4%	0%	79%	11%	1%	318
CA	2%	8%	6%	1%	76%	14%	2%	3976
FL	1%	1%	11%	1%	80%	10%	2%	235
GA	1%	1%	20%	0%	77%	1%	0%	409
KY	2%	0%	4%	0%	93%	1%	1%	194
LA	1%	0%	23%	0%	74%	0%	1%	405
MD	2%	3%	20%	0%	77%	1%	1%	1328
NC	1%	3%	8%	0%	85%	3%	1%	195
NJ	3%	0%	29%	0%	70%	0%	2%	553
PA	1%	1%	5%	0%	93%	1%	1%	686
SD	11%	1%	1%	0%	89%	1%	0%	567
VA	2%	2%	13%	0%	82%	2%	2%	187
NCI Average	2%	4%	10%	0%	79%	7%	2%	9053

Table 6a. Family Member's Disabilities (not mutually exclusive)

State	Intellectual Disability	Mood Illness or Psychiatric Disorder	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Cerebral Palsy	Limited or No Vision	Severe or Profound Hearing Loss
AZ	77%	36%	22%	20%	9%	9%
CA	68%	28%	28%	17%	8%	6%
FL	79%	39%	28%	15%	8%	9%
GA	77%	33%	24%	14%	12%	7%
KY	79%	32%	24%	16%	6%	5%
LA	77%	35%	18%	16%	13%	8%
MD	72%	29%	23%	18%	10%	7%
NC	77%	33%	33%	12%	6%	5%
NJ	83%	51%	28%	14%	10%	6%
PA	84%	38%	20%	17%	12%	7%
SD†	69%	29%	16%	15%	8%	7%
VA	80%	31%	18%	21%	12%	9%
NCI Average	74%	33%	25%	17%	9%	7%

⁺SD used the previous year's survey; in 2016-17 responses options for mood illness/psychiatric disorder were clarified, therefore comparisons of SD's should be made with caution.

State	Brain Injury	Seizure Disorder or Neurological Problem	Chemical Dependency	Down Syndrome	Prader-Willi Syndrome	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Other
AZ	13%	31%	0%	12%	1%	3%	11%
CA	11%	26%	1%	9%	1%	1%	12%
FL	10%	23%	0%	10%	0%	1%	15%
GA	12%	30%	0%	12%	1%	1%	14%
KY	12%	29%	1%	10%	0%	1%	3%
LA	17%	35%	1%	6%	1%	1%	15%
MD	13%	26%	1%	11%	1%	1%	15%
NC	9%	25%	0%	9%	1%	1%	16%
NJ	13%	33%	1%	6%	1%	1%	13%
PA	13%	32%	1%	13%	1%	0%	13%
SD	10%	26%	1%	14%	1%	3%	16%
VA	10%	35%	1%	7%	0%	1%	15%
NCI Average	11%	28%	1%	9%	1%	1%	13%

Table 6b. Family Member's Disabilities (continued, not mutually exclusive)

Table 7a. Family Member's Health Conditions

State	Cardiovascular Disease	Diabetes	Cancer	High Blood Pressure	High Cholesterol
AZ	10%	19%	9%	27%	33%
CA	7%	17%	5%	28%	31%
FL	11%	25%	5%	31%	34%
GA	9%	16%	3%	33%	29%
KY	10%	22%	3%	25%	40%
LA	10%	19%	3%	31%	30%
MD	7%	17%	5%	33%	29%
NC	11%	12%	6%	30%	35%
NJ	5%	26%	6%	46%	34%
PA	10%	15%	6%	26%	30%
SD	10%	20%	5%	30%	26%
VA	11%	24%	7%	33%	26%
NCI Average	9%	19%	5%	30%	31%

State	Dysphagia	Pressure Ulcers	Alzheimer's Disease or other Dementia	Oral Health or Other Dental Problems	Sleep Apnea	Other
AZ	9%	2%	8%	17%	17%	32%
CA	9%	2%	3%	18%	13%	32%
FL	8%	3%	5%	13%	10%	36%
GA	12%	3%	2%	17%	12%	33%
KY	17%	4%	9%	13%	15%	23%
LA	20%	5%	4%	17%	9%	33%
MD	10%	2%	5%	14%	11%	37%
NC	12%	1%	3%	17%	9%	35%
NJ	10%	3%	4%	11%	15%	35%
PA	20%	2%	8%	15%	12%	30%
SD†	12%	3%	8%	1%	2%	36%
VA	11%	2%	7%	16%	8%	34%
NCI Average	12%	2%	5%	16%	12%	33%

Table 7b. Family Member's Health Conditions (continued)

⁺SD used the previous year's survey; in 2016-17 responses options for oral health or other dental problems were clarified, therefore comparisons of SD's should be made with caution.

State	Spoken	Gestures or Body Language	Sign Language or Finger Spelling	Communicati on Aid or Device	Other	Ν
AZ	74%	19%	3%	2%	2%	313
CA	78%	15%	2%	1%	4%	3,976
FL	76%	18%	2%	0%	3%	235
GA	71%	22%	3%	1%	2%	410
KY	71%	22%	4%	1%	3%	193
LA	60%	29%	1%	1%	9%	403
MD	73%	19%	3%	1%	5%	1,321
NC	72%	18%	2%	1%	7%	194
NJ	76%	19%	3%	0%	3%	555
PA	69%	25%	1%	1%	3%	679
SD	81%	12%	3%	2%	2%	561
VA	63%	33%	0%	1%	4%	187
NCI Average	74%	19%	2%	1%	4%	9,027

Table 8. Family Member's Preferred Means of Communication

State	None	Limited	Full	Has Guardianship but Level Is Unknown	N
AZ	13%	8%	77%	3%	317
CA	44%	0%	0%	56%	3,658
FL	31%	22%	45%	2%	226
GA	24%	9%	61%	6%	393
KY	4%	6%	87%	3%	194
LA	30%	23%	41%	7%	366
MD	45%	18%	29%	9%	1,189
NC	14%	11%	70%	5%	194
NJ	4%	16%	74%	6%	535
PA	29%	17%	44%	10%	610
SD	16%	14%	63%	6%	557
VA	24%	19%	53%	4%	176
NCI Average	32%	10%	32%	26%	8,415

Table 9. Family Member Has Legal Court Appointed Guardian or Conservator

Table 10. Guardian or Conservator Relationship to Family Member

State	Family	Friend	State Employee or Guardianship Agency	Other	Ν
AZ	87%	3%	9%	2%	259
CA	90%	2%	6%	3%	1,950
FL	75%	4%	9%	13%	142
GA	91%	3%	5%	1%	257
KY	92%	6%	2%	1%	181
LA	87%	1%	10%	2%	205
MD	83%	2%	10%	6%	543
NC	94%	0%	5%	1%	178
NJ	71%	1%	25%	4%	446
PA	87%	2%	7%	3%	368
SD	83%	1%	13%	3%	426
VA	85%	4%	6%	4%	116
NCI Average	86%	2%	8%	4%	5,071

Table 11. Family Member's Highest level of Education

State	Did Not Complete High School (and Not Currently Enrolled)	Currently Enrolled in High School	High School Certification	High School Diploma or GED	Vocational Training	Some College	College Degree or Higher	Ν
AZ	34%	2%	28%	27%	2%	4%	4%	283
CA	35%	1%	26%	20%	3%	9%	6%	3,696
FL	38%	1%	31%	16%	6%	3%	6%	215
GA	35%	0%	39%	17%	1%	3%	4%	363
KY	46%	0%	24%	18%	2%	3%	6%	180
LA	56%	1%	28%	7%	2%	3%	4%	351
MD	36%	0%	36%	15%	5%	3%	5%	1,216
NC	46%	0%	18%	21%	4%	3%	8%	180
NJ	44%	2%	33%	12%	4%	3%	1%	519
PA	44%	0%	23%	26%	3%	1%	2%	578
SD†	22%	0%	33%	34%	3%	3%	5%	417
VA	53%	2%	31%	11%	3%	0%	1%	171
NCI Average	39%	1%	28%	19%	3%	5%	5%	8,169

+SD used the previous year's survey; in 2016-17 responses options were clarified, therefore comparisons of SD's should be made with caution.

State	Usually/Often	Sometimes	Never	N
AZ	9%	2%	89%	208
CA	18%	5%	77%	2619
FL	10%	2%	88%	179
GA	9%	3%	88%	305
KY	15%	5%	80%	149
LA	9%	2%	89%	309
MD	21%	7%	73%	956
NC	9%	6%	85%	145
NJ	11%	5%	84%	446
PA	9%	2%	89%	530
SD†	27%	7%	66%	453
VA	5%	2%	93%	143
NCI Average	14%	4%	82%	6442

Table 12. Family Member's Typical Day Activity -- Individual Paid Job in the Community

+SD used the previous year's survey; in 2016-17 responses options were clarified, therefore comparisons of SD's should be made with caution.

State	Usually/Often	Sometimes	Never	N
AZ	13%	5%	82%	207
CA	18%	6%	76%	2503
FL	10%	2%	88%	178
GA	7%	4%	90%	287
KY	14%	6%	80%	143
LA	14%	6%	81%	303
MD	18%	8%	74%	912
NC	12%	9%	79%	141
NJ	11%	4%	86%	438
PA	9%	2%	89%	521
SD†	19%	8%	73%	429
VA	9%	1%	90%	143
NCI Average	14%	5%	81%	6205

Table 13. Family Member's Typical Day Activity -- Paid Small Group Job in a Community-based Setting

+SD used the previous year's survey; in 2016-17 responses options were clarified, therefore comparisons of SD's should be made with caution.

State	Usually/Often	Sometimes	Never	N
AZ	11%	8%	81%	196
CA	23%	14%	63%	2511
FL	15%	12%	73%	169
GA	16%	15%	69%	293
KY	15%	16%	70%	141
LA	9%	9%	82%	291
MD	19%	18%	63%	918
NC	13%	16%	72%	141
NJ	36%	25%	40%	448
PA	17%	10%	73%	517
SD	13%	24%	63%	418
VA	20%	12%	67%	137
NCI Average	19%	14%	67%	6180

Table 14. Family Member's Typical Day Activity -- Unpaid Activity in the Community

State	Usually/Often	Sometimes	Never	N
AZ	28%	4%	69%	221
CA	22%	7%	72%	2556
FL	22%	5%	73%	186
GA	14%	7%	79%	293
KY	29%	7%	65%	153
LA	18%	6%	76%	306
MD	28%	9%	63%	967
NC	26%	9%	65%	156
NJ	35%	8%	57%	462
PA	27%	4%	69%	555
SD	39%	11%	50%	460
VA	15%	6%	79%	148
NCI Average	24%	7%	70%	6463

Table 15. Family Member's Typical Day Activity -- Paid Activity in a Facility-based Setting

Table 16. Family Member's Typical Day Activity -- Unpaid Activity in a Facility-based Setting

State	Usually/Often	Sometimes	Never	N
AZ	64%	4%	32%	255
CA	36%	7%	57%	2555
FL	39%	4%	57%	184
GA	47%	8%	45%	311
KY	53%	10%	37%	155
LA	23%	7%	70%	314
MD	40%	10%	50%	970
NC	44%	10%	46%	144
NJ	44%	9%	47%	464
PA	36%	6%	57%	534
SD	25%	11%	64%	398
VA	42%	7%	52%	139
NCI Average	39%	7%	54%	6423

State	Usually/Often	Sometimes	Never	N
AZ	7%	0%	93%	162
CA	16%	5%	79%	2009
FL	10%	3%	86%	147
GA	8%	1%	92%	224
KY	3%	1%	97%	117
LA	7%	1%	92%	249
MD	4%	4%	93%	718
NC	4%	2%	94%	122
NJ	12%	7%	80%	396
PA	5%	1%	95%	413
SD	1%	1%	98%	363
VA	3%	1%	96%	110
NCI Average	10%	3%	87%	5030

Table 17. Family Member's Typical Day Activity – School

Table 18. Family Member's Typical Day Activity – Stays at Home

State	Usually/Often	Sometimes	Never	N
AZ	25%	20%	55%	159
CA	37%	19%	44%	1956
FL	34%	23%	43%	150
GA	31%	22%	47%	220
KY	19%	26%	55%	118
LA	38%	12%	50%	250
MD	25%	19%	56%	725
NC	15%	34%	50%	111
NJ	17%	25%	58%	395
PA	30%	21%	49%	395
SD	30%	24%	47%	357
VA	37%	19%	44%	111
NCI Average	31%	21%	48%	4947

State	Usually/Often	Sometimes	Never	N
AZ	57%	7%	37%	30
CA	62%	9%	29%	571
FL	68%	7%	24%	41
GA	61%	9%	30%	70
LA	62%	7%	32%	76
MD	52%	7%	41%	206
NC	47%	11%	42%	38
NJ	47%	5%	47%	127
PA	76%	10%	14%	72
SD	39%	6%	56%	90
VA	40%	17%	43%	47
NCI Average	58%	9%	32%	1373

Table 19. Family Member's Typical Day Activity – Other

*Due to low N (<20) KY is not represented in the table, but their data are included in the NCI Average.

Table 20. Family Member's Support Needs for Self-Injurious, Disruptive, and/or Destructive Behaviors

State	Extensive	Some	None	Ν
AZ	30%	39%	31%	317
CA	26%	36%	38%	3,790
FL	31%	36%	33%	229
GA	36%	34%	30%	392
KY	31%	43%	26%	192
LA	45%	32%	23%	384
MD	27%	34%	39%	1,286
NC	29%	39%	32%	191
NJ	45%	39%	17%	543
PA	32%	38%	31%	664
SD	21%	42%	37%	544
VA	33%	41%	26%	183
NCI Average	30%	37%	33%	8,715

State	Extensive	Some	None	N
AZ	43%	42%	15%	320
CA	34%	35%	31%	3,970
FL	42%	39%	19%	231
GA	41%	40%	19%	406
KY	38%	46%	17%	191
LA	52%	32%	16%	395
MD	38%	36%	26%	1,318
NC	41%	39%	20%	195
NJ	39%	49%	12%	548
PA	48%	36%	17%	669
SD†	29%	39%	31%	555
VA	56%	37%	7%	189
NCI Average	40%	37%	23%	8,987

Table 21. Family Member's Level of Help Needed With Personal Care Activities³

+SD used the previous year's survey; in 2016-17 responses options were clarified, therefore comparisons of SD's should be made with caution.

Table 22. Family Member's Need for Help With Other Daily Activities⁴

State	Extensive	Some	None	N
AZ	83%	16%	1%	313
CA	68%	28%	5%	3,906
FL	83%	15%	2%	233
GA	84%	14%	2%	408
KY	88%	11%	1%	186
LA	81%	17%	2%	394
MD	76%	22%	2%	1,315
NC	82%	16%	2%	195
NJ	88%	11%	1%	548
PA	84%	14%	2%	658
SD	61%	37%	2%	555
VA	86%	13%	1%	190
NCI Average	76%	21%	3%	8,901

³ For example, bathing, dressing, eating

⁴ For example, scheduling, managing money, or shopping

Respondents

This section provides demographic information about the respondent.

Table 23. Respondent's Age

State	Under 35	35-54	55-74	75 or Older	N
AZ	4%	20%	56%	20%	320
CA	1%	9%	59%	32%	4,000
FL	3%	20%	59%	19%	231
GA	2%	14%	62%	22%	412
KY	0%	11%	68%	22%	191
LA	1%	15%	58%	27%	405
MD	1%	11%	61%	27%	1,324
NC	1%	9%	62%	29%	193
NJ	4%	22%	63%	11%	548
PA	1%	9%	62%	29%	672
SD	2%	13%	62%	23%	563
VA	1%	12%	62%	25%	189
NCI Average	1%	11%	60%	27%	9,048

Table 24. Respondent's Health

State	Excellent	Very Good	Fairly Good	Poor	N
AZ	22%	45%	30%	4%	317
CA	16%	41%	37%	6%	3,994
FL	15%	45%	35%	6%	231
GA	11%	37%	43%	9%	407
KY	8%	42%	44%	6%	190
LA	9%	34%	46%	10%	403
MD	14%	41%	39%	6%	1,322
NC	19%	43%	32%	6%	190
NJ	14%	50%	34%	2%	550
PA	12%	42%	40%	6%	667
SD	17%	45%	36%	2%	556
VA	12%	43%	37%	7%	187
NCI Average	15%	42%	38%	6%	9,014

State	Parent	Sibling	Spouse	Grandpar ent	Public Guardian	Private Guardian	Other	N
AZ	52%	23%	0%	2%	2%	9%	12%	317
CA	84%	11%	0%	1%	0%	1%	3%	4,015
FL	51%	20%	1%	1%	5%	6%	16%	232
GA	57%	25%	1%	2%	1%	3%	11%	412
KY	48%	33%	0%	1%	1%	7%	11%	191
LA	56%	27%	0%	1%	4%	0%	11%	408
MD	57%	25%	0%	3%	2%	1%	12%	1,336
NC	59%	33%	0%	1%	0%	2%	5%	193
NJ	50%	20%	0%	1%	14%	9%	6%	551
PA	57%	38%	0%	1%	0%	2%	2%	675
SD	60%	22%	0%	1%	9%	3%	5%	563
VA	56%	25%	1%	1%	1%	4%	13%	190
NCI Average	67%	21%	0%	1%	2%	3%	7%	9,083

Table 25. Respondent's Relationship to Family Member

Table 26. Respondent's Frequency of Visits With Family Member

State	Less than once	1-3 times	4-6 times	7-12 times	More Than 12 Times	Ν
AZ	1%	7%	9%	14%	69%	317
CA	5%	11%	9%	10%	65%	3,999
FL	2%	8%	9%	10%	71%	232
GA	4%	10%	13%	12%	62%	410
KY	2%	8%	12%	15%	63%	190
LA	5%	14%	12%	16%	54%	394
MD	3%	8%	10%	10%	69%	1,330
NC	5%	13%	9%	14%	59%	190
NJ	3%	5%	20%	21%	52%	550
PA	4%	8%	11%	12%	65%	687
SD	5%	10%	9%	12%	63%	564
VA	2%	10%	13%	19%	56%	189
NCI Average	4%	10%	10%	12%	64%	9,052

Table 27. Respondent's Highest Level of Education

State	No High School Diploma or GED	High School Diploma or GED	Vocational School	Some College	College Degree or Higher	Ν
AZ	3%	15%	3%	35%	43%	319
CA	6%	15%	4%	27%	48%	3,958
FL	4%	19%	7%	27%	43%	207
GA	6%	25%	11%	21%	37%	393
KY	3%	27%	5%	28%	38%	189
LA	10%	28%	7%	21%	34%	393
MD	3%	21%	3%	20%	53%	1,320
NC	2%	14%	2%	20%	62%	190
NJ	5%	14%	7%	17%	58%	546
PA	3%	34%	6%	19%	38%	677
SD	5%	23%	11%	21%	40%	556
VA	6%	17%	6%	22%	49%	188
NCI Average	5%	19%	5%	24%	47%	8,936

Table 28. Total Taxable Household Income of Wage Earners in the Past Year

State	Up to \$15,000	\$15,001- \$25,000	\$25,001- \$50,000	\$50,001- \$75,000	Over \$75,000	No Earned Income	Prefer Not to Say	Ν
AZ	6%	8%	21%	13%	16%	11%	25%	252
CA	5%	11%	16%	12%	21%	11%	25%	3,094
FL	10%	8%	22%	12%	14%	7%	26%	177
GA	8%	12%	17%	8%	13%	11%	31%	310
KY	8%	8%	18%	15%	18%	9%	24%	164
LA	12%	11%	19%	7%	10%	14%	27%	315
MD	5%	9%	15%	12%	23%	9%	26%	1,012
NC	5%	7%	14%	12%	18%	10%	36%	160
NJ	6%	5%	24%	5%	21%	9%	31%	475
PA	5%	10%	18%	9%	12%	14%	32%	529
SD†	8%	11%	22%	15%	14%	5%	26%	487
VA	4%	13%	17%	8%	18%	10%	29%	145
NCI Average	6%	10%	17%	11%	18%	11%	27%	7,120

⁺SD used the previous year's survey; in 2016-17 responses options were clarified, therefore comparisons of SD's should be made with caution.

Services and Supports Received

This section provides information about the services and supports received by the family.

State	Financial Support	In-home Support	Residential Support	Day or Employment Supports	Transportation	Other	Self-direction or Fiscal Intermediary Services
AZ	32%	20%	90%	77%	93%	57%	15%
CA	42%	43%	78%	69%	70%	40%	19%
FL	27%	43%	83%	59%	85%	56%	39%
GA	35%	33%	89%	69%	92%	47%	25%
KY	22%	35%	94%	79%	93%	68%	19%
LA	23%	44%	81%	44%	84%	60%	20%
MD	31%	38%	86%	76%	89%	52%	17%
NC	24%	18%	92%	80%	93%	56%	11%
NJ	30%	25%	95%	74%	95%	65%	17%
PA	23%	30%	88%	67%	89%	63%	19%
SD	27%	31%	87%	66%	88%	61%	36%
VA	33%	25%	91%	60%	90%	61%	13%
NCI Average	33%	36%	84%	68%	82%	52%	20%

Table 29. Services and Supports Received From ID/DD Agency

Table 30. Additional Services and Supports Received

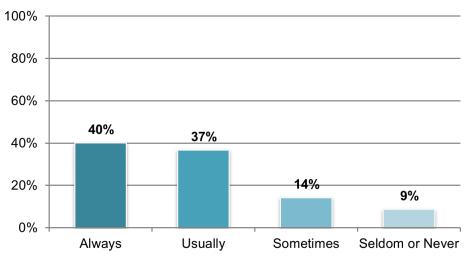
State	Social Security Payments (SSI/SSB)	Other Agencies or Organizations
AZ	97%	28%
CA	91%	28%
FL	99%	31%
GA	98%	20%
KY	96%	23%
LA	96%	20%
MD	94%	28%
NC	96%	20%
NJ	97%	35%
PA	96%	36%
SD	97%	25%
VA	97%	30%
NCI Average	94%	28%

Family/Guardian Survey Results

Information and Planning

Families and family members with disabilities have the information and support necessary to plan for their services and supports.

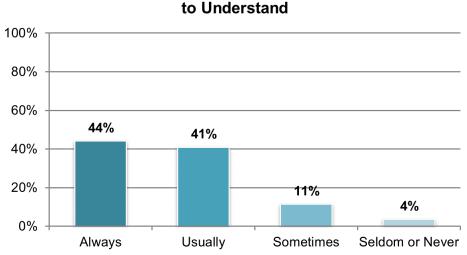
Note: Significance is based on "Always" or "Yes" response.



Gets Enough Information to Help Plan Services

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν		
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average						
NC	56%	32%	8%	3%	189		
VA	55%	36%	7%	2%	168		
AZ	52%	38%	7%	3%	308		
PA	46%	38%	13%	4%	606		
Within Average	Range						
FL	48%	37%	10%	5%	220		
LA	43%	34%	13%	10%	352		
SD	41%	44%	12%	3%	527		
KY	39%	44%	12%	5%	179		
GA	37%	36%	18%	8%	367		
CA	36%	35%	16%	13%	3,382		
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average						
MD	29%	43%	18%	10%	1,154		
NJ	25%	41%	21%	13%	512		
NCI Average	40%	37%	14%	9%	7,964		

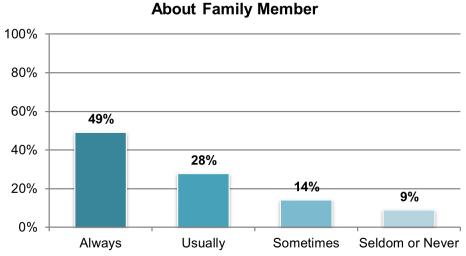
Table Q1. Do you get enough information to help you participate in planning services for your family?



Information About Services and Supports Is Easy to Understand

Table Q2. Is the information you receive easy to understand?

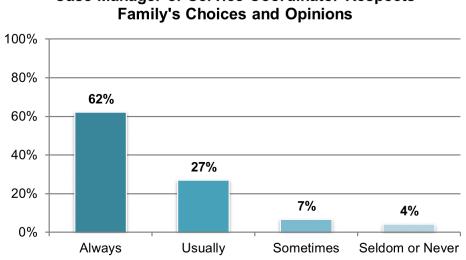
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν
Significantly Al	bove Average				
AZ	52%	38%	9%	1%	310
Within Average	Range				
VA	49%	43%	7%	1%	179
PA	49%	41%	9%	1%	624
NC	47%	41%	11%	2%	192
CA	46%	38%	12%	4%	3,296
LA	45%	42%	10%	3%	352
SD	44%	46%	8%	2%	534
FL	43%	43%	10%	4%	218
KY	37%	44%	14%	5%	180
Significantly Be	elow Average				
MD	37%	45%	13%	5%	1,128
GA	37%	42%	15%	7%	369
NJ	30%	48%	18%	5%	504
NCI Average	44%	41%	11%	4%	7,886



Residential Staff Keep Respondent Informed About Family Member

Table Q3. Do staff or the residential agency keep you informed about how your family member is doing?

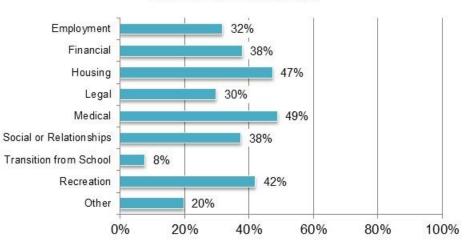
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν	
Significantly Al	bove Average					
VA	62%	25%	10%	3%	182	
AZ	60%	25%	10%	5%	310	
PA	55%	29%	13%	4%	654	
Within Average	Range					
NC	58%	31%	8%	3%	194	
FL	57%	28%	10%	4%	225	
LA	51%	29%	13%	7%	391	
KY	51%	35%	10%	5%	188	
GA	49%	24%	16%	10%	402	
CA	46%	26%	15%	13%	3,618	
SD	42%	36%	16%	6%	547	
Significantly Bo	Significantly Below Average					
NJ	39%	31%	21%	10%	539	
MD	38%	29%	20%	12%	1,244	
NCI Average	49%	28%	14%	9%	8,494	



Case Manager or Service Coordinator Respects

Table Q4. Does the case manager/service coordinator respect your family's choices and opinions?

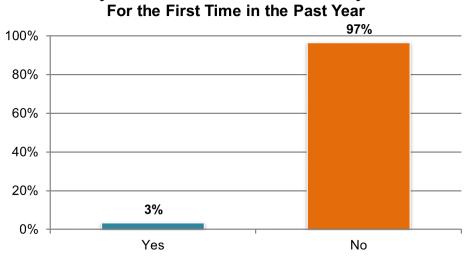
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν		
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average						
NC	73%	21%	5%	2%	191		
FL	72%	24%	2%	2%	226		
AZ	70%	24%	5%	1%	316		
Within Average	Range						
VA	68%	24%	6%	2%	181		
LA	65%	27%	6%	3%	358		
PA	65%	27%	6%	3%	617		
KY	61%	31%	6%	2%	188		
CA	60%	27%	7%	6%	3,466		
GA	59%	28%	8%	5%	381		
SD	58%	34%	6%	2%	536		
Significantly Below Average							
MD	52%	32%	10%	5%	1,187		
NJ	49%	32%	14%	6%	502		
NCI Average	62%	27%	7%	4%	8,149		



Respondent Needs Help Planning for Family Member's Future Needs

Table Q5. Do you need help planning for your family member's future with respect to any of the following?

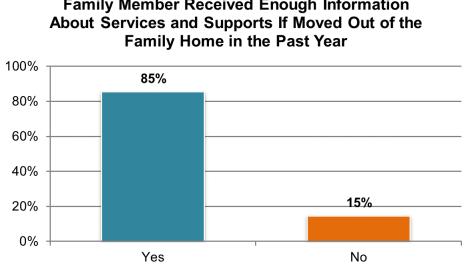
State	Employment	Financial	Housing	Legal	Medical	Social or Relationships	Transition from School	Recreation	Other	Ν
AZ	35%	32%	45%	29%	45%	40%	11%	42%	13%	118
CA	37%	40%	51%	28%	48%	40%	9%	44%	18%	2,006
FL	28%	38%	40%	29%	49%	28%	14%	32%	28%	112
GA	26%	36%	49%	41%	52%	33%	6%	40%	20%	172
KY	24%	36%	57%	34%	52%	43%	3%	37%	7%	67
LA	21%	31%	47%	28%	44%	32%	8%	28%	33%	188
MD	32%	36%	42%	29%	48%	38%	4%	44%	20%	656
NC	31%	37%	48%	33%	51%	37%	5%	46%	24%	324
NJ	39%	37%	40%	33%	39%	37%	7%	40%	20%	82
PA	17%	31%	40%	29%	50%	34%	4%	43%	17%	242
SD	45%	44%	44%	27%	48%	43%	4%	51%	14%	256
VA	22%	41%	51%	39%	61%	42%	10%	46%	19%	83
NCI Average	32%	38%	47%	30%	49%	38%	8%	42%	20%	4,306



Family Member Moved Out of the Family Home For the First Time in the Past Year

Table Q6. In the past year, did your family member move out of the family home for the first time?

State	Yes	No	N			
Within Average	Within Average Range					
AZ	6%	94%	314			
GA	5%	95%	388			
FL	5%	95%	228			
NC	4%	96%	188			
MD	4%	96%	1,275			
NJ	4%	96%	534			
CA	3%	97%	3,820			
VA	3%	97%	173			
LA	3%	97%	383			
SD	2%	98%	546			
KY	2%	98%	192			
Significantly B	Significantly Below Average					
PA	2%	98%	658			
NCI Average	3%	97%	8,699			

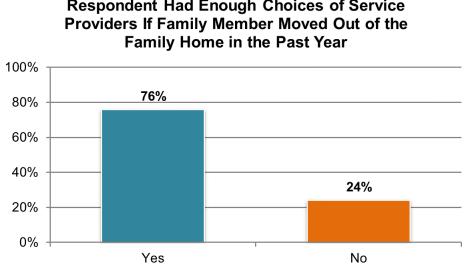


Family Member Received Enough Information

Table Q7. If family member moved out of the home for the first time in the past year, did your family member receive enough information about services available to support him/her?

State	Yes	No	Ν			
Within Average	Within Average Range					
CA	82%	18%	82			
MD	78%	22%	37			
GA	67%	33%	21			
NCI Average	85%	15%	227			

*Due to low N's (<20) the following states are not represented in the table, but their data are included in the NCI Average: AZ, FL, KY, LA, NC, NJ, PA, SD, VA



Respondent Had Enough Choices of Service

Table Q8. If family member moved out of the home for the first time in the past year, did you have enough choices of service providers to support your family member living outside the family home?

State	Yes	No	N	
Within Average Range				
MD	82%	18%	39	
CA	73%	28%	80	
NCI Average	76%	24%	214	

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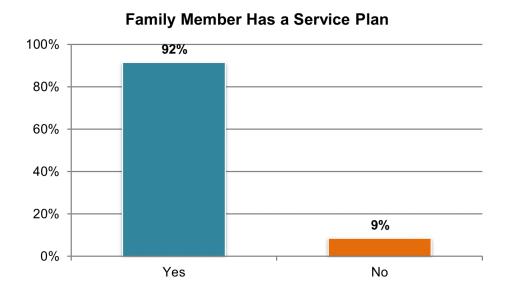
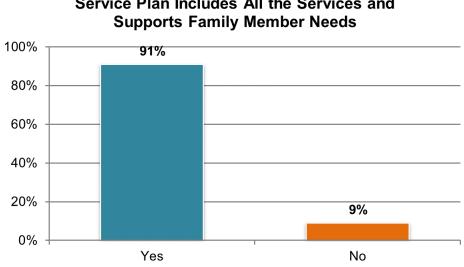


Table Q9. Does your family member have a service plan?

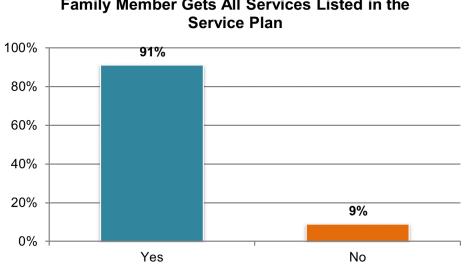
State	Yes	No	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
FL	98%	2%	208			
SD	97%	3%	444			
PA	97%	3%	603			
Within Average	Range					
GA	94%	6%	342			
NC	94%	6%	172			
AZ	93%	7%	286			
CA	92%	8%	3,057			
MD	90%	10%	1,047			
VA	86%	14%	161			
KY	85%	15%	158			
Significantly Below Average						
LA	83%	17%	283			
NJ	74%	26%	350			
NCI Average	92%	9%	7,111			



Service Plan Includes All the Services and

Table Q10. Does the plan include all the services and supports your family member needs?

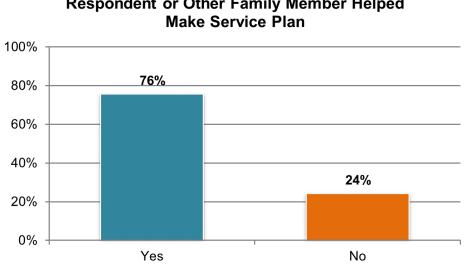
State	Yes	No	N			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
PA	95%	5%	528			
LA	95%	5%	222			
Within Average	Range					
VA	95%	5%	126			
AZ	94%	6%	250			
SD	94%	6%	404			
NC	93%	7%	152			
MD	92%	8%	849			
KY	92%	8%	125			
FL	89%	11%	177			
CA	89%	11%	2,377			
NJ	88%	12%	227			
GA	86%	14%	279			
NCI Average	91%	9%	5,716			



Family Member Gets All Services Listed in the

Table Q11. Does your family member get all of the services listed in the plan?

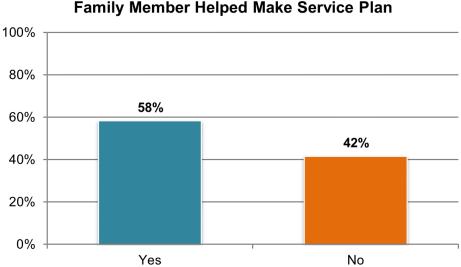
State	Yes	No	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
NC	97%	3%	148			
PA	95%	5%	493			
Within Average	Range					
AZ	93%	7%	246			
VA	93%	7%	120			
LA	93%	7%	195			
CA	92%	8%	2,218			
SD	91%	9%	370			
MD	88%	12%	784			
KY	88%	12%	115			
GA	87%	13%	254			
FL	85%	15%	175			
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average					
NJ	82%	18%	215			
NCI Average	91%	9%	5,333			



Respondent or Other Family Member Helped Make Service Plan

Table Q12. Did you or another family member help make the plan?

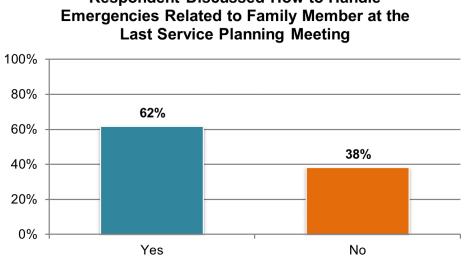
State	Yes	No	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
AZ	88%	12%	253			
NC	87%	13%	150			
KY	87%	13%	128			
SD	86%	14%	404			
MD	82%	18%	887			
Within Average	Range					
VA	84%	16%	126			
GA	78%	22%	296			
NJ	77%	23%	244			
FL	77%	23%	181			
LA	75%	25%	228			
PA	73%	27%	536			
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average					
CA	70%	30%	2,554			
NCI Average	76%	24%	5,987			



Family Member Helped Make Service Plan

Table Q13. Did your family member help make the plan?

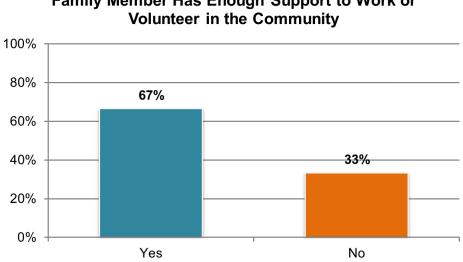
State	Yes	No	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
SD	80%	20%	387			
MD	67%	33%	860			
Within Average	Range					
KY	62%	38%	122			
FL	60%	40%	182			
CA	59%	41%	2,429			
AZ	59%	41%	248			
NC	59%	41%	152			
GA	58%	42%	295			
VA	58%	42%	128			
LA	53%	47%	213			
Significantly B	elow Average					
PA	51%	49%	518			
NJ	47%	53%	239			
NCI Average	58%	42%	5,773			



Respondent Discussed How to Handle

Table Q14. Did you discuss how to handle emergencies (such as a medical emergency or a natural disaster) at your family member's last service planning meeting?

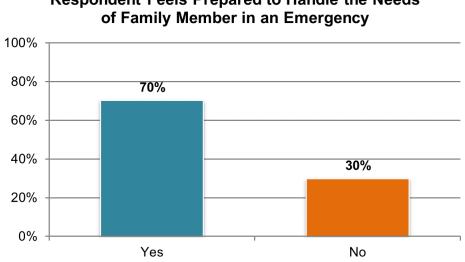
State	Yes	No	Ν				
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average						
FL	82%	18%	179				
LA	82%	18%	220				
NC	77%	23%	151				
KY	73%	27%	120				
SD	70%	30%	383				
Within Average	Range						
PA	65%	35%	479				
VA	64%	36%	115				
AZ	62%	38%	243				
MD	59%	41%	823				
NJ	59%	41%	232				
GA	56%	44%	266				
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average						
CA	50%	50%	2,222				
NCI Average	62%	38%	5,433				



Family Member Has Enough Support to Work or

Table Q15. Does your family member have enough supports (for example, support workers, community resources) to work or volunteer in the community?

State	Yes	No	Ν			
Significantly Above Average						
SD	75%	25%	389			
Within Average	Range					
NC	71%	29%	140			
PA	69%	31%	335			
CA [×]	69%	31%	2,162			
AZ	66%	34%	198			
FL	65%	35%	144			
MD	65%	35%	734			
LA	64%	36%	180			
VA	63%	37%	100			
KY	61%	39%	101			
GA	61%	39%	229			
Significantly Below Average						
NJ	52%	48%	285			
NCI Average	67%	33%	4,997			



Respondent Feels Prepared to Handle the Needs

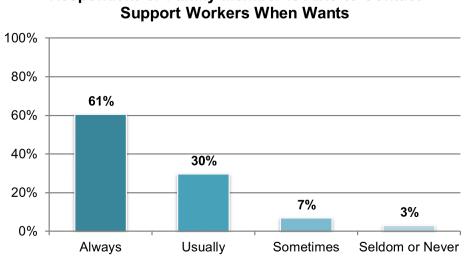
Table Q16. Do you feel prepared to handle the needs of your family member in an emergency such as a medical emergency or a natural disaster?

State	Yes	No	Ν				
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average						
SD†	83%	17%	435				
FL	82%	18%	198				
AZ	82%	18%	275				
Within Average	Range						
NC	75%	25%	165				
KY	71%	29%	163				
GA	70%	30%	344				
VA	70%	30%	147				
PA	69%	31%	490				
CA	68%	32%	2,909				
LA	68%	32%	334				
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average						
MD	64%	36%	1,037				
NJ	61%	39%	427				
NCI Average	70%	30%	6,924				

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Access and Delivery of Services and Supports

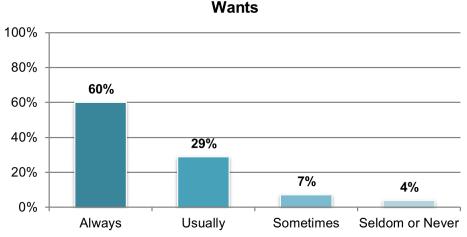
Families and family members with disabilities get the services and supports they need.



Respondent or Family Member Is Able to Contact

Table Q17. Are you or your family member able to contact his/her support workers when you want to?

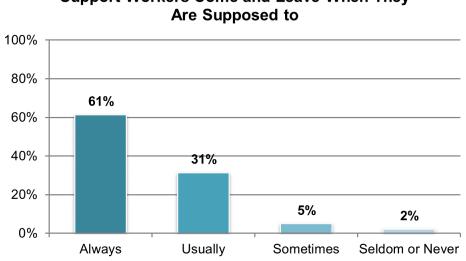
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν	
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
FL	78%	18%	2%	2%	224	
PA	70%	25%	4%	1%	642	
Within Average	Range					
NC	68%	25%	5%	2%	190	
VA	67%	27%	4%	2%	181	
AZ	65%	30%	4%	1%	307	
LA	62%	31%	6%	1%	373	
SD	60%	32%	6%	2%	541	
KY	57%	36%	6%	1%	188	
CA	56%	31%	9%	5%	3,498	
GA	55%	35%	8%	2%	385	
Significantly Below Average						
NJ	51%	35%	12%	3%	493	
MD	50%	39%	9%	3%	1,234	
NCI Average	61%	30%	7%	3%	8,256	



Respondent or Family Member Is Able to Contact Case Manager or Service Coordinator When Wants

Table Q18. Are you or your family member able to contact his/her case manager/service coordinator when you want to?

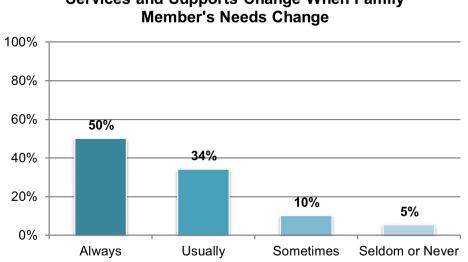
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν		
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average						
FL	77%	19%	3%	1%	223		
NC	71%	24%	3%	2%	190		
PA	70%	24%	4%	1%	646		
Within Average	Range						
VA	66%	30%	2%	2%	181		
KY	65%	27%	6%	2%	188		
AZ	64%	28%	7%	2%	313		
LA	61%	28%	8%	3%	367		
SD	61%	31%	6%	2%	542		
Significantly Be	elow Average						
CA	55%	31%	9%	6%	3,595		
MD	52%	33%	11%	3%	1,232		
GA	52%	35%	10%	3%	380		
NJ	43%	36%	12%	9%	502		
NCI Average	60%	29%	7%	4%	8,359		



Support Workers Come and Leave When They

Table Q19. Do support workers come and leave when they are supposed to?

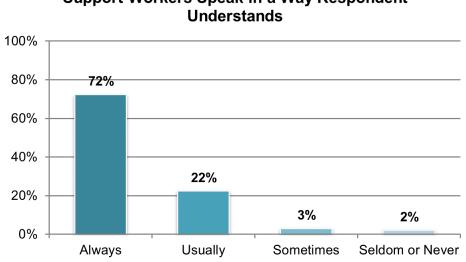
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν
Significantly Al	bove Average				
FL	75%	21%	3%	1%	182
Within Average	Range				
PA	67%	28%	3%	2%	404
NC	65%	29%	4%	2%	133
AZ	64%	30%	5%	1%	246
SD	62%	33%	5%	0%	345
VA	61%	33%	5%	0%	111
LA	61%	34%	4%	1%	224
СА	60%	32%	6%	3%	2,398
GA	59%	32%	6%	3%	243
KY	56%	39%	3%	2%	132
Significantly Below Average					
MD	53%	38%	6%	3%	818
NJ	47%	41%	11%	2%	266
NCI Average	61%	31%	5%	2%	5,502



Services and Supports Change When Family

Table Q20. Do services and supports change when your family's needs change?

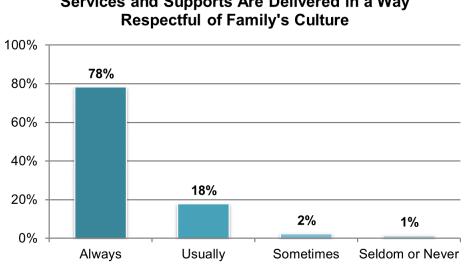
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν	
Within Average	Range					
VA	59%	34%	5%	2%	136	
FL	58%	28%	9%	4%	170	
AZ	57%	31%	8%	3%	225	
LA	55%	33%	7%	6%	249	
NC	54%	36%	7%	3%	149	
PA	53%	34%	10%	3%	425	
CA	49%	34%	10%	7%	2,192	
GA	49%	31%	12%	7%	268	
SD	47%	37%	12%	4%	401	
KY	42%	41%	16%	1%	134	
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average					
MD	41%	37%	12%	9%	759	
NJ	32%	43%	18%	8%	277	
NCI Average	50%	34%	10%	5%	5,385	



Support Workers Speak in a Way Respondent

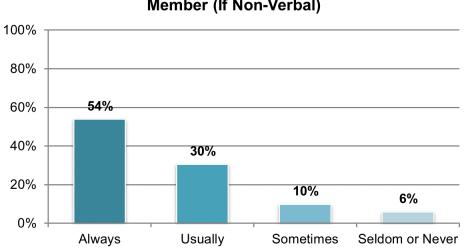
Table Q21. Do support workers speak to you in a way that you understand?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν	
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
FL	80%	17%	1%	2%	225	
Within Average	Range					
NC	78%	20%	1%	1%	178	
AZ	75%	21%	3%	0%	296	
PA	75%	22%	2%	1%	630	
SD	73%	23%	3%	1%	529	
CA	72%	21%	4%	3%	3,261	
VA	72%	28%	1%		172	
LA	72%	25%	2%	1%	344	
KY	72%	25%	2%	1%	179	
GA	69%	25%	4%	2%	363	
MD	68%	26%	4%	2%	1,153	
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average					
NJ	60%	32%	6%	2%	446	
NCI Average	72%	22%	3%	2%	7,776	



Services and Supports Are Delivered in a Way

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν
Within Average	Range				
FL	84%	14%	1%	0%	218
CA	81%	14%	3%	2%	3,332
NC	80%	18%	1%	1%	183
PA	80%	17%	2%	1%	619
AZ	80%	19%	1%	1%	309
KY	78%	19%	2%	1%	186
SD	77%	21%	1%	1%	515
VA	76%	23%	1%	1%	176
Significantly Be	elow Average				
MD	71%	24%	3%	2%	1,155
LA	70%	26%	3%	1%	341
GA	70%	25%	3%	2%	365
NJ	67%	26%	4%	2%	477
NCI Average	78%	18%	2%	1%	7,876

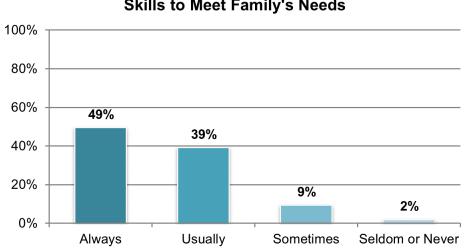


Support Workers Can Communicate With Family Member (If Non-Verbal)

Table Q23. If your family member does not communicate verbally (for example, uses gestures or sign language), are there support workers who can communicate with him/her?

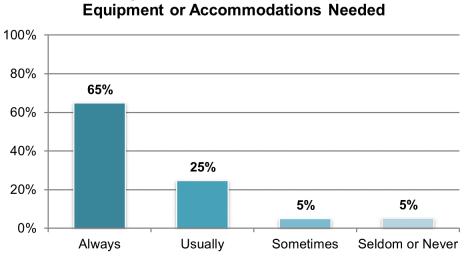
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν	
Within Average	Range					
VA	61%	28%	9%	2%	64	
AZ	60%	27%	8%	5%	75	
FL	58%	31%	2%	8%	48	
LA	56%	35%	4%	5%	128	
NC	56%	29%	8%	6%	48	
GA	56%	29%	10%	6%	104	
CA	55%	26%	11%	7%	682	
PA	55%	35%	8%	3%	194	
MD	47%	36%	12%	5%	315	
KY	44%	38%	13%	4%	52	
Significantly B	Significantly Below Average					
NJ	34%	32%	24%	10%	135	
NCI Average	54%	30%	10%	6%	1,852	

*Due to low N's (<20) SD is not represented in the table, but their data are included in the NCI Average.



Support Workers Have the Right Information and Skills to Meet Family's Needs

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average							
FL	63%	30%	6%	1%	215			
NC	58%	33%	8%	1%	178			
Within Average	Range							
GA	54%	32%	12%	2%	358			
PA	54%	38%	7%	1%	608			
LA	54%	38%	6%	2%	329			
VA	52%	44%	4%	1%	170			
KY	51%	39%	10%	1%	170			
AZ	50%	41%	8%	1%	285			
SD	46%	35%	15%	4%	26			
CA	46%	42%	10%	2%	3,057			
Significantly Below Average								
MD	44%	41%	13%	3%	1,114			
NJ	32%	43%	20%	5%	450			
NCI Average	49%	39%	9%	2%	6,960			

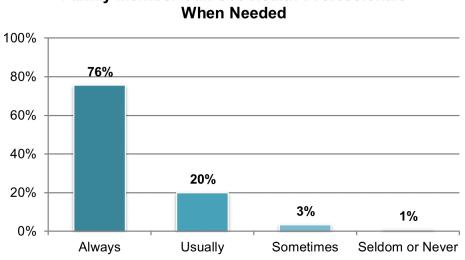


Family Member Has Access to Special Equipment or Accommodations Needed

Table Q25. Does your family member have access to the special equipment or accommodations that s/he needs (for example, wheelchair, ramp, communication board)?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν		
Significantly Above Average							
AZ	79%	14%	4%	3%	174		
PA	73%	21%	3%	2%	406		
Within Average	Range						
FL	71%	24%	3%	2%	107		
NC	69%	21%	4%	6%	89		
LA	67%	26%	5%	2%	231		
VA	63%	29%	6%	2%	132		
CA	63%	24%	6%	8%	1,718		
GA	62%	26%	4%	7%	214		
MD	60%	25%	7%	8%	648		
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average						
NJ	56%	29%	8%	6%	252		
KY	52%	41%	4%	4%	108		
NCI Average	65%	25%	5%	5%	4,091		

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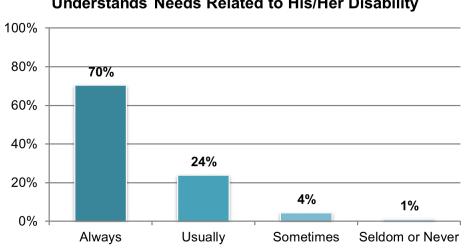


Family Member Can See Health Professionals

Table Q26. Can your family member see health professionals when needed (for example, doctor, dentist, psychologist)?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν				
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average								
AZ	86%	13%	1%	0%	314				
PA	85%	14%	1%	0%	663				
FL	83%	12%	4%	1%	230				
NC	83%	16%	2%	0%	193				
Within Average	Range								
LA	77%	20%	3%	0%	379				
GA	77%	20%	3%	1%	394				
KY	77%	21%	3%	0%	189				
VA	74%	22%	3%	2%	185				
MD	74%	23%	3%	1%	1,266				
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average								
CA	71%	23%	5%	2%	3,684				
NJ	70%	26%	3%	1%	523				
NCI Average	76%	20%	3%	1%	8,020				

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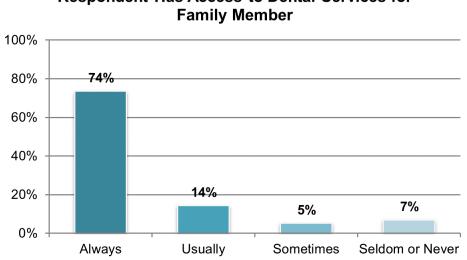


Family Member's Primary Care Doctor Understands Needs Related to His/Her Disability

Table Q27. Does your family member's primary care doctor understand his/her needs related to his/her disability?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average							
FL	80%	16%	3%	1%	223			
NC	79%	17%	3%	1%	185			
AZ	79%	17%	3%	1%	311			
Within Average	Range							
LA	76%	21%	3%	1%	349			
VA	75%	20%	5%	0%	166			
PA	74%	21%	4%	0%	619			
GA	70%	25%	4%	1%	370			
MD	69%	25%	5%	1%	1,145			
KY	67%	31%	2%	1%	185			
CA [×]	66%	27%	6%	2%	3,256			
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average							
NJ	60%	33%	5%	2%	457			
NCI Average	70%	24%	4%	1%	7,266			

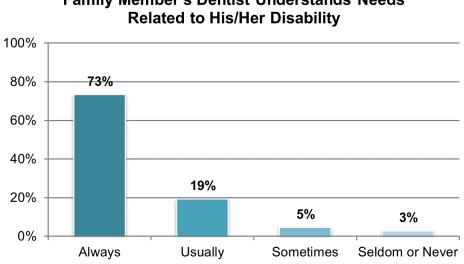
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Respondent Has Access to Dental Services for

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average							
PA	84%	11%	2%	4%	628			
AZ	83%	10%	4%	3%	306			
NC	82%	13%	1%	4%	184			
Within Average	Range							
KY	77%	16%	3%	4%	182			
MD	76%	15%	3%	6%	1,178			
VA	74%	9%	12%	6%	160			
FL	73%	13%	6%	8%	213			
GA	72%	15%	3%	9%	355			
LA	70%	14%	5%	11%	341			
NJ	69%	21%	3%	6%	481			
CA	69%	15%	7%	9%	3,336			
NCI Average	74%	14%	5%	7%	7,364			

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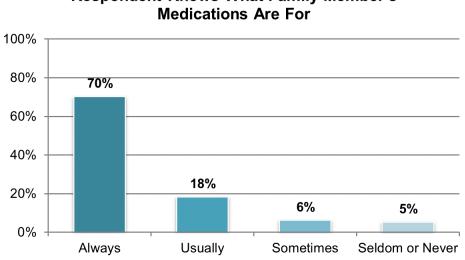


Family Member's Dentist Understands Needs

Table Q29. If you have access to dental services for your family member, does your family member's dentist understand his/her needs related to his/her disability?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average							
AZ	82%	12%	4%	2%	292			
PA	79%	17%	3%	1%	574			
Within Average	Range							
KY	79%	19%	2%		173			
NC	79%	17%	2%	2%	168			
FL	78%	16%	5%	2%	193			
VA	75%	18%	5%	1%	146			
MD	75%	21%	2%	2%	1,027			
GA	73%	21%	3%	3%	317			
LA	73%	19%	2%	6%	283			
CA	69%	21%	6%	4%	2,819			
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average							
NJ	66%	27%	6%	2%	413			
NCI Average	73%	19%	5%	3%	6,405			

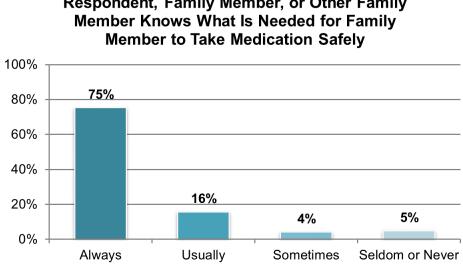
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Respondent Knows What Family Member's Medications Are For

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν			
Significantly Above Average								
AZ	84%	12%	3%	1%	300			
FL	81%	11%	6%	2%	219			
Within Average	Range							
VA	75%	21%	2%	2%	175			
NC	71%	21%	5%	3%	193			
PA	70%	19%	7%	4%	641			
CA	69%	17%	7%	7%	3,492			
LA	69%	20%	5%	6%	367			
KY	68%	23%	5%	5%	185			
GA	67%	21%	7%	5%	381			
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average							
MD	64%	22%	7%	7%	1,229			
NJ	63%	23%	7%	7%	520			
NCI Average	70%	18%	6%	5%	7,702			

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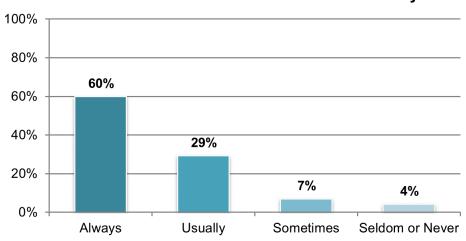


Respondent, Family Member, or Other Family

Table Q31. If your family member takes medications, do you, your family member or someone else in your family know what is needed to safely take the medications (when it should be taken, how much to take, potential side effects)?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν		
Significantly Above Average							
FL	86%	7%	5%	2%	216		
AZ	84%	11%	2%	3%	291		
Within Average	Range						
NC	79%	18%	1%	2%	177		
LA	78%	14%	2%	6%	339		
KY	76%	16%	3%	5%	173		
GA	75%	17%	4%	3%	356		
PA	75%	14%	5%	5%	584		
CA	74%	16%	4%	6%	3,135		
MD	72%	18%	5%	5%	1,129		
VA	70%	22%	4%	4%	166		
Significantly Below Average							
NJ	69%	21%	5%	5%	471		
NCI Average	75%	16%	4%	5%	7,037		

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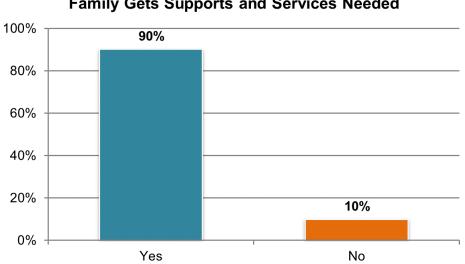


Family Member's Mental Health Professional Understands Needs Related to His/Her Disability

Table Q32. If your family member uses mental health services, does the mental health professional (for example, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor) understand your family member's needs related to his/her disability?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν		
Significantly Above Average							
AZ	73%	16%	7%	3%	187		
VA	72%	20%	5%	3%	105		
FL	71%	16%	7%	6%	143		
Within Average	Range						
LA	65%	26%	3%	6%	240		
PA	59%	34%	6%	2%	390		
GA	58%	29%	6%	6%	234		
NC	58%	34%	5%	3%	146		
MD	57%	32%	6%	4%	689		
CA	56%	31%	9%	5%	1,764		
KY	54%	39%	6%	2%	114		
NJ	53%	35%	9%	3%	308		
NCI Average	60%	29%	7%	4%	4,320		

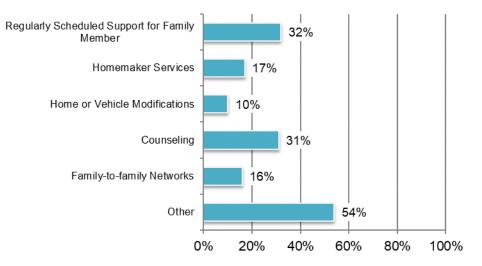
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Family Gets Supports and Services Needed

Table Q33. Does your family get the support and services needed?

State	Yes	No	N
Significantly Above Average			
AZ	95%	5%	305
SD	94%	6%	511
Within Average Range			
LA	94%	6%	340
FL	93%	7%	209
PA	93%	7%	616
NC	92%	8%	183
VA	92%	8%	171
KY	91%	9%	179
GA	90%	10%	347
MD	89%	11%	1,132
NJ	89%	11%	458
CA	88%	12%	3,234
NCI Average	90%	10%	7,685



Additional Services Needed

Table Q34. If family does not get the support and services needed, what additional services are needed?

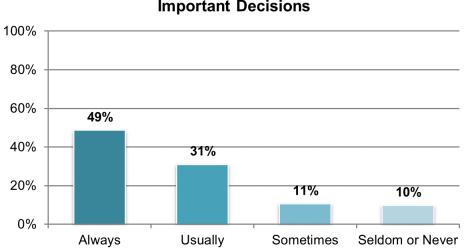
State	Regularly Scheduled Support for Family Member	Homemaker Services	Home or Vehicle Modifications	Counseling	Family-to- family Networks	Other
CA	33%	18%	9%	36%	16%	54%
GA	47%	13%	10%	40%	30%	43%
MD	39%	18%	13%	27%	27%	50%
NJ	8%	0%	0%	8%	0%	83%
PA	31%	15%	10%	28%	13%	51%
SD†	27%	32%	5%	23%	9%	64%
NCI Average	32%	17%	10%	31%	16%	54%

*Due to low N's (<20) the following states are not represented in the table, but their data are included in the NCI Average: AZ, FL, KY, LA, NC, VA

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Choice, Decision Making and Control

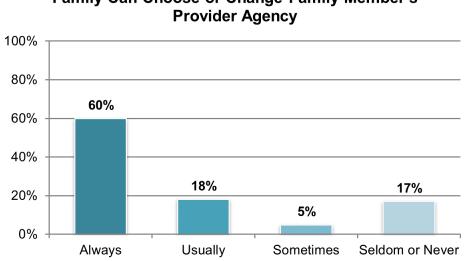
Families and family members with disabilities determine the services and supports they receive and the individuals or agencies who provide them.



Residential Provider Involves Family Member in Important Decisions

Table Q35. Does the agency providing residential services to your family member involve him/her in important decisions?

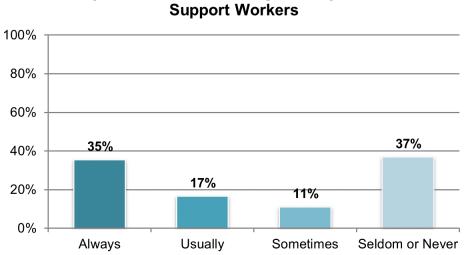
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν		
Within Average	Range						
LA	56%	24%	9%	11%	286		
FL	54%	27%	11%	8%	191		
SD	52%	37%	7%	4%	491		
CA	50%	30%	9%	10%	2,735		
NC	50%	30%	13%	8%	167		
PA	49%	32%	10%	9%	550		
AZ	48%	30%	13%	8%	279		
MD	45%	34%	12%	9%	990		
KY	45%	35%	10%	10%	164		
GA	44%	32%	12%	13%	310		
VA	43%	42%	9%	6%	157		
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average						
NJ	35%	29%	18%	18%	440		
NCI Average	49%	31%	11%	10%	6,760		



Family Can Choose or Change Family Member's

Table Q36. Can your family choose or change the agency that provides your family member's services?

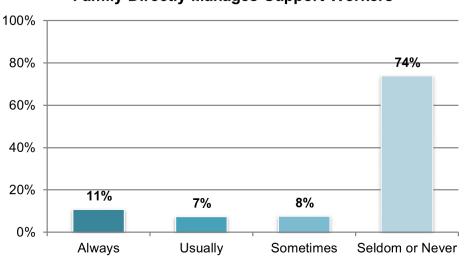
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average							
FL	77%	15%	3%	5%	186			
KY	73%	15%	1%	10%	154			
LA	69%	13%	2%	16%	231			
Within Average	Range							
VA	67%	20%	4%	9%	129			
GA	66%	15%	3%	16%	291			
AZ	64%	19%	5%	13%	232			
NC	64%	19%	5%	13%	151			
SD	59%	20%	5%	16%	353			
MD	59%	20%	4%	16%	747			
PA	57%	17%	4%	21%	355			
Significantly Below Average								
CA	53%	20%	6%	21%	1,923			
NJ	28%	17%	12%	43%	231			
NCI Average	60%	18%	5%	17%	4,983			



Family Can Choose or Change Family Member's Support Workers

Table Q37. Can your family choose or change yo	our family member's support workers?
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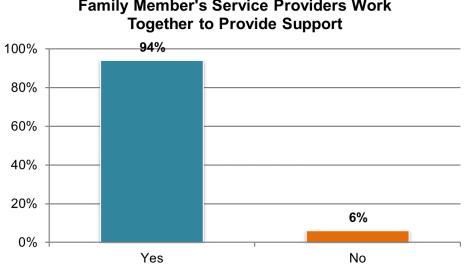
State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average							
FL	58%	13%	9%	19%	178			
NC	47%	22%	6%	26%	148			
Within Average	Range							
LA	42%	14%	12%	31%	236			
GA	39%	12%	9%	40%	265			
CA	35%	19%	12%	34%	2,076			
SD	35%	17%	11%	37%	348			
KY	35%	17%	11%	36%	140			
AZ	33%	14%	14%	39%	227			
VA	33%	20%	11%	36%	132			
Significantly Be	elow Average							
PA	27%	12%	12%	49%	378			
MD	23%	17%	14%	46%	774			
NJ	9%	11%	10%	71%	302			
NCI Average	35%	17%	11%	37%	5,204			



Family Directly Manages Support Workers

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average							
FL	26%	11%	11%	53%	188			
Within Average	Range							
GA	15%	3%	8%	74%	312			
NC	14%	8%	11%	67%	146			
LA	13%	7%	5%	75%	284			
VA	11%	15%	5%	68%	136			
KY	10%	6%	7%	77%	148			
AZ	10%	8%	7%	75%	241			
CA	10%	9%	9%	73%	2,639			
SD	10%	6%	7%	77%	432			
MD	9%	4%	6%	82%	992			
Significantly Bo	Significantly Below Average							
PA	5%	4%	5%	86%	513			
NJ	1%	3%	5%	90%	406			
NCI Average	11%	7%	8%	74%	6,437			

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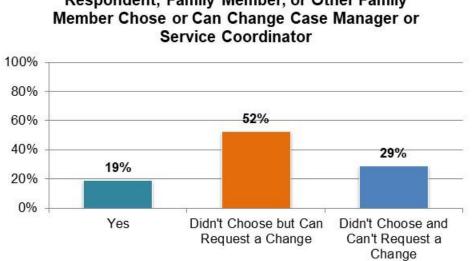


Family Member's Service Providers Work

Table Q39. Do service providers for your family member work together to provide support? (For example, does the agency providing transportation work together with the agency providing in-home support if necessary?)

State	Yes	No	N				
Significantly A	Significantly Above Average						
NC	98%	2%	148				
SD	97%	3%	408				
PA	96%	4%	439				
Within Average	Range						
KY	97%	3%	144				
FL	97%	3%	179				
VA	97%	3%	144				
AZ	96%	4%	232				
GA	93%	7%	283				
MD	93%	7%	855				
LA	92%	8%	249				
CA	92%	8%	2,337				
NJ	90%	10%	332				
NCI Average	94%	6%	5,750				

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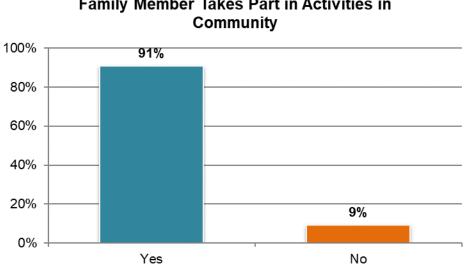
Respondent, Family Member, or Other Family

Table Q40. Did you, your family member, or someone else in your family choose your family member's case manager/service coordinator?

State	Yes	Didn't Choose but Can Request a Change	Didn't Choose and Can't Request a Change	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average						
FL	64%	29%	7%	219			
SD	50%	38%	12%	485			
KY	49%	39%	12%	168			
LA	29%	37%	34%	295			
Within Average	Range						
PA	15%	49%	35%	460			
GA	15%	51%	35%	315			
NC	14%	61%	25%	165			
Significantly Be	elow Average						
MD	15%	50%	35%	1,001			
VA	12%	59%	30%	145			
AZ	9%	69%	21%	278			
CA	8%	63%	29%	2,858			
NJ	4%	32%	63%	425			
NCI Average	19%	52%	29%	6,814			

Involvement in the Community

Family members with disabilities use integrated community services and participate in everyday community activities.



Family Member Takes Part in Activities in

Table Q41. Does your family member take part in activities in the community (for example, going out to a restaurant, movie, or sporting event)?

State	Yes	No	N			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
NC	98%	2%	187			
PA	94%	6%	634			
SD	94%	6%	537			
Within Average	Range					
KY	95%	5%	182			
GA	94%	6%	371			
FL	93%	7%	219			
NJ	92%	8%	508			
MD	91%	9%	1,230			
AZ	91%	9%	309			
CA	88%	12%	3,555			
VA	88%	12%	179			
Significantly B	Significantly Below Average					
LA	85%	15%	349			
NCI Average	91%	9%	8,260			

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Obstacles or Barriers to Family Member's Participation in Activities in the Community

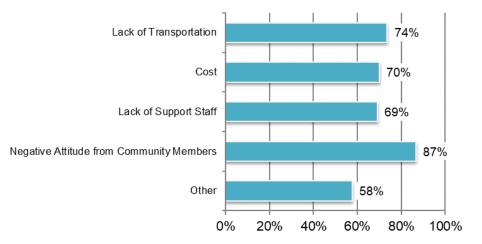
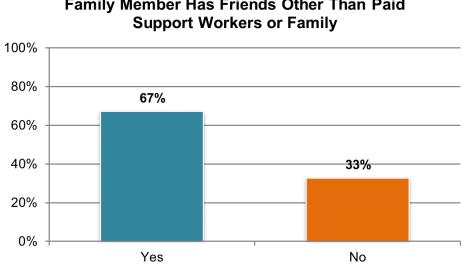


Table Q42. For your family member, what are the obstacles or barriers to participation in activities in the community?

State	Lack of Transportation	Cost	Lack of Support Staff	Negative Attitude from Community Members	Other	N
AZ	80%	74%	62%	83%	65%	158
CA	67%	64%	72%	85%	60%	2,238
FL	79%	71%	79%	92%	53%	158
GA	81%	75%	76%	88%	54%	215
KY	74%	74%	57%	87%	65%	107
LA	79%	79%	79%	88%	49%	241
MD	73%	73%	59%	88%	58%	791
NJ	75%	71%	55%	90%	56%	394
NC	87%	70%	64%	78%	62%	112
PA	82%	76%	66%	88%	54%	353
SD	61%	77%	46%	89%	59%	56
VA	75%	79%	65%	85%	55%	102
NCI Average	74%	70%	69%	87%	58%	4,925

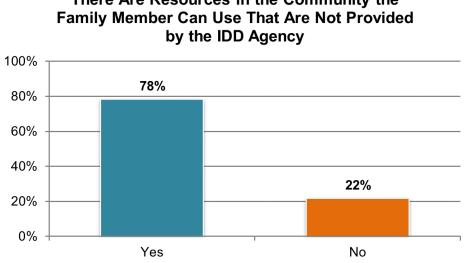


Family Member Has Friends Other Than Paid

Table Q43. Does your family member have friends other than paid support workers or family?

State	Yes	No	Ν				
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average						
SD	82%	18%	505				
PA	72%	28%	585				
FL	73%	27%	212				
Within Average	Range						
GA	73%	27%	359				
KY	71%	29%	174				
MD	70%	30%	1,154				
NC	69%	31%	177				
AZ	65%	35%	298				
VA	65%	35%	162				
CA [×]	65%	35%	3,317				
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average						
LA	60%	40%	333				
NJ	57%	43%	473				
NCI Average	67%	33%	7,749				

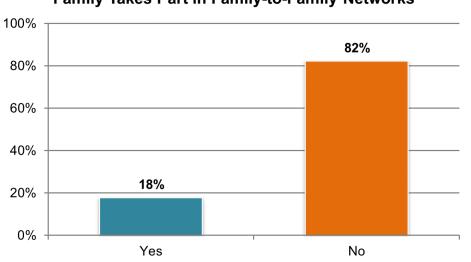
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There Are Resources in the Community the

Table Q44. In your community, are there resources that your family can use that are not provided by the I/DD agency? (For example, recreational programs, community housing, library programs, religious groups, etc.)

State	Yes	No	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
SD	86%	14%	402			
MD	83%	17%	856			
Within Average	Range					
FL	85%	15%	166			
PA	82%	18%	378			
KY	81%	19%	121			
GA	80%	20%	259			
AZ	78%	22%	235			
CA	78%	22%	2,299			
VA	78%	22%	121			
NC	76%	24%	149			
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average					
LA	67%	33%	246			
NJ	63%	37%	276			
NCI Average	78%	22%	5,508			



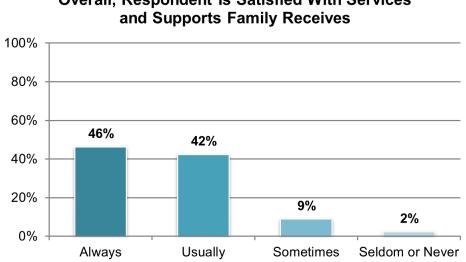
Family Takes Part in Family-to-Family Networks

Table Q45. Does your family take part in any family-to-family networks in your community? (For example, Parent to Parent, sibling networks, etc.)

State	Yes	No	N			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
LA	25%	75%	297			
Within Average	Range					
FL	24%	76%	191			
KY	22%	78%	144			
GA	20%	80%	303			
MD	20%	80%	1,015			
SD	19%	81%	429			
VA	18%	82%	145			
PA	17%	83%	514			
CA	17%	83%	3,105			
AZ	15%	85%	271			
NJ	14%	86%	428			
Significantly Be	Significantly Below Average					
NC	10%	90%	156			
NCI Average	18%	82%	6,998			

Satisfaction With Services and Supports

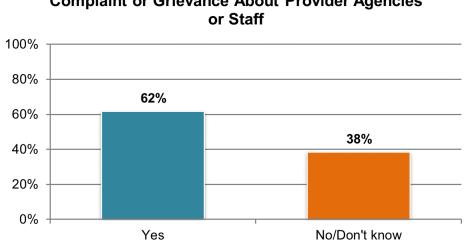
Families and family members with disabilities receive adequate and satisfactory supports.



Overall, Respondent Is Satisfied With Services

Table Q46. Overall, are you satisfied with the services and supports your family currently receives?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	Ν
Significantly Al	bove Average				
LA	55%	37%	7%	2%	391
Within Average	Range				
FL	54%	38%	8%	0%	226
PA	51%	43%	6%	1%	675
NC	49%	44%	5%	2%	194
VA	49%	42%	7%	2%	187
AZ	47%	45%	7%	2%	318
СА	46%	42%	9%	3%	3,768
SD	45%	46%	6%	2%	556
GA	45%	41%	10%	4%	400
KY	45%	47%	6%	2%	191
Significantly Below Average					
MD	37%	47%	13%	3%	1,271
NJ	34%	46%	17%	3%	528
NCI Average	46%	42%	9%	2%	8,705



Respondent Knows Process for Filing a Complaint or Grievance About Provider Agencies or Staff

Table Q47. Do you know how to file a complaint or grievance about provider agencies or staff?⁵

State	Yes	No/Don't know	Ν			
Significantly A	Significantly Above Average					
NC	81%	19%	190			
FL	78%	22%	229			
KY	78%	22%	188			
SD	75%	25%	549			
LA	72%	28%	384			
AZ	72%	28%	315			
PA	70%	30%	642			
Within Average	Range					
VA	70%	30%	178			
GA	63%	37%	396			
Significantly B	elow Average					
MD	52%	48%	1,251			
NJ	52%	48%	528			
CA	52%	48%	3,773			
NCI Average	62%	38%	8,623			

 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ 'Don't Know' responses were included in 'No' responses for this question.

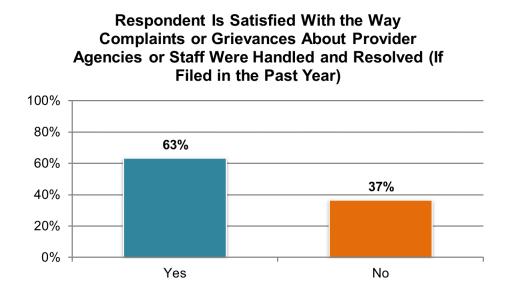
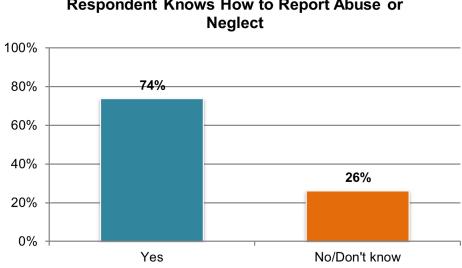


Table Q48. If a complaint or grievance was filed or resolved in the past year, are you satisfied with the way it was handled and resolved?

State	Yes	No	Ν
Significantly Al	bove Average		
SD	78%	22%	69
Within Average	Range		
VA	76%	24%	45
NC	74%	26%	43
FL	66%	34%	35
KY	65%	35%	23
PA	65%	35%	97
AZ	63%	38%	48
CA	62%	38%	471
MD	60%	40%	198
LA	58%	42%	71
GA	54%	46%	70
NJ	51%	49%	94
NCI Average	63%	37%	1,264

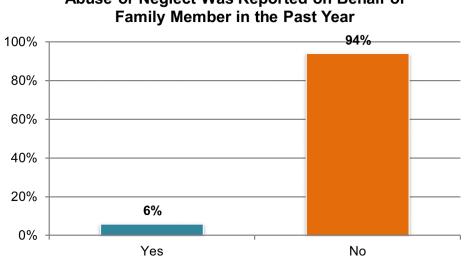


Respondent Knows How to Report Abuse or

Table Q49. Do you know how to report abuse or neglect related to your family member?⁶

State	Yes	No/Don't know	Ν			
Significantly A	Significantly Above Average					
NC	87%	13%	191			
FL	87%	13%	232			
VA	84%	16%	179			
KY	84%	16%	188			
AZ	83%	17%	312			
SD	82%	18%	549			
PA	79%	21%	648			
Within Average	Range					
LA	78%	22%	389			
GA	74%	26%	401			
Significantly B	elow Average					
MD	68%	32%	1,259			
CA	67%	33%	3,803			
NJ	64%	36%	534			
NCI Average	74%	26%	8,685			

⁶ 'Don't Know' responses were included in 'No' responses for this question.

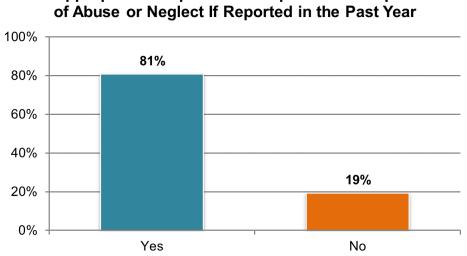


Abuse or Neglect Was Reported on Behalf of

Table Q50. Within the past year, was a report of abuse or neglect filed on behalf of your family member?

State	Yes	No	Ν		
Significantly A	Significantly Above Average				
NJ	11%	89%	509		
Within Average	Range				
VA	8%	92%	173		
FL	7%	93%	215		
NC	7%	93%	187		
GA	7%	93%	375		
AZ	7%	93%	302		
LA	7%	93%	369		
SD	6%	94%	520		
PA	6%	94%	618		
MD	5%	95%	1,196		
KY	5%	95%	181		
CA [×]	5%	95%	3,520		
NCI Average	6%	94%	8,165		

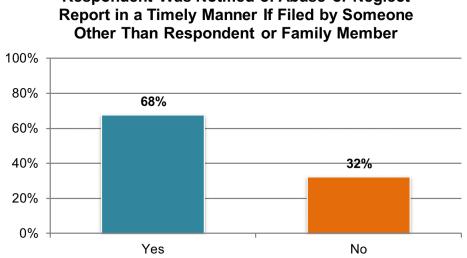
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Appropriate People Were Responsive to Report

Table Q51. If a report of abuse or neglect was filed in the past year, did the appropriate people respond to the report?

State	Yes	No	Ν			
Significantly Al	Significantly Above Average					
SD	95%	5%	21			
Within Average	Range					
PA	92%	8%	26			
VA	91%	9%	n/a			
GA	90%	10%	21			
AZ	89%	11%	n/a			
CA	82%	18%	128			
VA	91%	9%	n/a			
VA	91%	9%	n/a			
MD	74%	26%	46			
NJ	72%	28%	46			
FL	69%	31%	n/a			
KY	57%	43%	n/a			
NCI Average	81%	19%	362			

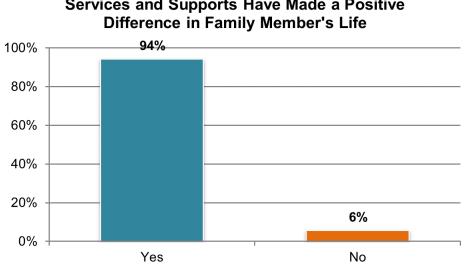


Respondent Was Notified of Abuse or Neglect

Table Q52. If a report of abuse or neglect was filed in the past year by someone other than you or another family, were you notified of the report in a timely manner?

State	Yes	No	N
Within Average	Range		
PA	83%	17%	35
CA	63%	37%	123
SD	61%	39%	23
MD	55%	45%	40
NJ	53%	47%	43
NCI Average	68%	32%	350

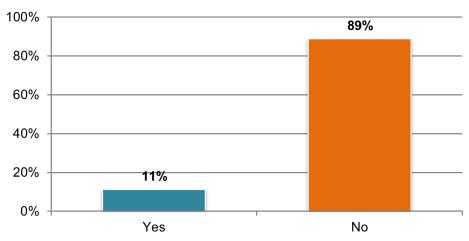
*Due to low N's (<20) the following states are not represented in the table, but their data are included in the NCI Average: AZ, FL, GA, KY, LA, NC, VA



Services and Supports Have Made a Positive

Table Q53. Do you feel that services and supports have made a positive difference in the life of your family?

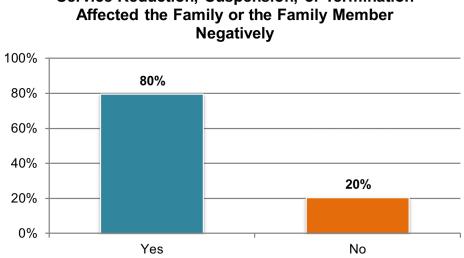
State	Yes	No	Ν		
Significantly A	Significantly Above Average				
FL	99%	1%	225		
PA	98%	2%	615		
NC	98%	2%	184		
VA	98%	2%	171		
SD	97%	3%	524		
Within Average	Range				
KY	96%	4%	181		
LA	96%	4%	360		
AZ	95%	5%	305		
MD	95%	5%	1,189		
GA	94%	6%	364		
NJ	93%	7%	494		
Significantly B	Significantly Below Average				
CA	91%	9%	3,512		
NCI Average	94%	6%	8,124		



Services or Supports Were Reduced, Suspended, or Terminated in the Past Year

Table Q54. Have the services or supports that you or your family member received during the past year been reduced, suspended, or terminated?

State	Yes	No	N	
Within Average	Range			
LA	16%	84%	333	
NJ	15%	85%	450	
FL	14%	86%	207	
NC	13%	87%	175	
VA	13%	87%	156	
GA	12%	88%	334	
CA	11%	89%	3,074	
SD	10%	90%	487	
MD	9%	91%	1,091	
KY	9%	91%	170	
AZ	9%	91%	304	
Significantly B	Significantly Below Average			
PA	7%	93%	580	
NCI Average	11%	89%	7,361	

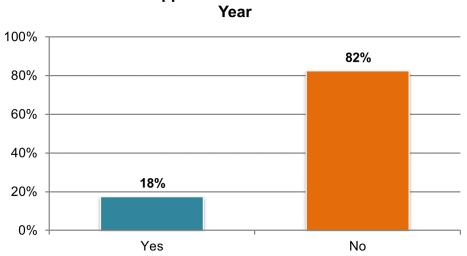


Service Reduction, Suspension, or Termination

Table Q55. If services or supports received by the family were reduced, suspended or terminated during the past year, did the reduction, suspension, or termination of these services or supports affect your family or your family member negatively?

State	Yes	No	Ν
Significantly Al	oove Average		
NJ	94%	6%	54
Within Average	Range		
GA	88%	13%	32
MD	83%	17%	88
AZ	83%	17%	23
CA	79%	21%	277
FL	79%	21%	24
PA	76%	24%	33
SD	76%	24%	37
LA	75%	25%	40
NCI Average	80%	20%	654

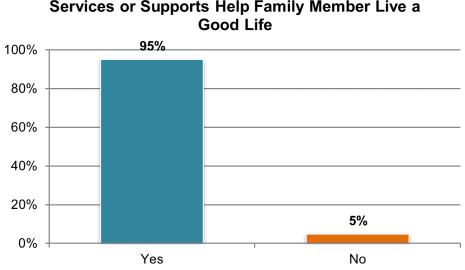
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Services or Supports Were Increased in the Past Year

Table Q56. Have the services or supports that your family member received been increased in the past year?

State	Yes	No	N	
Within Average Range				
GA	22%	78%	270	
PA	22%	78%	449	
VA	21%	79%	139	
KY	18%	82%	143	
NJ	18%	82%	375	
NC	17%	83%	161	
LA	17%	83%	257	
MD	17%	83%	944	
AZ	17%	83%	278	
SD	17%	83%	416	
FL	16%	84%	181	
CA	16%	84%	2,566	
NCI Average	18%	82%	6,179	



Services or Supports Help Family Member Live a

Table Q57. Are services and supports helping your family member to live a good life?

State	Yes	No	Ν		
Significantly Above Average					
FL	98%	2%	222		
SD	97%	3%	505		
Within Average	Within Average Range				
NC	98%	2%	184		
VA	98%	2%	168		
KY	97%	3%	183		
AZ	97%	3%	308		
PA	97%	3%	614		
LA	96%	4%	348		
GA	95%	5%	368		
MD	95%	5%	1,181		
NJ	94%	6%	484		
CA	93%	7%	3,387		
NCI Average	95%	5%	7,952		

'The state is "within" the NCI average range due to small effect sizes. For more detail, please see the Methodology section.

II. NCI History and Activities

This section briefly describes the history of the National Core Indicators and NCI surveys.

Overview of National Core Indicators

In December 1996, the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS), in collaboration with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), launched the Core Indicators Project. The aim of the project was to support state developmental disabilities authorities in the development and implementation of performance and outcome indicators—and related data collection strategies—so that they could measure service delivery system performance. This effort, now called National Core Indicators (NCI), strives to provide states with valid and reliable tools to help improve system performance and better serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Moreover, NASDDDS' active sponsorship of NCI facilitates pooled knowledge, expertise, and resources among the states.

In 1997, 15 states convened to discuss the scope and content of a potential performance measurement framework. Directors and staff from these 15 states worked to identify the major domains and sub-domains of performance, indicators, measures, and data sources. The original 61 indicators, developed through a consensus process, were intended to provide a system-level "snapshot" of how well each state was performing. The states were guided by a set of criteria that was designed to select indicators that were:

- 1. Measurable
- 2. Related to issues the states had some ability to influence
- 3. Important to all individuals they served, regardless of level of disability or residential setting

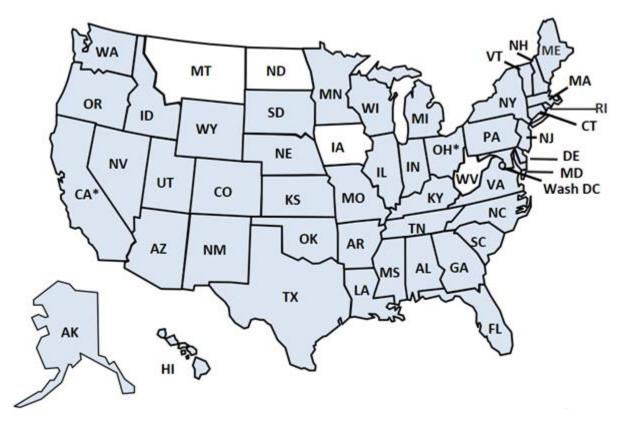
During this initial phase, data collection protocols were developed and field-tested, including a face-to-face Adult Consumer Survey (for individuals age 18 and older who were receiving services) and a mail-out Adult Family Survey (for families who have an adult family member living at home). Seven states volunteered to pilot test the indicators. Eight additional states served on the steering committee.

Since the initial field test, NCI has expanded its scope to include outcomes of services for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. In addition, NCI continues to develop and refine the indicators and expand state participation. For more information about NCI states, technical reports, and other resources, please visit http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org.

State Participation

During the 2016-17 data collection cycle, 45 states, the District of Columbia and 22 sub-state entities participated in NCI. State participation is entirely voluntary, and participating states are highlighted on the map below. Not all states participate in all surveys each year.

Figure 1. NCI State Participation 2016-17



Sub-Domains and Concern Statements

The following table lists the sub-domains and concern statements that compose the "Family Outcomes" domain.

Figure 2. Family		Sub-Domains	and Concer	n Statements
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Sub-Domain	Concern Statement
Information and Planning	Families/family members with disabilities have the information and support necessary to plan for their services and supports.
Choice, Decision Making & Control	Families/family members with disabilities determine the services and supports they receive and the individuals or agencies who provide them.
Access & Support Delivery	Families/family members with disabilities get the services and supports they need.
Involvement in the Community	Family members with disabilities use integrated community services and participate in everyday community activities.
Satisfaction	Families/family members with disabilities receive adequate and satisfactory supports.
Outcomes	Individual and family supports make a positive difference in the lives of families.

How NCI Data Are Used

The Core Indicators provide information for quality management and are intended to be used in conjunction with other state data sources, such as risk management information, regional level performance data, results of provider monitoring processes, and administrative information gathered at the individual service coordination level. States typically use the indicator data to inform strategic planning, produce legislative reports, and prioritize quality improvement initiatives. Some states use NCI as a data source for supplemental performance measures in their home and community-based services waiver quality management systems and include the information in support of evidentiary reports to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Many states share the indicator data with stakeholder groups such as Quality Councils and use the stakeholder feedback to help set priorities and establish policy direction. It is also important to note that states do not use the information in a punitive way to sanction service providers, nor do they use the results to remediate individual issues (unless specifically requested by the participant or required by law as in the case of suspected abuse, neglect, or mistreatment).

Caution and Limitations

This report does not provide benchmarks for acceptable or unacceptable levels of performance. Rather, it is up to each state to decide whether its score or percentage is an acceptable performance level. States that fall into the "below average" tier on any scale or indicator are not necessarily underperforming; instead, this placement indicates only that the state's scale score or indicator percentage is significantly lower than the average of all states—where "significantly" means "not due to chance." The results tables throughout this report display states' scores relative to one another and show which states tend to have similar results. Notably, the difference between a "below average" state and the average across the other states may be very small, and it is up to public managers, policymakers, and other stakeholders to decide whether a state's result relative to the NCI Average suggests that changes or further investigation are necessary.

Moreover, the NCI Average should not be interpreted as defining "acceptable" levels of performance or satisfaction. Instead, it represents a multi-state "norm" that describes average levels of performance or satisfaction across the participating states. In some instances there are few significant differences among states; this denotes that the majority of states are performing similarly. Instances where several states' results are especially high (considerably above the average level) may indicate that some states are attaining a level of performance that could serve as a guidepost for others.

Data from previous years are not presented in this report. Comparisons of results from year to year should be made with caution: even slight changes in wording or response options of certain questions may affect comparability of results from one year to the next; the mix of participating states differs slightly each year and may affect the NCI Averages; and states draw new samples each year rather than following the same group of individuals.

III. Methodology

This section describes the protocol used by states to select families to participate in the survey, administer the survey, and convey the resulting data for analysis. It also includes information on the statistical methods used by NCI staff to aggregate and analyze the data.

Sampling & Administration

States were asked to administer the Family/Guardian Survey by selecting a random sample of at least 1,000 families who:

- 1. Had an adult individual with a developmental disability NOT living in the family home; and
- 2. Received at least one direct service or support other than service coordination.

Beginning in 2016-17, states had a choice of mailing paper surveys to families selected in their sample, sending a URL link for families to complete surveys online (referred to as "direct entry"), or a combination of both modes. In previous years states would only have the option to mail paper surveys. A total of five states had at least a portion of surveys completed via direct entry mode.⁷

A sample size of 1,000 was recommended with the expectation of a 40% return rate or greater (yielding 400 or more usable responses per state). However, most states decided to sample more than 1,000 families, expecting a lower response rate than 40%. A final sample size of 400 would guarantee a +/- 5% margin of error and a 95% confidence level when interpreting the results. States with fewer than 1,000 potential respondent families were instructed to send surveys to all eligible families. With response rates lower than expected, we also included those states that submitted fewer than 400 surveys up to a margin of error of no greater than +/- 7%.⁸

Weighting

Statistically, the term "average" refers to a calculated central or middle value of a set of numbers. In NCI reports, we use "NCI average" to demonstrate the typical performance of all the states which conducted the survey. In previous years, NCI average was calculated as the simple arithmetic mean of all state means (an approach known as "average of averages"). This year, the approach has been enhanced to take into account the relative numbers of people receiving services through participating states' systems. Beginning this year, the NCI averages contained in this report are "weighted" means; their calculations reflect the relative population sizes of participating states, as well as the sample sizes.

⁷ States that used the direct entry or mail and direct entry options were: KY, LA, NC, NJ, and SD.

⁸ See "Response Rates" section for information on total surveys mailed and received by states as well as each state's margin of error.

Applying statistical weights allows a state that provides services to a larger number of people (but is represented in the data by a sample of the same size as other states) to have a higher influence on the overall NCI average – i.e. the state's contribution to the NCI average is proportional to its' service population. The weights used in calculations for this report were developed using each participating state's number of survey respondents and its total survey-eligible population.

Significance Testing

Starting this survey cycle (2016-17), for each of the non-adjusted items, each state's percentage will be compared to the weighted NCI average (described above), and the differences between the two will be tested for both **statistical significance** as well as **effect sizes**. Effect sizes are used in addition to statistical significance because statistical significance of a state's result depends, in part, on the size of the state's sample – the larger the sample, the more likely it is that even a small difference will be found *statistically* significant. A statistically significant difference for a state with a large sample size, in and by itself, does not necessarily mean there is a *practically* significant difference. The inclusion of effect sizes as a new criterion allows us to present "meaningfully significant" results, which take consideration of the magnitude or size of the differences into account.

The state percentages in this report are categorized into one of the three classes:

- Significantly above the NCI average, where the difference between the state's percentage and the weighted NCI average a) was in favor of the state, b) was statistically significant (i.e. *p* <.01), *and* c) met the effect size criterion (i.e. Cohen's *d* > 0.2, see below for details);
- Within the NCI average range, where the difference between the state's percentage and the weighted NCI average was a) not statistically significant (i.e. *p* ≥.01), *or* b) did not meet the effect size criterion (i.e. Cohen's *d* ≤ 0.2);
- Significantly below the NCI average, where the difference between the state's percentage and the weighted NCI average a) was in favor of the NCI average, b) was statistically significant (i.e. *p* <.01), *and* c) met the effect size criterion (i.e. Cohen's *d* > 0.2);

For all outcome data, tables are formatted so that all states are listed in descending order of percentage and are categorized as statistically significantly above the NCI Average, within the range of the NCI Average, and significantly below the NCI Average. A state that falls "within" the NCI average range due to the difference not meeting the effect size criterion are denoted with a

Caron symbol (`). No symbol was used for the state's percentage being "within" the NCI average range due to lack of statistical significance (i.e. $p \ge .01$).

Technical Details

The comparisons were done through one sample T-tests using the weighted NCI average as the benchmark. A conservative cut-off point (alpha) of p < 0.01 was used to detect statistically significant differences. Effect sizes are calculated using the formula: Cohen's $d = \frac{2t}{\sqrt{df}}$. A cutoff

point of Cohen's d = 0.2 was chosen for the effect size to be considered "meaningfully significant", following the standard interpretation offered by Cohen (1988) that Cohen's d of 0.8 = large, 0.5 = moderate, and 0.2 being at least a small effect.

Data Entry and Analysis

Each state entered its survey responses into the Online Data Entry Survey Application (ODESA). All raw data files were reviewed for completeness, invalid responses were eliminated, and quality checks were performed. The data files were then cleaned and merged to create the national dataset.

Data were considered invalid, and therefore excluded, on the following two bases:

- 1. The respondent indicated the individual with a developmental disability lived in the family home.
- 2. Demographic information was entered into the file but no survey questions were answered.

Statistical significance testing was conducted on each state's "yes" or "always" response compared to the NCI average; significance is shown at the .01 level and cited in tables. Demographics data and data on services received were not tested for statistically significant differences.

Response Rates

During 2016-17, 12 states administered the Family/Guardian Survey and submitted a valid sample size for comparison—a sample that would yield a 95% confidence level with +/- 7% (7.49% or less) margin of error; their data are included in this report. The table below shows the number of surveys each state mailed, usable surveys returned, and the response rates.

Figure 3. Family/Guardian Survey: State Response Rates⁹

State	Total Population	Surveys Sent	Useable Surveys	Response Rate	Margin of Error	Mode	
						Paper	Direct Entry
AZ	4,128	1,400	322	23%	5.24%	n/a	n/a
CA	5,7475	19,799	4,062	21%	1.48%	n/a	n/a
FL	11,105	1,200-1,500	238		6.28%	n/a	n/a
GA	5,481	1,500-1,800	415		4.63%	n/a	n/a
KY	4,351*	945	194	21%	6.88%	97.9%	2.1%
LA	7,058	2,300	411	18%	4.69%	94.9%	5.1%
MD	9,951	9,951	1,341	13%	2.49%	n/a	n/a
NC	6,400*	850	195	23%	6.91%	96.4%	3.60%
NJ	7440	7,440	562	8%	3.97%	32.9%	67.10%
PA	Up to 15,700	1,600	693	43%	3.64%	n/a	n/a
SD	2,082	2,082	570	27%	3.50%	99.5%	0.5%
VA	7,000*	706	191	27%	6.99%	n/a	n/a
NCI Average			9194			95.5%	4.50%

*Estimate

⁹ Please note: The family surveys are mail out surveys or completed online by respondents who choose to take part in the survey. As such, the final sample is a sample of convenience and cannot be considered representative of the entire service population in the state.