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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 46 states, the District of Columbia, and 22 substate entities who participated in NCI during the 2019-20 data collection cycle, 11 states submitted a valid sample of Family/Guardian Survey data: Arizona (AZ), California (CA), Florida (FL), Georgia (GA), Maryland (MD), Minnesota (MN), New Hampshire (NH), North Carolina (NC), Pennsylvania (PA), South Dakota (SD), and Utah (UT). This Final Report provides a summary of results based on data submitted by June 30, 2020.

Note: All qualified Californians with a developmental disability have both a civil right and an individual entitlement to receive services from the California Department of Developmental Services. California law mandates that the intake process begin within 15 days of an individual's or family's request for services and that the Department of Developmental Services begin providing services within 120 days after intake. These statutory requirements make California's service system unique and could impact comparisons between its survey results and the results of other states.

Important note on Impact of COVID-19

The 2019-20 NCI Family Survey data collection cycle began July 1, 2019 and ended June 30, 2020. Midway through data collection, in February 2020, COVID-19 began to spread across the United States. Data collection for the NCI Family Surveys *continued throughout the pandemic*. States begin data collection at various times throughout the year – some before the pandemic started and some after. Because the family surveys do not collect information on the date of survey completion, we cannot fully assess what impact the pandemic had on data collected at different times throughout the year. Additionally, we cannot determine whether the onset of COVID-19 impacted state samples. For instance, we do not know if certain populations were more or less

likely to respond to the survey after February and we do not know whether or how responses were affected for specific questions for those who completed the survey after the pandemic began. While these data will serve as an important baseline, and meaningful way for states to understand the overall impact of services on families of individuals being served, these data should be read with caution.

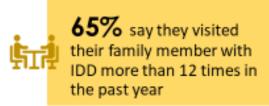
The following are NCI national weighted averages for a selection of survey items. Complete breakouts by state for each item in the Family/Guardian Survey can be found in the Results section of this report.

Respondents

Family members and/or guardians of adults who have IDD and receive at least one service in addition to case management from the state DD service system. The respondent does not live with the adult receiving services.

Respondents....





Family member with IDD....

Where family member lives...

12% specialized facility for people with ID

59% group home or agency-operated agency

19% own home or apartment

8% adult foster care or host home

1% nursing home

2% other

44% full guardianship

25% limited guardianship

4%
Have
guardian, but
level is
unknown



45 average age

60% are male





89% take part in community activities

66% have friends other than family or paid staff





50%

always kept informed by staff or residential agency about how family member is doing



77%

say services are always delivered in a way that is respectful of the family's culture



96%

feel services and supports have made a positive difference for their family member



42% always get enough information to help plan services



41% say services and supports always change when their family's needs change



80% say they or another family member helped make the service plan



60% family member with IDD helped make the service



80%

know how to report abuse or neglect related to their family member



69%

know how to file a complaint about provider agencies or staff



67%

who filed a complaint in the past year were satisfied with the way it was handled

Results

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

Presentation of Data

In addition to basic demographic questions and questions on services and supports received, 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 four 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.

Demographic results are shown in table form with states listed alphabetically. Outcomes are shown first with a chart depicting the NCI Average. The charts are followed by accessible tables showing state outcomes and the NCI Average listed in descending order, grouped by level of significance.

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 with fewer than 20 respondents to a question *are not* included in tables; however, their data *are* included in the NCI Average.

Note on Significance: Statistical significance depends on both the amount by which a state differs from the average for a given item and the state's sample size for that item. So there may be instances where State A's difference from the average is larger than State B's, but State B is shown as significantly different from the average whereas State A is not. The larger the sample size of a state, the smaller the difference needs to be for it to be statistically significant.

Note on NCI Averages: The NCI averages contained in this report are "weighted" means; their calculations reflect the relative population sizes of participating states and the states' sample sizes. Prior to 2016-17, NCI averages were calculated as the simple arithmetic mean of all state means (an approach known as "average of averages"), so comparisons to past reports should be made with caution. See more about weighting in the Methodology section.

Note on language used in this report: "You" and "**Respondent**" refers to the person (usually a parent or guardian) filling out the survey. "**Family Member**" refers to the person receiving services whom the respondent is answering questions about in this survey.

Demographics

Family Member

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

Table 1. Family Member's Residence

State	Specialized Facility for People With ID ¹	Group Home or Agency- operated Agency	Independent Home or Apartment	Adult Foster Care or Host Family Home	Nursing Home	Homeless	Other	N
AZ	7%	77%	4%	13%	0%	0%	0%	222
CA	14%	43%	35%	2%	1%	0%	6%	5,198
FL	6%	63%	27%	1%	0%	0%	3%	364
GA	10%	60%	12%	17%	1%	0%	0%	365
MD	11%	85%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	387
MN	6%	65%	20%	8%	1%	0%	0%	547
NH	5%	27%	25%	41%	1%	0%	1%	414
NC	19%	55%	3%	22%	0%	0%	0%	208
PA	21%	71%	2%	4%	1%	0%	1%	651
SD	0%	74%	24%	1%	0%	0%	0%	654
UT	4%	72%	14%	9%	0%	0%	0%	223
Weighted NCI Average	12%	59%	19%	8%	1%	0%	2%	9,233

Table 2. Family Member's Residential Designation

State	Urban or Suburban	Rural	N
AZ	94%	6%	220
CA	94%	6%	5,120
FL	89%	11%	359
GA	84%	16%	362
MD	74%	26%	380
MN	85%	15%	544
NH	54%	46%	415
NC	70%	30%	209
PA	70%	30%	641
SD	97%	3%	645
UT	94%	6%	226
Weighted NCI Average	84%	16%	9,121

¹ ICF, state-run or other institutional setting

Table 3. Family Member's Age

State	Age	N
AZ	45.8	219
CA	42.8	5,146
FL	46.4	347
GA	46.8	371
MD	47.6	380
MN	44.0	528
NH	46.5	412
NC	47.8	210
PA	48.5	659
SD	45.2	667
UT	42.6	224
Weighted NCI Average	45.4	9,163

Table 4. Family Member's Gender

State	Male	Female	N
AZ	56%	44%	224
CA	61%	39%	5,261
FL	57%	43%	363
GA	60%	40%	370
MD	60%	40%	391
MN	59%	41%	551
NH	60%	40%	423
NC	64%	36%	210
PA	58%	42%	666
SD	55%	45%	667
UT	60%	40%	227
Weighted NCI Average	60%	40%	9,353

Table 5. Family Member's Race and Ethnicity

All data are reported by the respondent based on their understanding of their family member's demographics, diagnoses and personal characteristics; categories are not mutually exclusive, therefore N is not shown.

State	American Indian or Native Alaska	Asian	Black or African American	Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic or Latino	Other
AZ	9%	2%	4%	1%	77%	12%	0%
CA	2%	8%	7%	1%	76%	12%	3%
FL	1%	1%	16%	0%	74%	10%	2%
GA	1%	2%	17%	0%	80%	2%	2%
MD	0%	3%	19%	1%	78%	1%	1%
MN	3%	2%	4%	0%	91%	2%	0%
NH	1%	1%	1%	0%	97%	1%	1%
NC	1%	0%	25%	0%	73%	1%	0%
PA	1%	1%	5%	0%	92%	2%	1%
SD	7%	1%	0%	0%	92%	1%	0%
UT	2%	2%	2%	1%	91%	4%	2%
Weighted NCI Average	2%	3%	11%	0%	80%	6%	2%

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

All data are reported by the respondent based on their understanding of their family member's demographics, diagnoses and personal characteristics; categories are not mutually exclusive, therefore N is not shown.

State	Intellectual Disability	Mood Illness or Psychiatric Disorder	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Cerebral Palsy	Limited or No Vision	Severe or Profound Hearing Loss
AZ	70%	36%	27%	26%	9%	9%
CA	67%	28%	33%	17%	7%	6%
FL	77%	37%	25%	20%	7%	4%
GA	74%	32%	23%	16%	9%	4%
MD	79%	34%	28%	16%	10%	9%
MN	78%	39%	23%	13%	8%	7%
NH	72%	42%	28%	12%	7%	7%
NC	82%	45%	26%	12%	8%	6%
PA	84%	44%	30%	18%	11%	8%
SD	73%	37%	18%	15%	9%	9%
UT	80%	45%	28%	18%	9%	4%
Weighted NCI Average	75%	36%	28%	16%	8%	6%

Table 6b. Family Member's Disabilities (continued)

All data are reported by the respondent based on their understanding of their family member's demographics, diagnoses and personal characteristics; categories are not mutually exclusive, therefore N is not shown.

State	Brain Injury	Seizure Disorder or Neurological Problem	Chemical Dependency	Down Syndrome	Prader- Willi Syndrome	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Other
AZ	13%	32%	0%	10%	0%	3%	10%
CA	10%	25%	1%	8%	1%	1%	13%
FL	8%	26%	1%	9%	2%	0%	13%
GA	13%	31%	1%	13%	1%	2%	18%
MD	8%	23%	1%	8%	1%	2%	7%
MN	6%	25%	1%	13%	1%	4%	12%
NH	19%	31%	1%	8%	1%	2%	15%
NC	9%	28%	1%	10%	0%	1%	16%
PA	11%	32%	0%	11%	1%	1%	10%
SD	11%	26%	1%	13%	1%	3%	9%
UT	19%	24%	1%	8%	3%	4%	12%
Weighted NCI Average	10%	27%	1%	10%	1%	2%	13%

Table 7a. Family Member's Health Conditions

All data are reported by the respondent based on their understanding of their family member's demographics, diagnoses and personal characteristics; categories are not mutually exclusive, therefore N is not shown.

State	Cardiovascular Disease	Diabetes	Cancer	High Blood Pressure	High Cholesterol
AZ	10%	20%	7%	28%	39%
CA	8%	18%	6%	29%	28%
FL	9%	16%	7%	40%	37%
GA	9%	23%	8%	35%	29%
MD	9%	22%	6%	31%	37%
MN	11%	20%	7%	25%	26%
NH	12%	21%	8%	29%	30%
NC	16%	19%	8%	34%	30%
PA	10%	16%	4%	25%	31%
SD	11%	20%	5%	28%	24%
UT	7%	22%	4%	32%	22%
Weighted NCI Average	10%	19%	6%	31%	31%

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

All data are reported by the respondent based on their understanding of their family member's demographics, diagnoses and personal characteristics; categories are not mutually exclusive, therefore N is not shown.

State	Dysphagia	Pressure Ulcers	Alzheimer's Disease or Other Dementia	Oral Health or Other Dental Problems	Sleep Apnea	Other
AZ	10%	2%	4%	17%	6%	24%
CA	8%	1%	3%	16%	14%	27%
FL	9%	4%	4%	15%	10%	26%
GA	12%	1%	4%	18%	14%	24%
MD	7%	4%	7%	15%	16%	15%
MN	6%	2%	5%	12%	21%	20%
NH	13%	3%	5%	13%	16%	20%
NC	14%	1%	8%	17%	12%	22%
PA	23%	3%	8%	16%	16%	17%
SD	14%	3%	6%	17%	20%	16%
UT	11%	3%	2%	25%	22%	28%
AZ	11%	2%	5%	16%	14%	23%

Table 8. Family Member's Preferred Means of Communication

State	Spoken	Gestures or Body Language	Sign Language or Finger Spelling	Communication Aid or Device	Other	N
AZ	77%	17%	2%	2%	3%	219
CA	79%	13%	2%	1%	5%	5,179
FL	73%	17%	2%	1%	7%	362
GA	76%	18%	1%	1%	4%	363
MD	74%	20%	3%	1%	3%	378
MN	85%	11%	1%	3%	1%	546
NH	82%	13%	1%	3%	1%	425
NC	76%	18%	1%	1%	4%	207
PA	64%	25%	3%	3%	6%	659
SD	80%	15%	2%	2%	1%	657
UT	78%	15%	1%	1%	5%	226
Weighted NCI Average	77%	16%	2%	2%	4%	9,221

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

State	None	Limited	Full	Has Guardianship but Level is Unknown	N
AZ	7%	10%	78%	4%	218
CA	45%	55%	n/a	n/a	4,754
FL	32%	18%	46%	4%	341
GA	23%	12%	58%	6%	346
MD	43%	16%	35%	7%	361
MN	10%	7%	77%	6%	547
NH	12%	12%	70%	5%	427
NC	2%	15%	77%	6%	207
PA	33%	13%	46%	9%	588
SD	16%	17%	60%	7%	645
UT	19%	15%	60%	6%	215
Weighted NCI Average	26%	25%	44%	4%	8,649

Table 10. Guardian or Conservator Relationship to Family Member

State	Family	Friend	State Employee or Guardianship Agency	Other	N
AZ	87%	5%	5%	4%	195
CA	91%	1%	5%	3%	2,483
FL	85%	2%	4%	9%	223
GA	87%	3%	3%	7%	261
MD	83%	2%	10%	6%	189
MN	81%	1%	15%	3%	482
NH	90%	4%	4%	2%	364
NC	79%	3%	15%	3%	195
PA	91%	0%	6%	2%	376
SD	93%	2%	3%	3%	517
UT	93%	2%	4%	1%	164
Weighted NCI Average	86%	2%	9%	4%	5,449

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	N
AZ	37%	1%	28%	26%	1%	2%	4%	202
CA	28%	1%	31%	21%	3%	9%	7%	4,913
FL	34%	2%	35%	16%	5%	3%	5%	343
GA	37%	1%	39%	18%	2%	1%	3%	344
MD	34%	1%	43%	13%	5%	1%	4%	367
MN	18%	0%	27%	45%	3%	2%	4%	529
NH	32%	0%	28%	26%	3%	4%	6%	405
NC	49%	0%	32%	12%	1%	3%	4%	186
PA	37%	0%	26%	28%	3%	1%	4%	603
SD	37%	0%	26%	30%	2%	1%	3%	625
UT	24%	0%	38%	27%	1%	3%	6%	205
Weighted NCI Average	33%	1%	32%	23%	3%	4%	5%	8,722

Table 12. Family Member's Activities in the Past Two Weeks Included Individual Paid Job in the Community²

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	5%	95%	212
CA	16%	84%	4,833
FL	7%	93%	346
GA	11%	89%	347
MD	6%	94%	373
MN	25%	75%	525
NH	25%	75%	410
NC	6%	94%	196
PA	7%	93%	632
SD	21%	79%	623
UT	17%	83%	216
Weighted NCI Average	12%	88%	8,713

Table 13. Family Member's Activities in the Past Two Weeks Included *Paid Small Group Job in a Community-based Setting*³

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	7%	93%	208
CA	14%	86%	4,669
FL	8%	92%	337
GA	4%	96%	338
MD	6%	94%	368
MN	27%	73%	520
NH	8%	92%	396
NC	10%	90%	195
PA	7%	93%	610
SD	10%	90%	620
UT	17%	83%	206
Weighted NCI Average	12%	88%	8,467

² An individual job is defined as work at an individual job in a local business alongside peers who do not have disabilities. Job is part of the typical labor market (for example, competitive employment).

³ A small group job is defined as work in an integrated setting, as part of a group of not more than 8 people with disabilities (for example, enclave, work crew).

Table 14. Family Member's Activities in the Past Two Weeks Included *Paid Work in a Community Job That Primarily Hires People With Disabilities*⁴

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	1%	99%	207
CA	9%	91%	4,736
FL	4%	96%	347
GA	3%	97%	346
MD	3%	97%	361
MN	11%	89%	517
NH	9%	91%	393
NC	4%	96%	200
PA	5%	95%	617
SD	12%	88%	634
UT	7%	93%	209
Weighted NCI Average	6%	94%	8,567

Table 15. Family Member's Activities in the Past Two Weeks Included Unpaid Activity in the Community⁵

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	16%	84%	211
CA	28%	72%	4,554
FL	23%	77%	336
GA	27%	73%	320
MD	14%	86%	355
MN	23%	77%	514
NH	45%	55%	380
NC	40%	60%	189
PA	24%	76%	588
SD	17%	83%	604
UT	26%	74%	196
Weighted NCI Average	27%	73%	8,247

⁴ Paid work in a community job that primarily hires people with disabilities is defined as work in a setting where the person interacts with the non-disabled population; this is NOT in a traditional sheltered workshop and NOT enclave.

⁵ Unpaid work in the community includes: volunteering, skills training, and staff-supported community connections.

Table 16. Family Member's Activities in the Past Two Weeks Included Paid Activity in a Facility-based Setting⁶

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	19%	81%	215
CA	13%	87%	4,700
FL	18%	82%	350
GA	7%	93%	340
MD	12%	88%	366
MN	43%	57%	529
NH	5%	95%	390
NC	25%	75%	197
PA	23%	77%	614
SD	11%	89%	627
UT	27%	73%	210
Weighted NCI Average	21%	79%	8,538

Table 17. Family Member's Activities in the Past Two Weeks Included Unpaid Activity in a Facility-based Setting⁷

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	61%	39%	206
CA	27%	73%	4,542
FL	35%	65%	348
GA	50%	50%	328
MD	31%	69%	342
MN	23%	77%	523
NH	26%	74%	379
NC	42%	58%	189
PA	31%	69%	586
SD	22%	78%	602
UT	41%	59%	206
Weighted NCI Average	33%	67%	8,251

⁶ Paid work performed in a facility-based setting is defined as work at a location developed specifically to provide work activity exclusively for people with disabilities; may be paid sub-minimum wage. Examples include traditional sheltered workshops or work activity centers.

⁷ An unpaid activity in a facility-based setting includes day habilitation, senior programs, or drop-in centers.

Table 18. Family Member's Activities in the Past Two Weeks Included School

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	4%	96%	209
CA	10%	90%	4,790
FL	6%	94%	345
GA	7%	93%	338
MD	3%	97%	366
MN	2%	98%	529
NH	2%	98%	393
NC	6%	94%	196
PA	4%	96%	616
SD	2%	98%	636
UT	3%	97%	209
Weighted NCI Average	6%	94%	8,627

Table 19. Family Member's Activities in the Past Two Weeks Included Stays at Home

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	25%	75%	199
CA	27%	73%	4,646
FL	28%	72%	332
GA	26%	74%	335
MD	45%	55%	357
MN	27%	73%	524
NH	40%	60%	379
NC	15%	85%	199
PA	32%	68%	592
SD	48%	52%	613
UT	20%	81%	200
Weighted NCI Average	27%	73%	8,376

Table 20. Family Member's Activities in the Past Two Weeks Included Other Activities

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	36%	64%	76
CA	48%	52%	1,726
FL	43%	57%	139
GA	38%	62%	109
MD	67%	33%	42
MN	21%	79%	195
NH	62%	38%	143
NC	39%	61%	70
PA	51%	49%	237
SD	44%	56%	177
UT	40%	60%	77
Weighted NCI Average	42%	58%	2,991

Table 21. Family Member's Support Needs for Self-Injurious, Disruptive, and/or Destructive Behaviors

All data are reported by the respondent based on their understanding of their family member's demographics, diagnoses and personal characteristics.

State	None	Some	Extensive	N
AZ	32%	41%	28%	218
CA	40%	37%	23%	5,127
FL	34%	35%	31%	354
GA	35%	33%	31%	362
MD	31%	40%	28%	388
MN	38%	41%	21%	539
NH	37%	39%	25%	415
NC	19%	46%	35%	205
PA	26%	38%	37%	655
SD	38%	44%	17%	650
UT	20%	43%	37%	222
Weighted NCI Average	33%	39%	28%	9,135

Table 22. Family Member's Level of Help Needed With Personal Care Activities (e.g., bathing, dressing, eating)

State	None	Some	Extensive	N
AZ	16%	43%	42%	218
CA	33%	35%	32%	5,180
FL	19%	36%	45%	360
GA	19%	37%	43%	366
MD	24%	34%	42%	389
MN	27%	43%	30%	547
NH	26%	38%	36%	422
NC	14%	36%	50%	207
PA	15%	36%	49%	664
SD	34%	37%	29%	657
UT	18%	42%	40%	225
Weighted NCI Average	24%	37%	39%	9,235

Table 23. Family Member's Need for Help With Other Daily Activities (e.g., scheduling, managing money, or shopping)

State	None	Some	Extensive	N
AZ	3%	10%	87%	220
CA	5%	30%	64%	5,165
FL	4%	12%	83%	362
GA	2%	16%	83%	366
MD	2%	15%	84%	391
MN	3%	27%	70%	546
NH	1%	23%	75%	423
NC	0%	13%	86%	208
PA	2%	13%	84%	661
SD	5%	32%	63%	662
UT	2%	16%	82%	225
Weighted NCI Average	3%	21%	76%	9,229

Respondents

This section provides demographic information about the respondent.

Table 24. Language Spoken at Home

State	English	Spanish	Other	N
AZ	98%	1%	1%	223
CA	93%	3%	5%	5,212
FL	96%	4%	1%	358
GA	98%	0%	2%	367
MD	99%	0%	1%	389
MN	99%	0%	1%	548
NH	100%	0%	0%	426
NC	100%	0%	0%	211
PA	100%	0%	0%	667
SD	99%	0%	0%	657
UT	99%	1%	0%	226
Weighted NCI Average	97%	1%	1%	9,284

Table 25. Respondent's Age

State	Under 35	35-54	55-74	75 and Older	N
AZ	2%	13%	59%	26%	217
CA	1%	8%	59%	32%	5,214
FL	3%	17%	61%	19%	357
GA	1%	11%	68%	20%	369
MD	1%	8%	61%	30%	383
MN	4%	19%	65%	12%	549
NH	1%	10%	69%	21%	423
NC	1%	19%	62%	19%	210
PA	0%	9%	68%	23%	663
SD	1%	10%	66%	23%	660
UT	1%	18%	60%	21%	225
Weighted NCI Average	2%	13%	62%	24%	9,270

Table 26. Respondent's Health

State	Excellent	Very Good	Fairly Good	Poor	N
AZ	20%	50%	24%	5%	222
CA	18%	44%	32%	6%	5,213
FL	17%	44%	33%	6%	358
GA	16%	41%	37%	6%	369
MD	17%	42%	36%	5%	389
MN	22%	51%	25%	1%	548
NH	21%	49%	26%	4%	425
NC	16%	47%	32%	5%	211
PA	12%	48%	36%	4%	659
SD	16%	48%	34%	3%	660
UT	18%	44%	34%	5%	226
Weighted NCI Average	18%	46%	32%	5%	9,280

Table 27. Respondent's Relationship to Family Member

State	Parent	Sibling	Spouse	Grandparent	Public Guardian	Private Guardian	Other	N
AZ	62%	22%	0%	1%	6%	4%	5%	220
CA	89%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	5,218
FL	53%	20%	0%	2%	1%	4%	21%	357
GA	59%	27%	0%	2%	1%	3%	8%	365
MD	61%	26%	0%	3%	1%	1%	8%	387
MN	56%	20%	0%	0%	7%	6%	10%	547
NH	61%	26%	0%	1%	0%	3%	8%	424
NC	50%	23%	0%	1%	10%	11%	4%	211
PA	60%	37%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	662
SD	70%	22%	0%	1%	1%	3%	3%	662
UT	72%	19%	0%	2%	0%	1%	5%	227
Weighted NCI Average	66%	19%	0%	1%	3%	3%	7%	9,280

Table 28. Respondent's Frequency of Visits With Family Member Last Year

State	Did not Visit	1-3 times	4-6 times	7-12 times	More Than 12 Times	N
AZ	2%	8%	11%	11%	68%	222
CA	5%	9%	8%	10%	68%	5,194
FL	1%	8%	8%	10%	73%	357
GA	1%	12%	13%	17%	56%	369
MD	3%	13%	9%	14%	61%	382
MN	1%	6%	9%	11%	73%	548
NH	4%	8%	12%	12%	64%	425
NC	2%	10%	18%	17%	53%	210
PA	6%	11%	12%	13%	59%	658
SD	3%	12%	11%	13%	61%	650
UT	0%	6%	5%	15%	74%	227
Weighted NCI Average	3%	9%	11%	12%	65%	9,242

Table 29. Respondent's Highest Level of Education

State	No High School Diploma or GED	High School Diploma or GED	Vocational School Certificate Program	Some College	College Degree or Higher	N
AZ	3%	15%	4%	33%	45%	219
CA	4%	12%	4%	26%	53%	5,180
FL	4%	22%	7%	24%	43%	353
GA	4%	20%	6%	22%	47%	367
MD	4%	16%	3%	19%	58%	388
MN	2%	17%	13%	17%	52%	544
NH	5%	19%	4%	17%	55%	424
NC	3%	15%	6%	20%	55%	209
PA	2%	29%	9%	20%	40%	659
SD	3%	23%	14%	20%	40%	652
UT	1%	17%	7%	29%	45%	223
Weighted NCI Average	4%	17%	7%	23%	50%	9,218

Table 30. Total Taxable Household Income of Wage Earners in the Past Year

State	No Earned Income	Up to \$15,000	\$15,001- \$25,000	\$25,001- \$50,000	\$50,001- \$75,000	Over \$75,000	Prefer Not to Say	N
AZ	7%	7%	26%	9%	14%	9%	29%	196
CA	5%	6%	14%	11%	24%	10%	29%	4,588
FL	7%	9%	19%	9%	12%	11%	32%	308
GA	7%	10%	14%	11%	15%	13%	31%	330
MD	3%	7%	9%	13%	28%	9%	31%	352
MN	5%	6%	17%	19%	26%	5%	23%	484
NH	4%	7%	14%	15%	18%	8%	34%	382
NC	7%	4%	19%	15%	21%	7%	28%	166
PA	8%	11%	16%	9%	16%	11%	27%	613
SD	6%	9%	17%	14%	19%	10%	26%	607
UT	5%	6%	23%	16%	20%	10%	19%	208
Weighted NCI Average	6%	7%	16%	13%	21%	9%	28%	8,234

Services and Supports Received

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

Table 31. Services and Supports Received From ID/DD Agency

All data are reported by the respondent based on their understanding of their family member's demographics, diagnoses and personal characteristics; categories are not mutually exclusive, therefore N is not shown. Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State	Financial Support	In-home Support	Residential Support	Day or Employment Supports	Transportation	Other	Self- direction or Fiscal Intermediary Services
AZ	20%	34%	95%	80%	95%	52%	28%
CA	36%	44%	79%	67%	67%	41%	21%
FL	25%	51%	88%	61%	90%	56%	52%
GA	33%	43%	94%	71%	93%	47%	27%
MD	39%	63%	96%	80%	96%	64%	14%
MN	39%	50%	87%	74%	91%	50%	33%
NH	39%	38%	90%	53%	89%	53%	28%
NC	31%	34%	92%	71%	94%	62%	20%
PA	25%	42%	96%	62%	95%	74%	17%
SD	28%	40%	87%	58%	85%	54%	19%
UT	29%	55%	95%	81%	92%	60%	30%
Weighted NCI Average	32%	45%	88%	69%	86%	54%	26%

Table 32. Additional Services and Supports Received

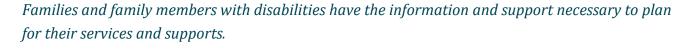
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State	Social Security Payments (SSI/SSB)	Other Agencies or Organizations
AZ	97%	21%
CA	91%	30%
FL	95%	31%
GA	96%	22%
MD	95%	30%
MN	97%	30%
NH	95%	27%
NC	96%	28%
PA	96%	32%
SD	95%	25%
UT	98%	26%
Weighted NCI Average	95%	29%

Family/Guardian Survey Results

Note on Significance: Statistical significance depends on both the amount by which a state differs from the average for a given item and the state's sample size for that item. There may be instances where State A's difference from the average is larger than State B's, but State B is shown as significantly different from the average whereas State A is not. The larger the sample size of a state, the smaller the difference needs to be for it to be statistically significant.

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

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

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

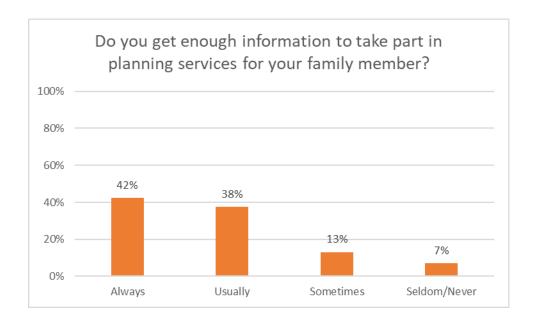


Table Q1. Do you get enough information to take part in planning services for your family member?

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NC	53%	36%	7%	3%	204
FL	50%	34%	11%	4%	335
MN	49%	40%	9%	3%	522

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NH	47%	39%	8%	5%	412
AZ	44%	44%	10%	3%	216
Weighted NCI Average	42%	38%	13%	7%	8,360
PA	41%	39%	15%	6%	609
SD	40%	45%	11%	3%	628

Significantly Below Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	36%	36%	16%	12%	4,530
UT	33%	41%	18%	9%	209
MD	31%	37%	20%	13%	356
GA	29%	37%	24%	9%	339

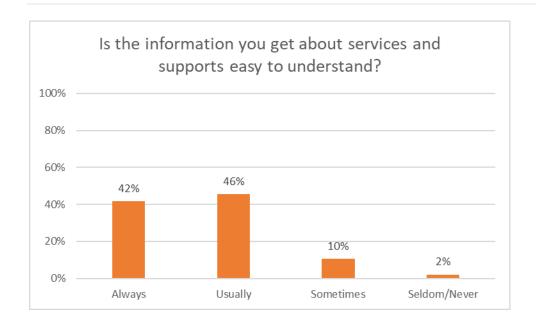


Table Q2. Is the information you get about services and supports easy to understand?

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	49%	41%	9%	2%	4,517

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NH	43%	48%	8%	1%	406
SD	43%	48%	8%	1%	636
PA	42%	45%	11%	2%	626
NC	42%	48%	8%	2%	205
Weighted NCI Average	42%	46%	10%	2%	8,377
FL	41%	47%	11%	1%	337
AZ	40%	51%	7%	1%	216
UT	38%	45%	14%	3%	211
MN	38%	48%	14%	1%	531

Significantly Below Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
MD	31%	47%	17%	5%	350
GA	30%	51%	14%	5%	342



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

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	63%	22%	12%	3%	333
MN	58%	29%	11%	2%	520

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NC	56%	31%	10%	3%	208
NH	54%	30%	10%	6%	404
Weighted NCI Average	50%	29%	14%	8%	8,702
PA	47%	32%	16%	6%	658
AZ	46%	38%	13%	4%	224
GA	44%	29%	16%	11%	359
UT	43%	33%	16%	9%	221

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	44%	28%	14%	13%	4,749
SD	42%	37%	16%	5%	638
MD	34%	32%	21%	13%	388



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

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	77%	20%	2%	1%	352
MN	76%	20%	2%	1%	542

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
UT	72%	22%	3%	2%	218
AZ	69%	27%	2%	2%	216
NH	68%	25%	5%	2%	412
Weighted NCI Average	65%	28%	5%	3%	8,557
NC	63%	31%	2%	3%	206
PA	62%	31%	5%	3%	634

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	59%	28%	7%	6%	4,629
SD	58%	34%	6%	2%	647
GA	53%	37%	6%	3%	337
MD	49%	38%	8%	5%	364

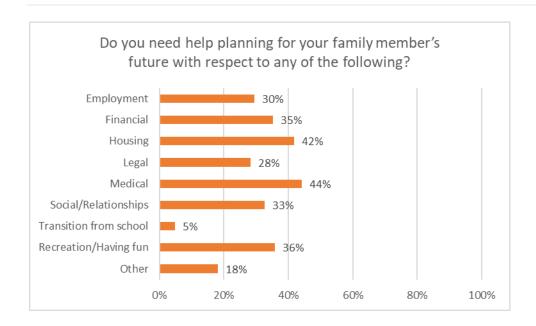


Table Q5. Do you need help planning for your family member's future with respect to any of the following?

Categories are not mutually exclusive, therefore N is not shown

State	Employment	Financial	Housing	Legal	Medical	Social or Relationships	Transition From School	Recreation or Having Fun	Other
AZ	13%	28%	38%	22%	43%	25%	3%	31%	17%
CA	36%	37%	46%	30%	42%	36%	7%	38%	19%
FL	22%	39%	43%	33%	49%	37%	10%	42%	23%
GA	23%	29%	37%	29%	38%	27%	5%	28%	26%
MD	34%	40%	41%	30%	50%	33%	3%	48%	11%
MN	43%	40%	44%	26%	44%	35%	3%	38%	12%
NH	33%	44%	45%	26%	42%	38%	1%	38%	17%
NC	18%	30%	38%	29%	47%	25%	3%	23%	17%
PA	19%	23%	30%	20%	40%	26%	1%	31%	21%
SD	41%	40%	44%	28%	47%	37%	5%	37%	10%
UT	35%	39%	40%	28%	41%	30%	2%	40%	30%
Weighted NCI Average	30%	35%	42%	28%	44%	33%	5%	36%	18%

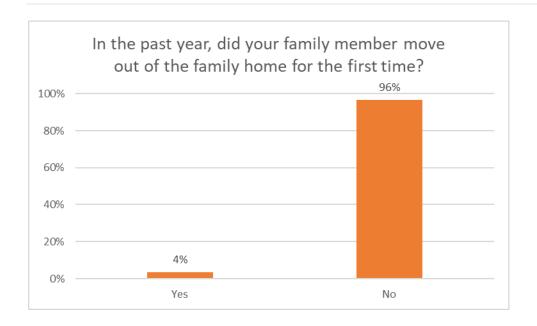


Table Q6. In the past year, did your family member move out of the family home for the first time?

State	Yes	No	N
UT	9%	91%	222

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
GA	6%	94%	361
NH	5%	95%	419
CA	4%	96%	5,093
MD	4%	96%	367
FL	4%	96%	355
Weighted NCI Average	4%	96%	9,056
NC	3%	97%	203
SD	3%	97%	637
MN	3%	97%	544
PA	2%	98%	639
AZ	2%	98%	216



Table Q7. If your family member moved out of the family home for the first time in the past year, did your family member receive enough information about services available to support him/her?⁸

State	Yes	No	N
Weighted NCI Average	86%	14%	282
NH	85%	15%	20

State	Yes	No	N
CA	75%	25%	161

⁸ The following states are not included in the table due to low N (>20), but their responses are included in the NCI Average: AZ, FL, GA, MD, MN, NC, PA, SD, UT

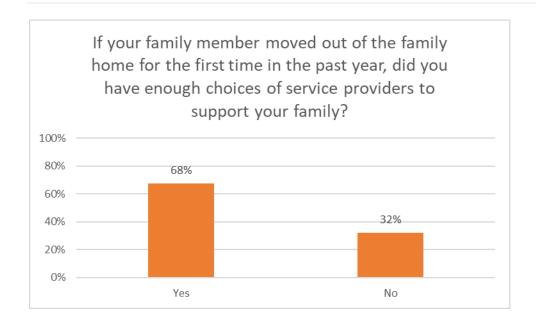


Table Q8. If your family member moved out of the family home for the first time in the past year, did you have enough choices of service providers to support your family? ⁹

State	Yes	No	N
NH	76%	24%	21
Weighted NCI Average	68%	32%	293
CA	66%	34%	171

⁹ The following states are not included in the table due to low N (>20), but their responses are included in the NCI Average: AZ, FL, GA, MD, MN, NC, PA, SD, UT

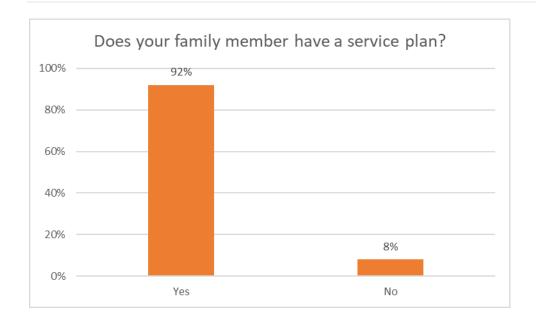


Table Q9. Does your family member have a service plan?

State	Yes	No	N
PA	98%	2%	568

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
FL	95%	5%	342
NC	93%	7%	180
AZ	93%	7%	212
SD	92%	8%	526
Weighted NCI Average	92%	8%	7,664
NH	92%	8%	387
CA	91%	9%	4,152
MN	91%	9%	514
UT	89%	11%	177

State	Yes	No	N
MD	85%	15%	327
GA	85%	15%	279

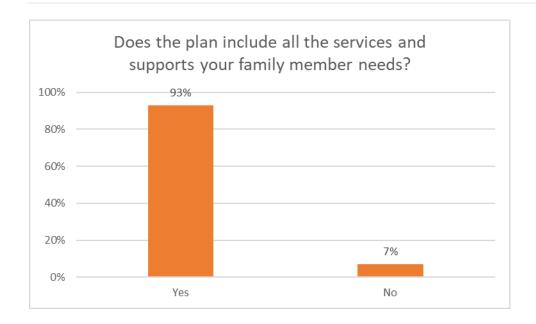


Table Q10. Does the plan include all the services and supports your family member needs?

State	Yes	No	N
PA	96%	4%	515
MN	96%	4%	428

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
NC	96%	4%	162
AZ	96%	4%	174
SD	95%	5%	446
UT	95%	5%	135
Weighted NCI Average	93%	7%	6,218
FL	92%	8%	308
NH	91%	9%	332
GA	88%	12%	208
MD	88%	12%	233

State	Yes	No	N
CA	90%	10%	3,277

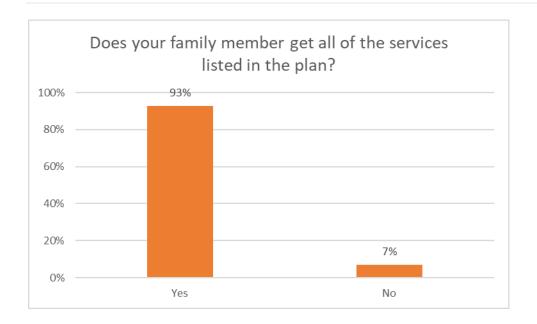


Table Q11. Does your family member get all of the services listed in the plan?

State	Yes	No	N
NC	97%	3%	150
FL	95%	5%	293
MN	95%	5%	414
PA	94%	6%	479
Weighted NCI Average	93%	7%	5,869
AZ	92%	8%	167
CA	91%	9%	3,095
NH	91%	9%	322
SD	90%	10%	423
UT	88%	12%	123

State	Yes	No	N
GA	86%	14%	189
MD	85%	15%	214

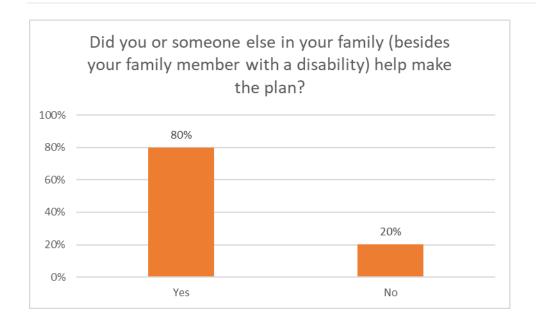


Table Q12. Did you or someone else in your family (besides your family member with a disability) help make the plan?

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
MN	88%	12%	446
NH	88%	12%	338
NC	87%	13%	166
SD	86%	14%	456

State	Yes	No	N
UT	85%	15%	142
GA	83%	17%	222
MD	83%	17%	250
AZ	82%	18%	177
Weighted NCI Average	80%	20%	6,540
FL	78%	22%	315

State	Yes	No	N
CA	73%	27%	3,501
PA	70%	30%	527

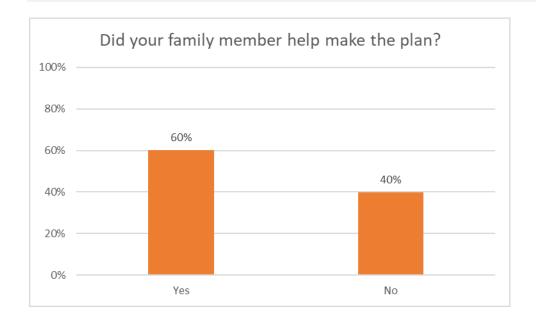


Table Q13. Did your family member help make the plan?

State	Yes	No	N
SD	81%	19%	449
MN	78%	22%	438

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
UT	66%	34%	144
NH	64%	36%	340
MD	64%	36%	250
CA	62%	38%	3,360
GA	61%	39%	221
Weighted NCI Average	60%	40%	6,369
FL	60%	40%	314

State	Yes	No	N
NC	49%	51%	166
PA	49%	51%	510
AZ	45%	55%	177

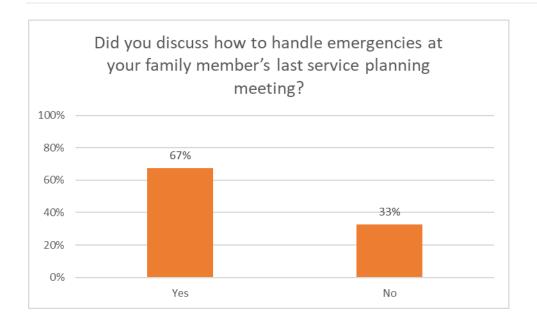


Table Q14. Did you discuss how to handle emergencies (such as a medical emergency or a natural disaster) at your family member's last service planning meeting?

Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
FL	90%	10%	298
NC	80%	20%	155
MN	80%	20%	424
SD	75%	25%	436

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
Weighted NCI Average	67%	33%	5,721
PA	62%	38%	450
GA	60%	40%	198
UT	60%	40%	130

State	Yes	No	N
NH	57%	43%	296
MD	56%	44%	228
AZ	50%	50%	165
CA	48%	52%	2,941

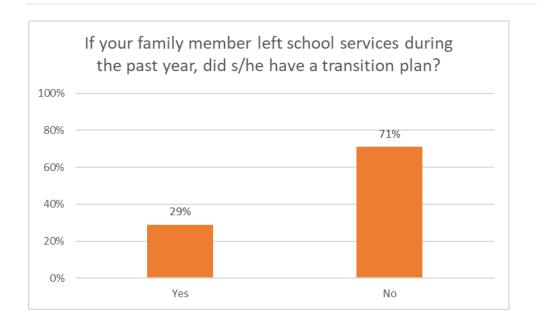


Table Q15. If your family member left school services during the past year, did s/he have a transition plan?¹⁰ Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State	Yes	No	N
UT	38%	63%	24
MN	33%	67%	30
CA	30%	70%	167
Weighted NCI Average	29%	71%	352

State	Yes	No	N
NH	15%	85%	52

¹⁰ The following states are not included in the table due to low N (>20), but their responses are included in the NCI Average: AZ, FL, GA, MD, NC, PA, SD

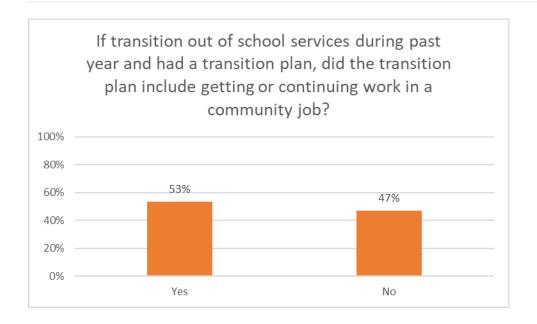


Table Q16. If transition out of school services during past year and had a transition plan, did the transition plan include getting or continuing work in a community job? ¹¹

State	Yes	No	N
Weighted NCI Average	53%	47%	91
CA	40%	60%	47

¹¹ The following states are not included in the table due to low N (>20), but their responses are included in the NCI Average: AZ, FL, GA, MD, MN, NC, NH, PA, SD, UT

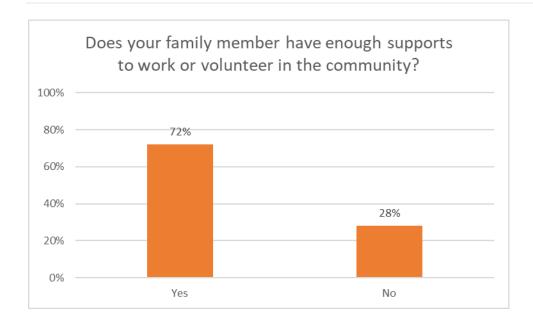


Table Q17. Does your family member have enough supports (for example, support workers, community resources) to work or volunteer in the community?

Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
MN	84%	16%	443
NH	79%	21%	312

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
PA	77%	23%	387
SD	75%	25%	474
NC	73%	27%	141
Weighted NCI Average	72%	28%	5,902
CA	69%	31%	3,195
UT	67%	33%	152
AZ	67%	33%	127
FL	66%	34%	211
MD	64%	36%	223

State	Yes	No	N
GA	56%	44%	237

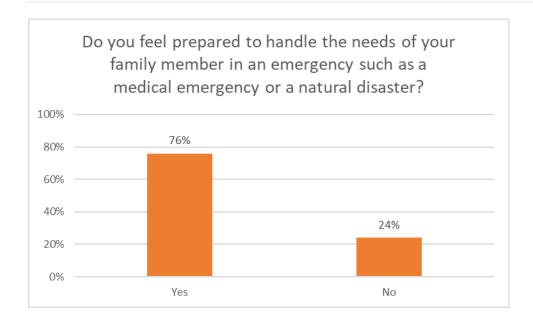


Table Q18. Do you feel prepared to handle the needs of your family member in an emergency such as a medical emergency or a natural disaster?

Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
MN	90%	10%	496
FL	86%	14%	328
SD	84%	16%	562

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
NH	77%	23%	370
AZ	77%	23%	197
NC	76%	24%	184
Weighted NCI Average	76%	24%	7,685
GA	75%	25%	316
UT	67%	33%	192

State	Yes	No	N
CA	71%	29%	4,224
PA	69%	31%	514
MD	60%	40%	302

Access and Delivery of Services and Supports

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

Note: Significance is based on "Always" or "Yes" response.
"You" and "Respondent" refers to the person (usually a parent or guardian) filling out the survey.
"Family Member" refers to the person receiving services whom the respondent is answering questions about in this survey.

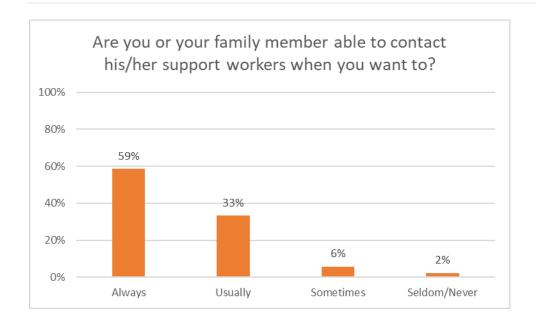


Table Q19. Are you or your family member able to contact his/her support workers when you want to?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	76%	21%	2%	1%	351

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NH	63%	30%	4%	2%	410
NC	62%	33%	5%	0%	196
MN	61%	34%	4%	1%	534
PA	60%	34%	5%	2%	643
Weighted NCI Average	59%	33%	6%	2%	8,505
SD	57%	37%	5%	1%	636
UT	57%	36%	4%	3%	217

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	53%	34%	8%	5%	4,580
GA	51%	37%	9%	3%	358
AZ	49%	41%	9%	1%	219
MD	48%	39%	8%	5%	361



Table Q20. Are you or your family member able to contact his/her case manager/service coordinator when you want to?

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	77%	20%	2%	1%	348
MN	68%	26%	4%	2%	545

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
UT	66%	26%	6%	2%	216
NC	62%	34%	3%	0%	204
NH	61%	33%	4%	2%	413
SD	60%	34%	5%	1%	637
PA	60%	33%	5%	3%	639
Weighted NCI Average	59%	31%	6%	3%	8,635

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
GA	52%	35%	8%	5%	347
CA	51%	34%	9%	6%	4,704
AZ	49%	37%	11%	3%	222
MD	46%	38%	11%	6%	360

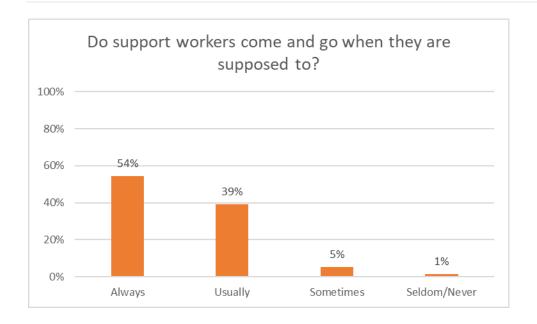


Table Q21. Do support workers come and go when they are supposed to?

Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	69%	29%	2%	0%	288

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
MN	56%	39%	4%	0%	418
Weighted NCI Average	54%	39%	5%	1%	5,830
PA	54%	39%	6%	1%	363
NH	54%	40%	4%	2%	290
UT	52%	42%	6%	0%	155
NC	52%	43%	5%	1%	128
CA	51%	40%	6%	2%	3,223
SD	51%	41%	7%	2%	398
MD	50%	38%	7%	5%	189
GA	46%	45%	8%	2%	221
AZ	45%	45%	8%	2%	157

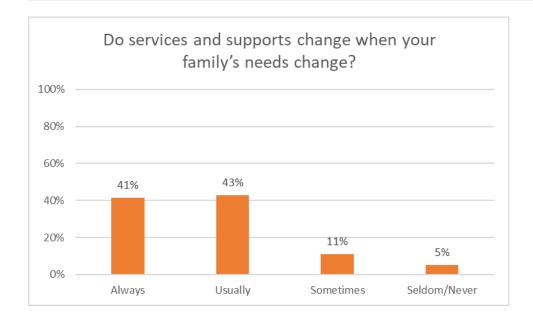


Table Q22. Do services and supports change when your family's needs change?

Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	52%	35%	10%	2%	269

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
MN	47%	40%	11%	3%	415
NC	42%	48%	6%	4%	158
NH	41%	41%	13%	5%	302
Weighted NCI Average	41%	43%	11%	5%	5,836
PA	41%	45%	10%	4%	412
SD	40%	45%	10%	5%	473
UT	38%	46%	12%	4%	164
CA	37%	43%	13%	7%	3,056
MD	35%	38%	16%	12%	208

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
GA	31%	46%	16%	7%	232
AZ	31%	49%	14%	7%	147

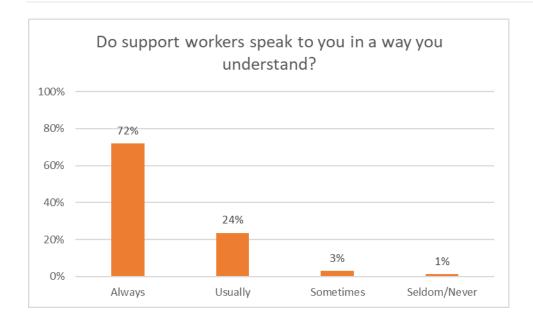


Table Q23. Do support workers speak to you in a way you understand?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	80%	17%	2%	1%	341

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NC	75%	22%	2%	1%	197
MN	73%	23%	4%	0%	511
CA	73%	22%	3%	2%	4,439
NH	73%	23%	4%	1%	383
Weighted NCI Average	72%	24%	3%	1%	8,201
UT	72%	25%	3%	0%	212
PA	70%	27%	3%	0%	611
SD	68%	29%	2%	1%	620

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
GA	65%	31%	3%	1%	345
AZ	62%	34%	3%	1%	202
MD	57%	30%	8%	5%	340



Table Q24. Are services delivered in a way that is respectful of your family's culture?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	83%	15%	2%	0%	341

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	81%	16%	2%	1%	4,548
MN	81%	16%	3%	0%	524
NH	78%	18%	3%	1%	401
Weighted NCI Average	77%	20%	2%	1%	8,336
NC	77%	21%	2%	1%	199
UT	77%	20%	3%	0%	215
PA	74%	22%	3%	0%	605
SD	73%	24%	2%	1%	619
AZ	70%	27%	3%	0%	206

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
GA	64%	32%	3%	1%	340
MD	64%	28%	5%	3%	338

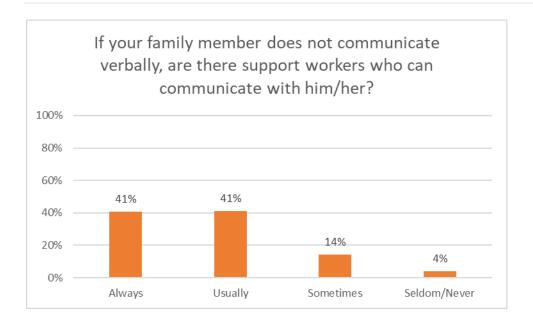


Table Q25. If your family member does not communicate verbally (for example, uses gestures or sign language, or a communication aid), are there support workers who can communicate with him/her?

Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
PA	48%	37%	14%	1%	210
NH	47%	43%	7%	3%	76
SD	43%	47%	9%	1%	131
UT	42%	36%	18%	4%	45
FL	41%	40%	16%	2%	82
MN	41%	43%	9%	7%	76
CA	41%	38%	14%	8%	844
Weighted NCI Average	41%	41%	14%	4%	1,745
MD	40%	40%	12%	7%	97
NC	40%	44%	17%	0%	48
GA	34%	51%	13%	2%	83

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
AZ	25%	51%	19%	6%	53

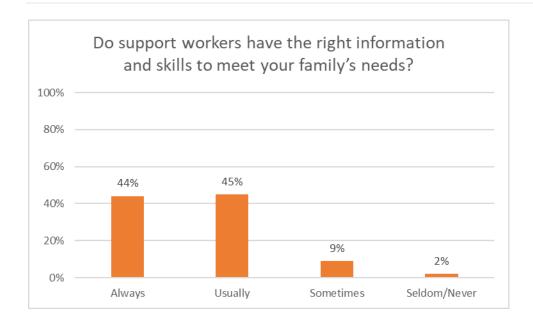


Table Q26. Do support workers have the right information and skills to meet your family's needs?

Do support workers have the right information and skills to meet your family's needs?

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	59%	36%	4%	1%	331

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
MN	46%	45%	8%	1%	501
NH	45%	47%	7%	1%	372
Weighted NCI Average	44%	45%	9%	2%	7,740
CA	44%	44%	10%	3%	4,152
NC	43%	48%	7%	2%	189
PA	42%	43%	13%	2%	574
SD	39%	49%	10%	2%	585
UT	38%	46%	15%	1%	202

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
GA	35%	50%	10%	5%	317
AZ	34%	51%	11%	4%	199
MD	33%	51%	13%	3%	318



Table Q27. Does your family member have the special equipment or accommodations that s/he needs?

Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	67%	27%	3%	3%	181
PA	65%	29%	4%	2%	387
MN	64%	28%	5%	3%	264
NC	62%	35%	2%	2%	113
SD	61%	32%	5%	2%	363
Weighted NCI Average	60%	31%	5%	3%	4,242
NH	59%	31%	7%	3%	206
CA	58%	31%	6%	5%	2,084
GA	55%	36%	8%	1%	189
UT	54%	34%	9%	2%	125
MD	54%	34%	8%	3%	206
AZ	49%	40%	8%	2%	124

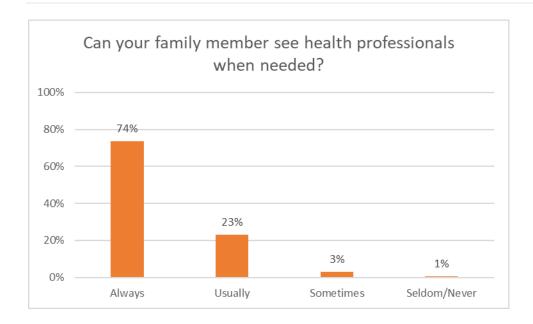


Table Q28. Can your family member see health professionals when needed (for example, doctor, dentist, psychologist)? Do support workers have the right information and skills to meet your family's needs?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	82%	16%	2%	1%	352
NH	81%	18%	1%	0%	423
PA	78%	20%	1%	0%	646
MN	78%	19%	3%	0%	542

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NC	77%	21%	2%	0%	207
Weighted NCI Average	74%	23%	3%	1%	8,940
SD	72%	26%	2%	0%	646
GA	72%	24%	2%	1%	353
AZ	70%	29%	1%	0%	220
MD	67%	28%	4%	1%	365
UT	66%	32%	2%	0%	221

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	67%	27%	5%	1%	4,965

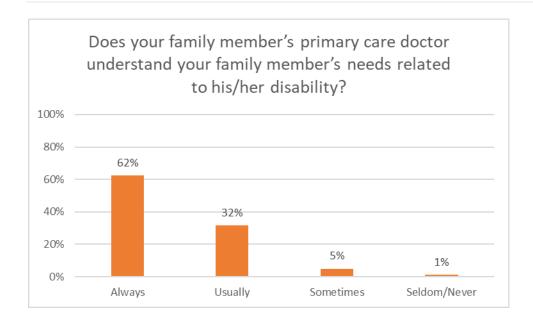


Table Q29. Does your family member's primary care doctor understand your family member's needs related to his/her disability?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
PA	67%	30%	3%	0%	559
FL	67%	28%	5%	0%	331
NC	66%	27%	5%	2%	196
MD	66%	29%	4%	1%	318
MN	65%	31%	4%	0%	525
SD	63%	34%	3%	1%	585
Weighted NCI Average	62%	32%	5%	1%	7,899
NH	62%	33%	4%	1%	399
GA	58%	37%	3%	2%	319
UT	55%	38%	6%	2%	197
AZ	54%	39%	5%	1%	213

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	56%	35%	7%	2%	4,257

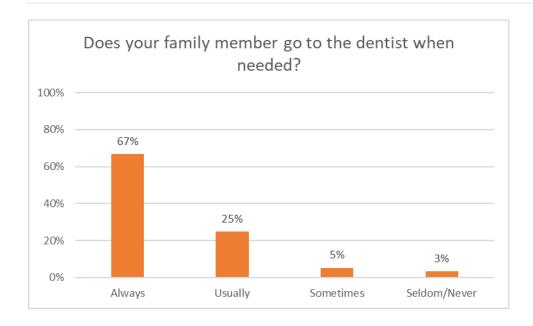


Table Q30. Does your family member go to the dentist when needed?

Do support workers have the right information and skills to meet your family's needs?

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
PA	77%	19%	3%	1%	624
MN	72%	21%	6%	2%	537
SD	71%	25%	2%	1%	637

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NC	72%	26%	1%	2%	200
NH	67%	20%	5%	8%	411
Weighted NCI Average	67%	25%	5%	3%	8,638
MD	65%	27%	6%	3%	349
AZ	64%	27%	5%	4%	220
GA	63%	25%	7%	6%	338
FL	62%	27%	7%	4%	348
UT	60%	31%	6%	3%	217

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	61%	26%	8%	5%	4,757

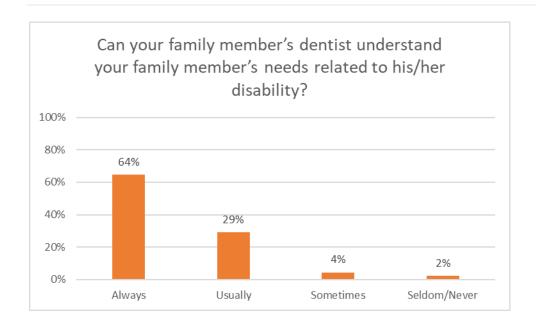


Table Q31. Can your family member's dentist understand your family member's needs related to his/her disability?

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
PA	70%	26%	3%	1%	515

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
MD	68%	27%	3%	2%	290
SD	67%	29%	3%	1%	549
FL	67%	24%	7%	2%	308
MN	65%	28%	5%	2%	485
GA	65%	29%	4%	2%	287
Weighted NCI Average	64%	29%	4%	2%	7,270
NC	63%	33%	2%	2%	178
CA	63%	29%	5%	3%	3,940
NH	62%	32%	6%	1%	336
AZ	59%	37%	4%	2%	200
UT	56%	34%	6%	4%	182

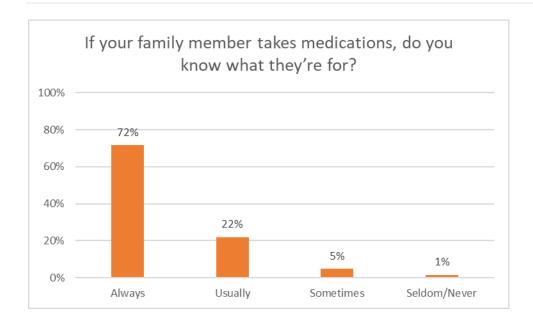


Table Q32. If your family member takes medications, do you know what they're for?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
MN	79%	17%	3%	1%	513
FL	78%	18%	4%	1%	341

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NH	75%	21%	3%	1%	395
AZ	73%	20%	6%	1%	202
Weighted NCI Average	72%	22%	5%	1%	8,098
CA	71%	21%	6%	2%	4,353
NC	71%	24%	3%	1%	202
GA	69%	26%	3%	2%	339

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
PA	66%	27%	6%	1%	606
SD	65%	28%	7%	1%	600
MD	61%	29%	8%	2%	342
UT	60%	29%	6%	4%	205

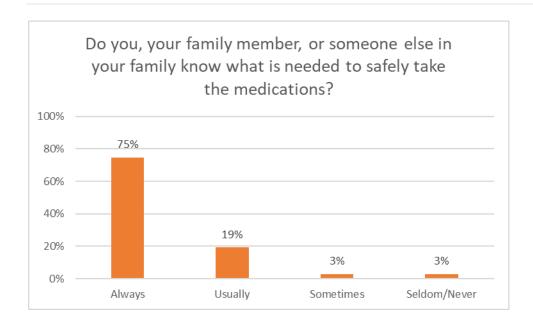


Table Q33. Do you, your family member, or someone else in your family know what is needed to safely take the medications (when it should be taken, how much to take, and the potential side effects)?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	81%	15%	1%	3%	329

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
MN	78%	17%	3%	2%	502
NH	78%	17%	2%	3%	372
NC	77%	21%	1%	2%	190
GA	75%	19%	3%	3%	318
Weighted NCI Average	75%	19%	3%	3%	7,590
CA	74%	19%	4%	3%	4,061
AZ	72%	20%	5%	3%	197
PA	71%	21%	4%	4%	547

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
SD	69%	25%	3%	3%	571
MD	68%	23%	6%	4%	308
UT	62%	29%	6%	4%	195



Table Q34. If your family member uses mental health services, does the mental health professional understand your family member's needs related to his/her disability?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	72%	25%	2%	1%	209

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
MN	62%	32%	5%	2%	299
SD	58%	32%	7%	2%	336
Weighted NCI Average	58%	33%	7%	3%	4,592
MD	58%	30%	10%	2%	206
PA	58%	33%	7%	2%	416
GA	57%	34%	5%	3%	206
AZ	56%	34%	7%	2%	122
NC	54%	37%	6%	3%	144
UT	54%	34%	7%	5%	109
CA	53%	33%	9%	4%	2,342
NH	51%	40%	6%	2%	203

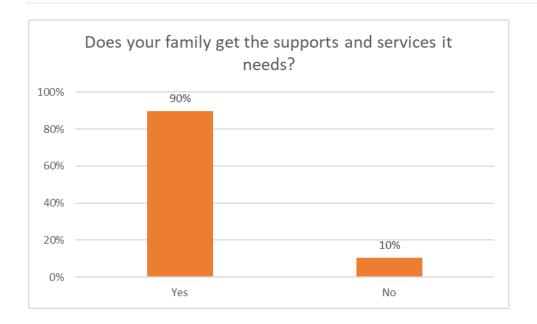


Table Q35. Does your family get the supports and services it needs?

Do support workers have the right information and skills to meet your family's needs?

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
PA	94%	6%	569
MN	93%	7%	506
SD	93%	7%	593

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
MD	93%	7%	310
AZ	91%	9%	213
NC	91%	9%	194
FL	90%	10%	332
Weighted NCI Average	90%	10%	7,754
NH	88%	12%	372
UT	87%	13%	197

State	Yes	No	N
CA	86%	14%	4,156
GA	83%	17%	312

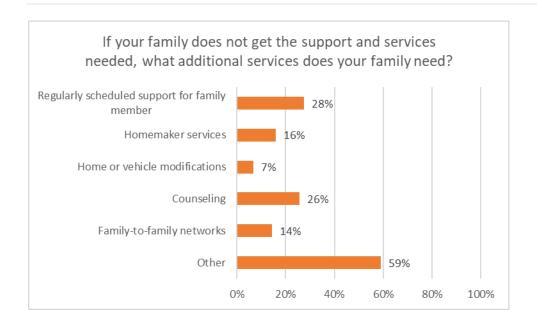


Table Q36. If your family does not get the support and services needed, what additional services does your family need?

Categories are not mutually exclusive, therefore N is not shown. Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State	Regularly Scheduled Support for Family Member	Homemaker Services	Home or Vehicle Modifications	Counseling	Family-to- family Networks	Other
AZ	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA	31%	20%	8%	36%	15%	56%
FL	19%	15%	12%	0%	0%	81%
GA	29%	7%	7%	31%	13%	64%
MD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
MN	19%	19%	0%	19%	6%	66%
NH	46%	8%	3%	22%	5%	62%
NC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
PA	9%	18%	14%	32%	18%	55%
SD	32%	32%	0%	32%	13%	42%
UT	31%	12%	12%	42%	27%	35%
Weighted NCI Average	28%	16%	7%	26%	14%	59%

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.

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

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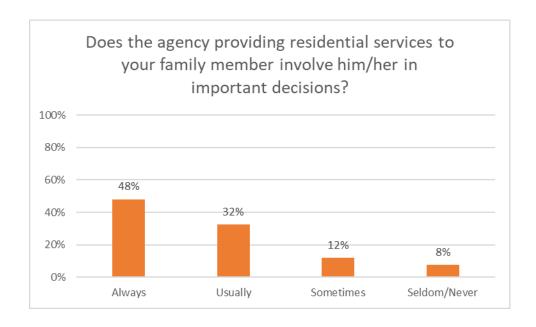


Table Q37. Does the agency providing residential services to your family member involve him/her in important decisions?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	60%	21%	12%	8%	305
MN	57%	33%	7%	3%	492

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	49%	32%	10%	9%	3,606
NH	49%	36%	10%	5%	351
Weighted NCI Average	48%	32%	12%	8%	6,937
SD	48%	41%	7%	4%	510
MD	46%	33%	12%	9%	307
UT	45%	38%	10%	7%	193
NC	40%	37%	16%	6%	178

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
PA	41%	36%	13%	10%	521
GA	38%	32%	17%	12%	285
AZ	36%	35%	15%	14%	189

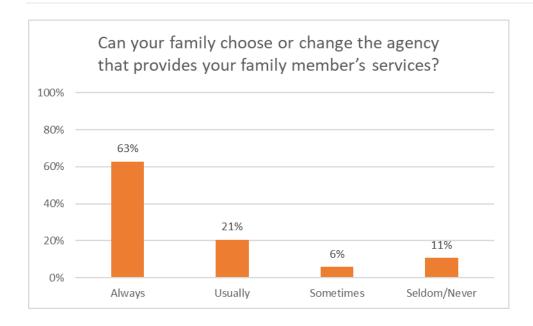


Table Q38. Can your family choose or change the agency that provides your family member's services?

Significantly Above Average

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	76%	12%	5%	7%	282

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
UT	70%	20%	7%	3%	183
MN	67%	22%	4%	7%	410
NH	67%	20%	4%	10%	273
NC	64%	20%	6%	9%	149
SD	63%	21%	4%	12%	430
Weighted NCI Average	63%	21%	6%	11%	5,145
PA	60%	21%	7%	12%	329
GA	59%	24%	6%	10%	249
MD	59%	20%	7%	15%	217
AZ	54%	28%	6%	12%	154

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
CA	53%	23%	7%	16%	2,469



Table Q39. Can your family choose or change the individual staff that provide the services for your family member? Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	54%	17%	9%	19%	272

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NH	39%	26%	12%	23%	287
CA	33%	24%	14%	29%	2,722
Weighted NCI Average	32%	21%	14%	33%	5,303
SD	31%	19%	11%	39%	390
NC	29%	25%	14%	32%	142
AZ	27%	22%	14%	37%	153
MN	26%	21%	16%	36%	403
GA	25%	19%	18%	38%	229
UT	24%	22%	15%	38%	156

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
PA	22%	16%	18%	45%	341
MD	16%	13%	16%	55%	208

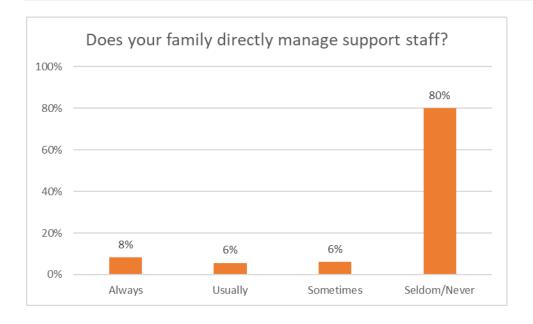


Table Q40. Does your family directly manage support staff?

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	23%	10%	10%	57%	257

Within Average Range

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NH	11%	4%	6%	79%	316
MN	9%	4%	6%	81%	398
CA	9%	7%	9%	76%	3,139
Weighted NCI Average	8%	6%	6%	80%	6,109
GA	7%	5%	3%	85%	259
SD	7%	5%	4%	85%	447
NC	5%	6%	4%	85%	143

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
AZ	4%	3%	7%	86%	155
UT	3%	5%	3%	89%	169
PA	2%	2%	2%	94%	544
MD	2%	2%	4%	92%	282

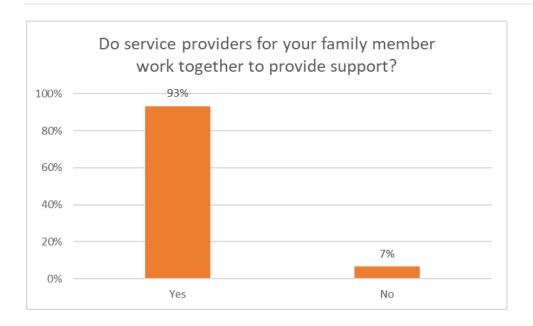


Table Q41. Do service providers for your family member work together to provide support?

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
UT	97%	3%	171
PA	96%	4%	449

State	Yes	No	N
SD	96%	4%	466
NH	95%	5%	297
GA	95%	5%	253
FL	95%	5%	282
MN	94%	6%	443
Weighted NCI Average	93%	7%	6,225
AZ	93%	7%	159
NC	93%	7%	149
MD	92%	8%	258
CA	91%	9%	3,298

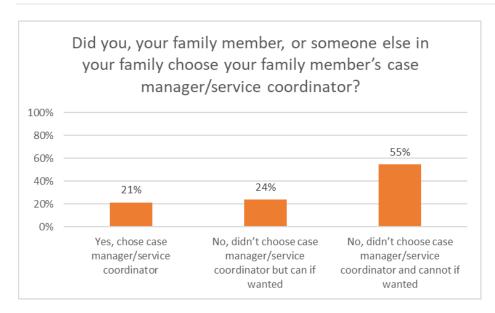


Table Q42. Did you, your family member, or someone else in your family choose your family member's case manager/service coordinator?

State	Yes, chose case manager/service coordinator	No, didn't choose case manager/service coordinator but can change if wanted	No, didn't choose case manager/service coordinator and cannot change if wanted	N
FL	71%	23%	6%	337
UT	58%	35%	8%	193
SD	40%	45%	15%	571
NH	28%	59%	13%	359

Within Average Range

State	Yes, chose case manager/service coordinator	No, didn't choose case manager/service coordinator but can change if wanted	No, didn't choose case manager/service coordinator and cannot change if wanted	N
Weighted NCI Average	21%	55%	24%	7,198
MD	17%	49%	34%	302

State	Yes, chose case manager/service coordinator	No, didn't choose case manager/service coordinator but can change if wanted	No, didn't choose case manager/service coordinator and cannot change if wanted	N
GA	15%	52%	32%	305
PA	14%	54%	32%	501
AZ	11%	71%	18%	202
CA	9%	65%	25%	3,802
MN	9%	65%	26%	460
NC	8%	58%	33%	166

Involvement in the Community



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

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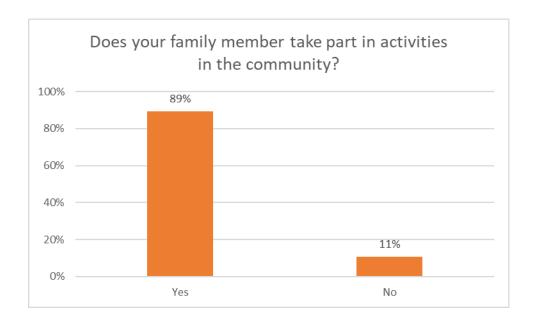


Table Q43. Does your family member take part in activities in the community?

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
MN	94%	6%	538

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
NC	93%	7%	205
UT	92%	8%	219
SD	92%	8%	626
PA	92%	8%	637
GA	90%	10%	354
FL	89%	11%	340
NH	89%	11%	403
Weighted NCI Average	89%	11%	8,618
MD	87%	13%	359
AZ	86%	14%	220

State	Yes	No	N
CA	85%	15%	4,717

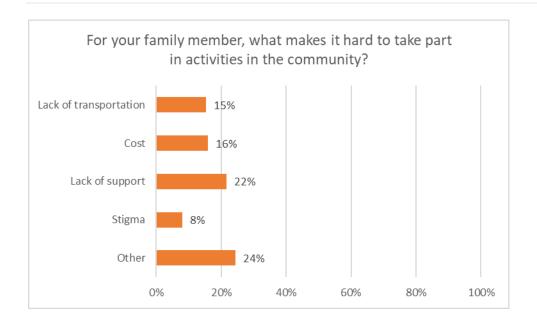


Table Q44. For your family member, what makes it hard to take part in activities in the community?

Categories are not mutually exclusive, therefore N is not shown. Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State	Lack of Transportation	Cost	Lack of Support Staff	Stigma	Other
AZ	14%	13%	22%	11%	27%
CA	21%	20%	17%	10%	25%
FL	11%	15%	15%	6%	25%
GA	13%	16%	23%	9%	22%
MD	15%	11%	31%	7%	26%
MN	21%	17%	35%	7%	18%
NH	18%	22%	20%	6%	25%
NC	8%	14%	20%	7%	23%
PA	8%	7%	17%	7%	29%
SD	21%	20%	33%	5%	21%
UT	21%	19%	32%	9%	27%
Weighted NCI Average	15%	16%	22%	8%	24%

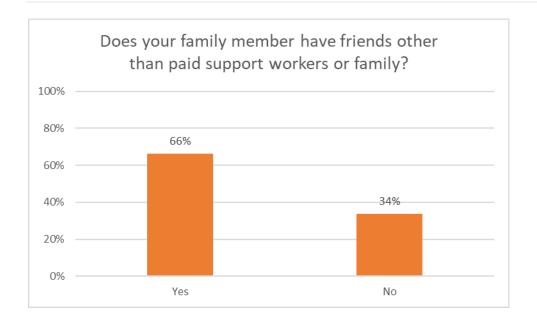


Table Q45. Does your family member have friends other than paid support workers or family?

State	Yes	No	N
SD	77%	23%	588
MN	77%	23%	518
GA	75%	25%	333

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
NH	69%	31%	391
FL	69%	31%	337
UT	67%	33%	207
MD	67%	33%	335
Weighted NCI Average	66%	34%	8,189
CA	65%	35%	4,509
PA	61%	39%	582
NC	59%	41%	192

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	57%	43%	197

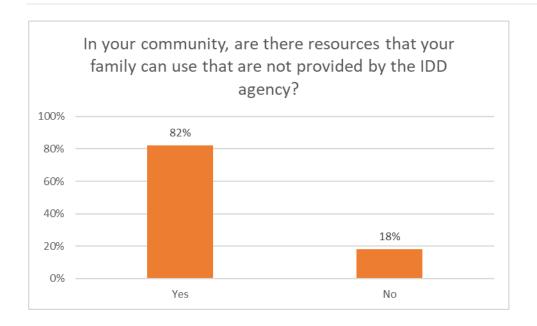


Table Q46. In your community, are there resources that your family can use that are not provided by the IDD agency (for example, recreational programs, community housing, library programs, religious groups, etc.)?

Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
MN	91%	9%	464

State	Yes	No	N
UT	86%	14%	161
MD	86%	14%	238
SD	84%	16%	451
FL	84%	16%	255
Weighted NCI Average	82%	18%	5,925
CA	82%	18%	3,195
GA	82%	18%	224
NH	81%	19%	292
PA	79%	21%	356
AZ	78%	22%	143
NC	73%	27%	146

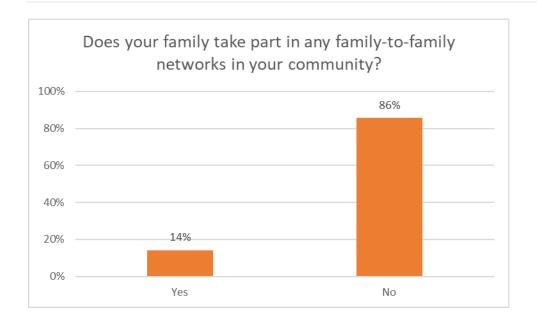


Table Q47. Does your family take part in any family-to-family networks in your community (for example, Parent to Parent, sibling networks, etc.)?

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
SD	18%	82%	521
MD	18%	82%	311
GA	17%	83%	291
FL	16%	84%	297
NC	15%	85%	173
Weighted NCI Average	14%	86%	7,680
CA	14%	86%	4,354
MN	14%	86%	465
PA	12%	88%	532

State	Yes	No	N
NH	9%	91%	356
AZ	9%	91%	194
UT	9%	91%	186

Satisfaction With Services and Supports

Families and family members with disabilities receive adequate and satisfactory supports.
Note: Significance is based on "Always" or "Yes" response.
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questions about in this survey.



Table Q48. Overall, are you satisfied with the services and supports your family member currently receives? Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
FL	57%	34%	8%	1%	355

State	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom or Never	N
NH	44%	43%	10%	3%	421
PA	44%	46%	9%	1%	646
MN	43%	48%	8%	1%	547
Weighted NCI Average	43%	46%	9%	2%	8,994
NC	42%	48%	7%	2%	206
SD	41%	50%	7%	2%	648
CA	41%	46%	10%	3%	4,994
GA	38%	47%	11%	4%	358
AZ	37%	51%	11%	1%	223
MD	37%	47%	13%	3%	371
UT	37%	54%	8%	1%	225

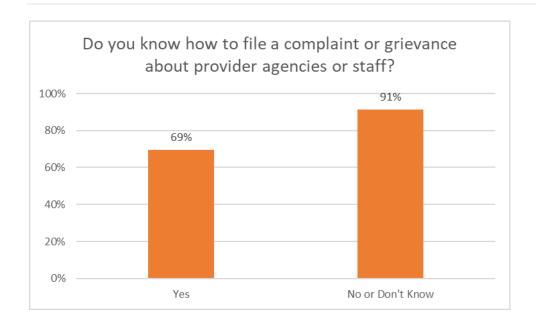


Table Q49. Do you know how to file a complaint or grievance about provider agencies or staff?¹²

State	Yes	No or Don't Know	N
NC	84%	16%	206
FL	82%	18%	357
MN	79%	21%	549
NH	78%	22%	420
SD	77%	23%	650

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No or Don't Know	N
AZ	71%	29%	222
Weighted NCI Average	69%	31%	9,106
PA	68%	32%	657
UT	68%	32%	222
GA	63%	37%	365

State	Yes	No or Don't Know	N
MD	58%	42%	368
CA	54%	46%	5,090

 $^{^{\}rm 12}$ 'Don't Know' responses were included in 'No' responses for this question.



Table Q50. If a complaint or grievance was filed or resolved in the past year, are you satisfied with the way it was handled?

State	Yes	No	N
UT	85%	15%	27
NC	83%	17%	29
NH	76%	24%	62
FL	70%	30%	40
AZ	68%	32%	22
Weighted NCI Average	67%	33%	1,027
SD	65%	35%	92
MN	63%	37%	60
MD	63%	37%	57
PA	62%	38%	102
GA	60%	40%	47

State	Yes	No	N
CA	56%	44%	489

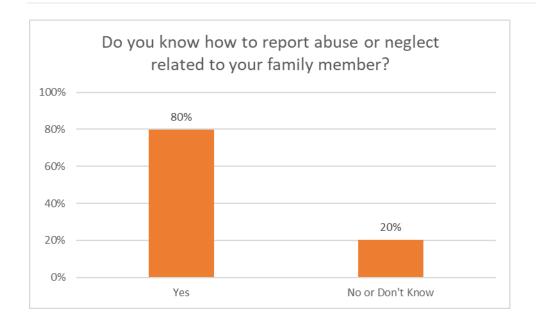


Table Q51. Do you know how to report abuse or neglect related to your family member?¹³
Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No or Don't Know	N
NC	93%	7%	207
MN	91%	9%	549
FL	90%	10%	363
SD	87%	13%	640

State	Yes	No or Don't Know	N
NH	84%	16%	419
Weighted NCI Average	80%	20%	9,130
AZ	79%	21%	221
UT	78%	22%	223

State	Yes	No or Don't Know	N
PA	75%	25%	656
GA	72%	28%	363
CA	69%	31%	5,110
MD	69%	31%	379

 $^{^{\}rm 13}$ 'Don't Know' responses were included in 'No' responses for this question.

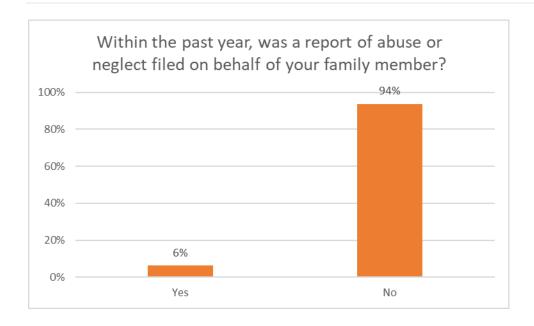


Table Q52. Within the past year, was a report of abuse or neglect filed on behalf of your family member?

State	Yes	No	N
PA	11%	89%	615

Within Average Range

State	Yes	No	N
GA	10%	90%	352
MN	8%	92%	536
MD	7%	93%	358
AZ	7%	93%	219
NH	7%	93%	410
Weighted NCI Average	6%	94%	8,724
NC	6%	94%	198
FL	6%	94%	348
SD	6%	94%	629
UT	5%	95%	218

State	Yes	No or Don't Know	N
CA	4%	96%	4,841



Table Q53. If a report of abuse or neglect was filed on behalf of your family member in the past year, did the appropriate people respond to the report?¹⁴

State	Yes	No	N
NH	96%	4%	24

State	Yes	No	N
CA	86%	14%	134
GA	86%	14%	28
Weighted NCI Average	84%	16%	365
MN	84%	16%	37
PA	83%	17%	48
SD	82%	18%	28

¹⁴ The following states are not included in the table due to low N (>20), but their responses are included in the NCI Average: AZ, FL, MD, NC, UT



Table Q54. If someone outside of your family reported abuse or neglect on behalf of your family member in the past year, were you notified of the report in a timely manner? ¹⁵

State	Yes	No	N
NH	91%	9%	23
PA	83%	17%	48
MN	82%	18%	33
SD	77%	23%	26
Weighted NCI Average	76%	24%	337
GA	75%	25%	28

State	Yes	No	N
CA	64%	36%	118

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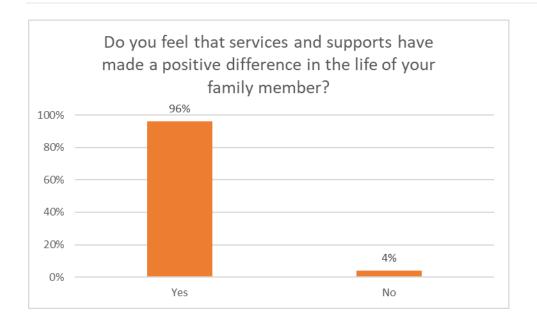


Table Q55. Do you feel that services and supports have made a positive difference in the life of your family member? Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	98%	2%	211
FL	97%	3%	329
MN	97%	3%	524
NC	97%	3%	201
UT	96%	4%	217
Weighted NCI Average	96%	4%	8,500
GA	96%	4%	339
PA	95%	5%	620
CA	95%	5%	4,693
SD	95%	5%	608
NH	95%	5%	406
MD	93%	7%	352

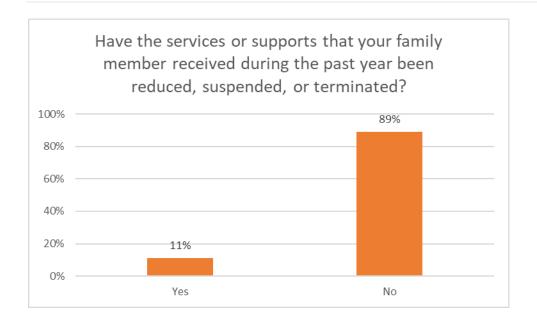


Table Q56. Have the services or supports that your family member received during the past year been reduced, suspended, or terminated?

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
SD	21%	79%	570
FL	17%	83%	318

State	Yes	No	N
MD	14%	86%	333
GA	12%	88%	314
CA	11%	89%	4,280
Weighted NCI Average	11%	89%	7,891
PA	9%	91%	572
NC	9%	91%	187
NH	9%	91%	390
MN	9%	91%	522
AZ	8%	92%	206
UT	7%	93%	199

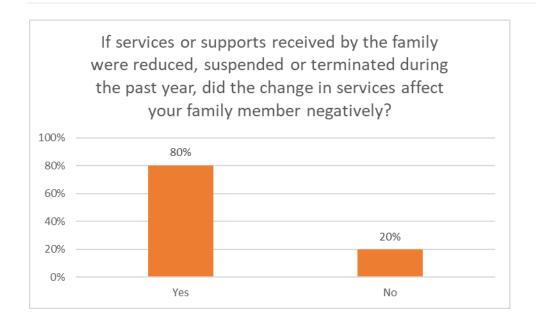


Table Q57. If services or supports received by the family were reduced, suspended or terminated during the past year, did the change in services affect your family member negatively?¹⁶

State	Yes	No	N
FL	84%	16%	45
Weighted NCI Average	80%	20%	758
MD	79%	21%	38
CA	79%	21%	403
SD	78%	22%	95
GA	78%	22%	27
NH	78%	22%	27
MN	72%	28%	39
PA	64%	36%	42

¹⁶ The following states are not included in the table due to low N (>20), but their responses are included in the NCI Average: AZ, NC, UT

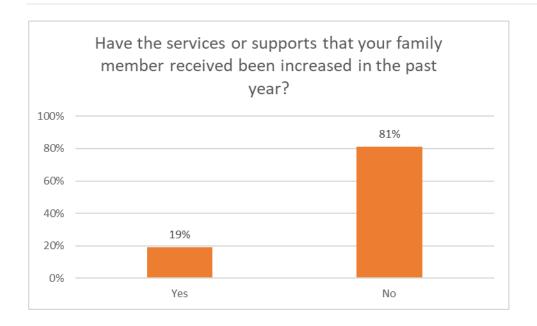


Table Q58. Have the services or supports that your family member received been increased in the past year? Responses to this question might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State	Yes	No	N
NC	23%	77%	170
PA	21%	79%	433
UT	20%	80%	152
NH	20%	80%	350
CA	20%	80%	3,550
MD	19%	81%	275
Weighted NCI Average	19%	81%	6,631
GA	18%	82%	257
SD	17%	83%	497
MN	16%	84%	479
FL	15%	85%	282
AZ	15%	85%	186

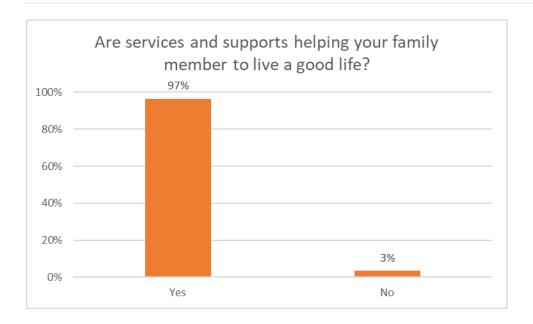


Table Q59. Are services and supports helping your family member to live a good life?

Significantly Above Average

State	Yes	No	N
UT	99%	1%	214
MN	98%	2%	526

State	Yes	No	N
AZ	98%	2%	200
FL	98%	2%	344
PA	97%	3%	599
NC	97%	3%	202
Weighted NCI Average	97%	3%	8,377
CA	96%	4%	4,612
NH	95%	5%	404
SD	95%	5%	601
GA	95%	5%	340
MD	95%	5%	335

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

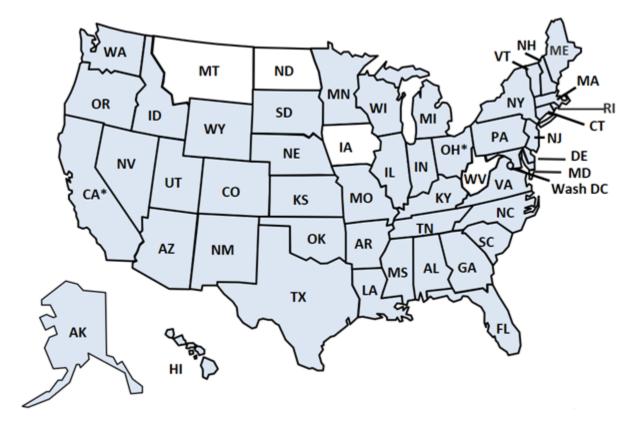
During this initial phase, data collection protocols were developed and field-tested, including a face-to-face Adult In-Person Survey (for individuals age 18 and older who were receiving services) and a mail-out Adult Family Survey (for families who have an adult family member living at home). Seven 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 the NCI website at https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/.

State Participation

During the 2019-20 data collection cycle, 46 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 2019-20



The Core Indicators

The Core Indicators are the standard measures used across states to assess the outcomes of services provided to individuals and families. Indicators address key areas of concern, including employment, respect/rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice, and health and safety. An example of a Core Indicator would be, "The proportion of people who have a paid job in the community." To see the complete list of Core Indicators, please visit the Indicators page on the NCI website at https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/indicators.

Each survey instrument is designed to measure certain Core Indicators. While most indicators correspond to a single survey question, a few refer to clusters of related questions. For example, the indicator that measures Community Inclusion (the proportion of people who regularly

participate in everyday integrated activities in their communities) is measured by several survey questions that ask about several separate community activities.

The current set of performance indicators includes approximately 100 consumer, family, system, and health and safety outcomes—outcomes that are important to understanding the overall health of public developmental disabilities agencies. Indicators are organized across five broad domains: Individual Outcomes; Health, Welfare, and Rights; Staff Stability and Competency; Family Outcomes; and System Performance. Each domain is broken down into sub-domains, as shown in the following table. Four data sources are used to assess outcomes: the Adult In-Person Survey, three Family Surveys, a Provider Survey (e.g., staff turnover), and system data from state administrative records (e.g., mortality rates).

The indicators have remained generally consistent over the last several years and thus can be used to analyze system-level trends over time. However, the NCI program is a dynamic effort that allows for measures to be added, dropped, or changed to reflect current and future priorities of participating states.

The data collection tools used to gather indicator data are regularly refined and tested to ensure they remain valid, reliable, and applicable to current issues within the field. Details on the design and testing of this tool are provided in the next section of this report.

Sub-Domains and Concern Statements

The following table lists the sub-domains under the "Family Outcomes" domain.

Figure 2. Family Survey Sub-Domains and Concern Statements

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 (HCBS) waiver quality management systems and include the information in support of evidentiary reports to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). 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).

For more information on how to use these data for quality improvement, please see this handbook: <u>Using National Core Indicators for Quality Improvement Initiatives</u>. ¹⁷

¹⁷ Located on the National Core Indicators website: https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org → Resources → Technical Reports

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, policy-makers, 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.

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. Prior to that, states only had the option to mail paper surveys. A total of three states had at least a portion of surveys completed via direct entry for the 2019-20 data collection cycle.¹⁸

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 \pm 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 \pm 7%.

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 that conducted the survey. Prior to the 2016-17 survey cycle, the NCI average was calculated as the simple arithmetic mean of all state means (an approach known as "average of averages"). The approach has since been enhanced to consider the relative numbers of people receiving services through participating states' systems. The NCI averages contained in this report are "weighted"

¹⁸ States that used the direct entry or mail and direct entry options were: CA, MD, NC.

¹⁹ See "Response Rates" section for information on total surveys mailed and received by states as well as each state's margin of error.

means; their calculations reflect the relative population sizes of participating states, as well as the sample sizes.

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—that is, 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

For each of the items in the report, each state's percentage was compared to the weighted NCI average (described above), and the differences between the two were 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 allows us to present "meaningfully significant" results, which take the magnitude or size of the differences into account.

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

- 1. **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);
- 2. **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., $p \ge .01$), **or** b) did not meet the effect size criterion (i.e., Cohen's $d \le 0.2$); or
- 3. **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.

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 < .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 = 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, based on the following two criteria:

- 1. The respondent indicated the individual with an intellectual or developmental disability receiving services lived outside of 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 "always" or "yes" response compared to the NCI average²⁰; 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 2019-20, 11 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 following table shows the number of individuals receiving services who were eligible to be drawn into the sample ("total population"), the number of surveys each state sent, complete surveys, response rates, margins of error, and survey submission modes.

²⁰ The NCI Average is a weighted average. Please see the section "Weighting" for more details.

Figure 3. Family/Guardian Survey: State Response Rates²¹

State	Total Population	Surveys Sent	Complete Surveys	Response Rate ²²	Margin of Error	Paper Submission	Direct Entry Submission
AZ	4,395	1,400	225	16.1%	6.36%	100%	0%
CA	28,754	28,754	5317	18.5%	1.21%	74%	26%
FL	11,789	1,800	366	20.3%	5.04%	100%	0%
GA	3,659	1,700	374	22.0%	4.80%	100%	0%
MD	6,819	6,819	397	5.8%	4.77%	82%	18%
MN	12,091	1,200	551	45.9%	4.08%	100%	0%
NH	1,810	1,810	431	23.8%	4.12%	100%	0%
NC	14,945	900	211	23.4%	6.70%	90%	10%
PA	9,050	2,000	669	33.5%	3.65%	100%	0%
SD	1,816	1,800	667	37.1%	3.02%	100%	0%
UT	2,400	1,000	227	22.7%	6.19%	100%	0%
Overall ²³	97,528	49,183	9,435	24.5%	4.54%	90%	10%

²¹ 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.

²² State response rates are calculated as following: the number of complete surveys divided by total surveys sent in that state (type "RR1" as defined by the American Association for Public Opinion Research). For more details on the definition, please see the AAPOR report:

https://www.aapor.org/AAPOR Main/media/publications/Standard-Definitions20169theditionfinal.pdf

²³ Consistent with past years, the overall response rate and margin of error were calculated as the average of state averages, and the overall paper submission and direct entry submission rates were calculated as averages weighted by state total service population sizes (column 2 of this table).