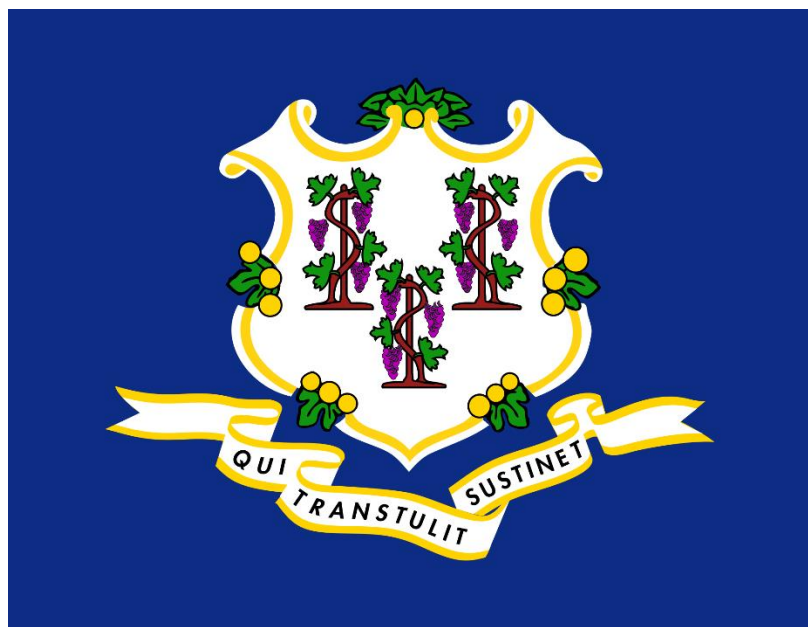


# NCI Adult Family Survey Outcomes

## Connecticut Report

2014-2015 Data



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## **What is NCI?**

The National Core Indicators (NCI) program is a voluntary effort by state developmental disability agencies to gauge and track their own performance using a common and nationally validated set of measures. The effort is coordinated by the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) in collaboration with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI). NCI has developed a set of more than 100 standard performance measures (or “indicators”) that states use to assess the outcomes of services provided to individuals and their families. These indicators focus on areas such as: employment, rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice, health, and safety. During the 2014-15 data collection cycle, 41 states, the District of Columbia and 22 sub-state entities participated in NCI. Not all participating states complete all NCI surveys each year.

## **What is the NCI Adult Family Survey?**

The NCI Adult Family Survey is a mail-in survey sent to families who have an adult family member living in the family home who receives services from the State DD Agency. The survey is used to gather data on family outcomes, and it is refined and tested to ensure that it is valid and reliable. The survey collects demographic information on the individual receiving services and the survey respondent (most often the individual’s parent) as well as information on services and supports received. It contains six groupings of questions (“sub-domains”) that probe specific areas of quality service provision: information and planning, access and delivery of services, choice and control, community connections, satisfaction, and outcomes. Respondents also have the option of writing open-ended comments concerning their family’s participation in the service system.

## **What topics are covered by the survey?**

The National Core Indicators are organized by topic or “domain.” Each domain consists of sub-domains, and each sub-domain is associated with a particular area of concern. The NCI Adult Family Survey includes items to measure the Family Outcomes domain. The table on the following page lists the NCI Family Surveys sub-domains and concern statements.

**TABLE 1. NCI FAMILY SURVEY – SUB-DOMAINS AND CONCERN STATEMENTS**

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

## How were people selected to participate?

States were asked to administer the Adult Family Survey by selecting a random sample of at least 1,200 families of an adult with a developmental disability living in the respondent’s home and who received at least one direct service or support other than service coordination.

All states mailed out a paper survey to families selected in their sample. 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. Both the confidence level and margin of error used are widely acceptable for reviewing results, regardless of population size. 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 included in our national reports those states that submitted fewer than 400 surveys up to a margin of error of no greater than +/- 7%.

## **Limitations of Data**

The NCI Adult Family Survey tool is not intended to be used for monitoring individuals or providers, but rather for assessing system-wide performance. The NCI Statewide Average should not be interpreted as necessarily defining “acceptable” levels of performance or satisfaction, nor does it provide benchmarks for acceptable or unacceptable levels of performance for each indicator. Instead, it describes average levels of performance or satisfaction across the State. It is up to public managers, policy-makers, and other stakeholders to decide what is an acceptable or unacceptable result (i.e., percentage of individuals achieving the indicated outcome).

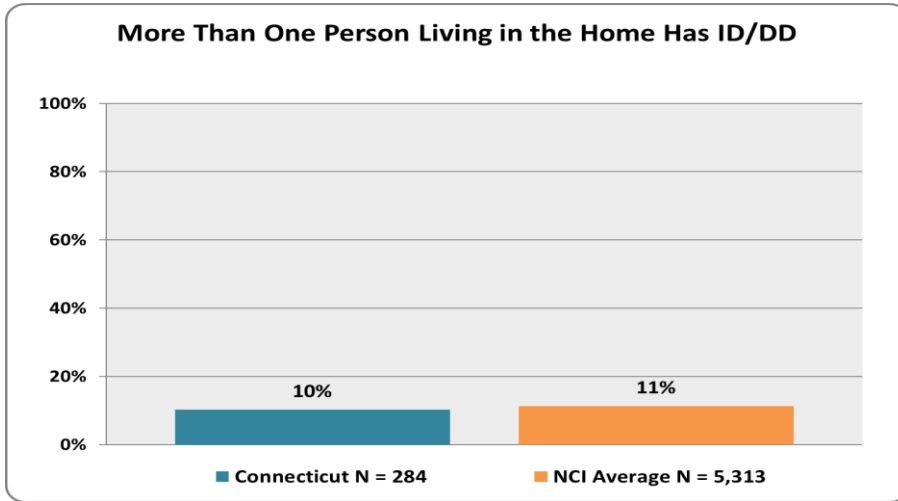
## **What is contained in this report?**

This report illustrates 2014-15 NCI Adult Family Survey demographic and outcome results from Connecticut compared to the NCI Average (the average of all state averages). In 2014-15, 14 states conducted the Adult Family Survey. All results are shown in chart form. Some questions may have a low response rate, particularly questions about knowledge and use of ID/DD money, reporting grievances, and abuse or neglect. States with less than 20 responses to a particular question were excluded from analysis for that question. The number of responses per each question by state and across NCI states are included in each chart. All state and national data results for this survey can be found online at <http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/resources/reports/>.

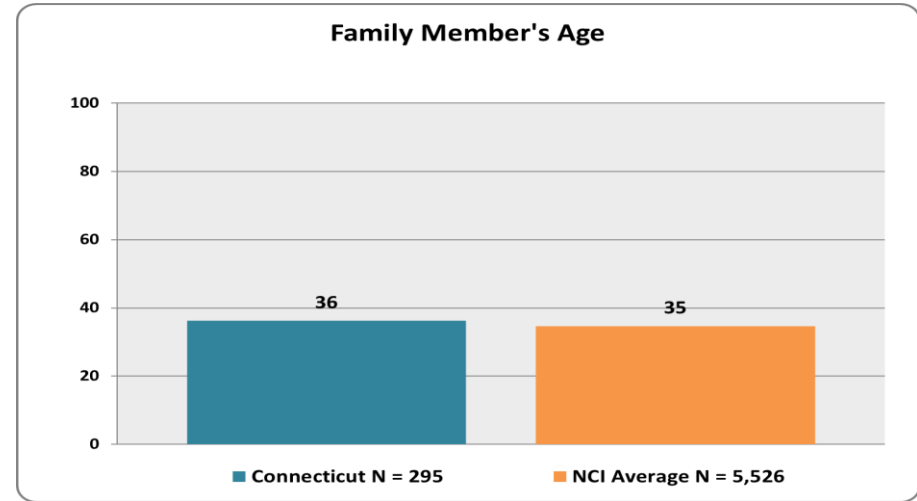
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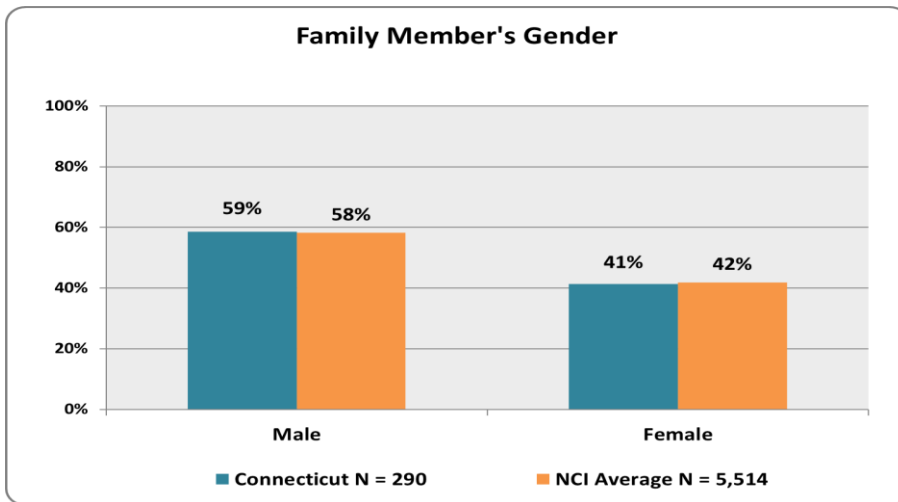
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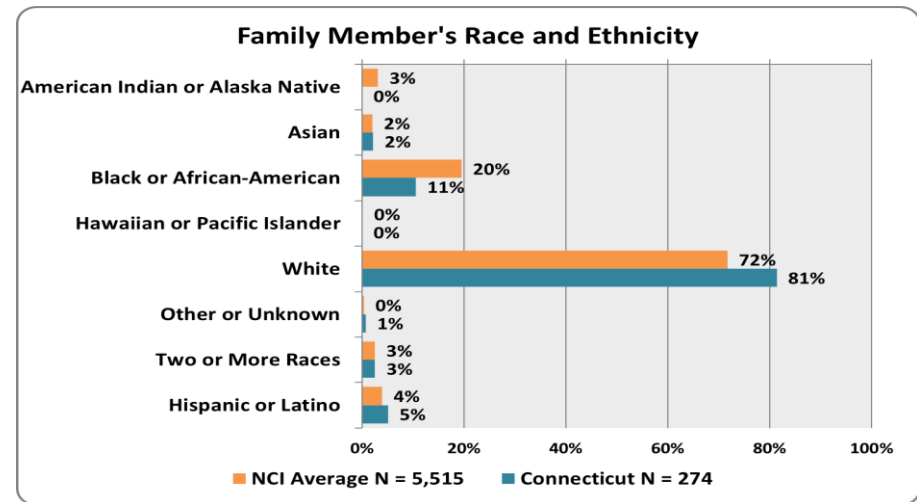
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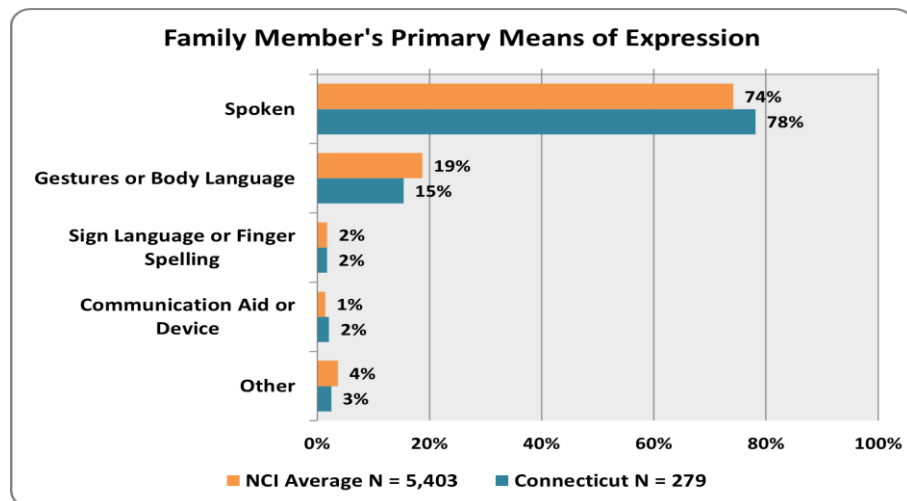
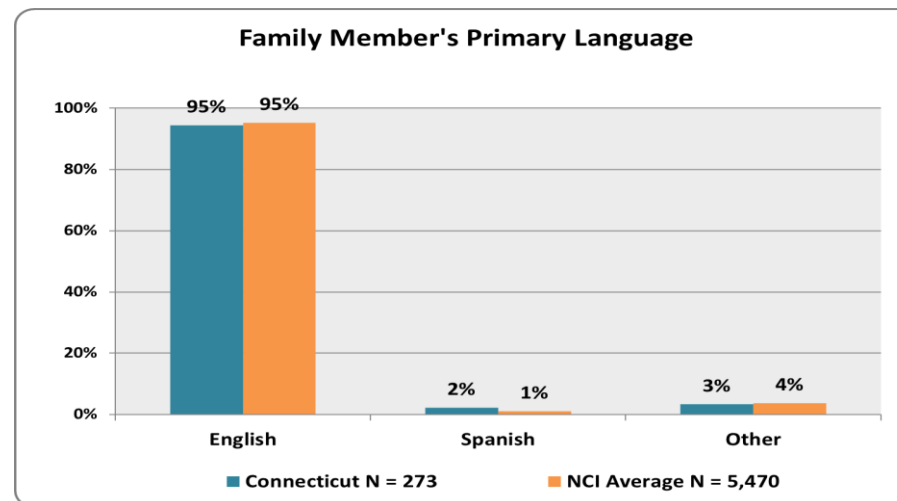
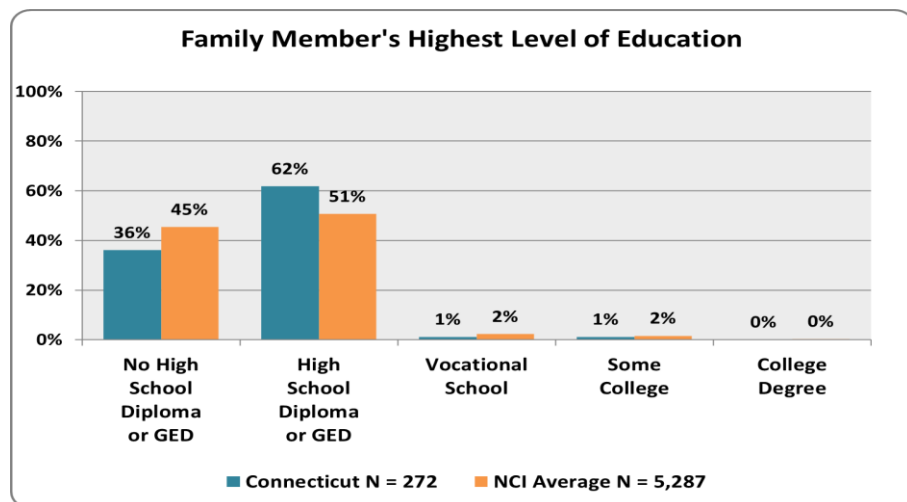
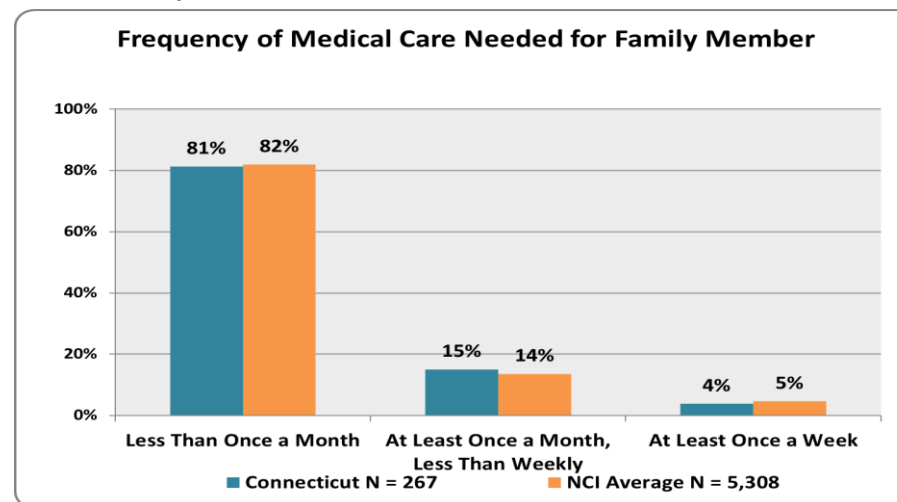


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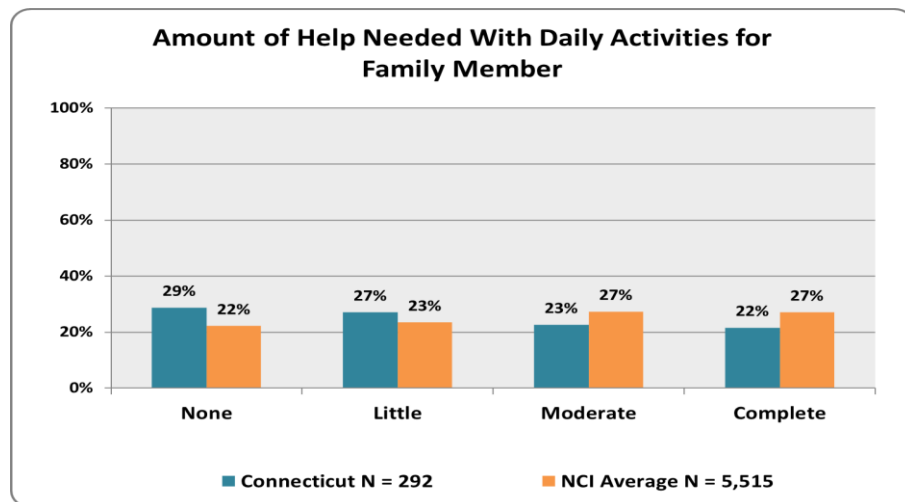


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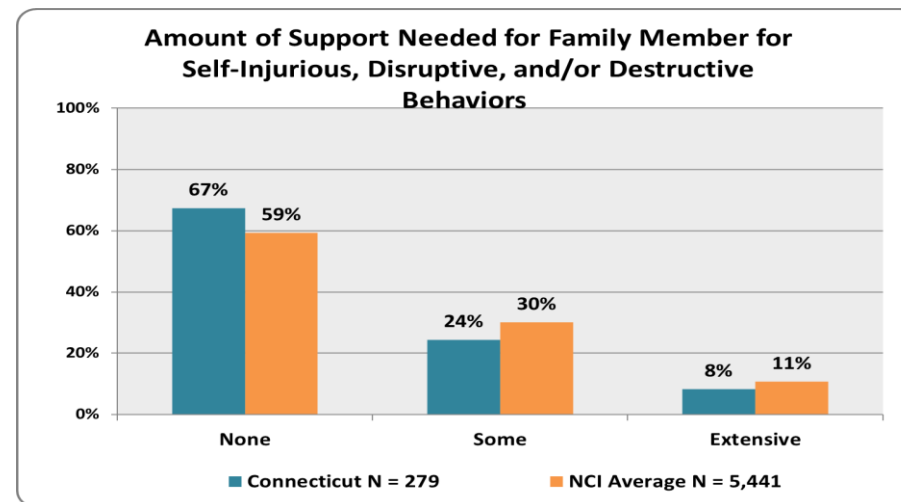


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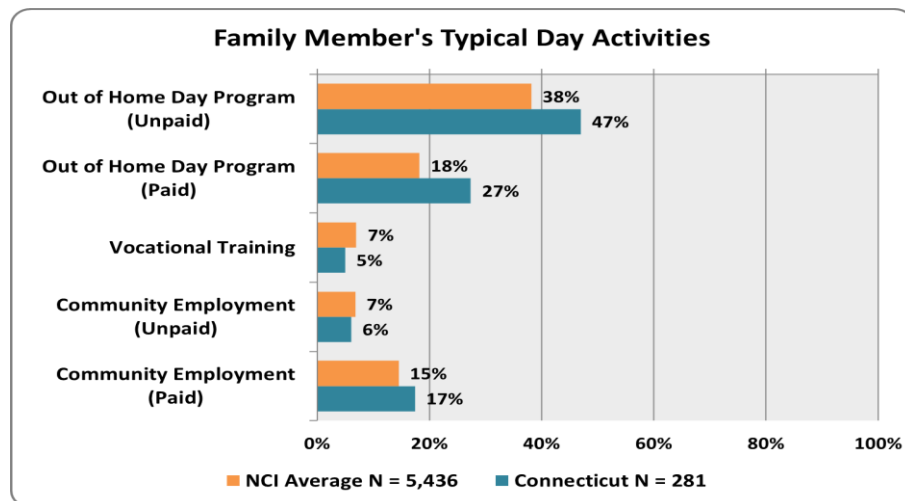
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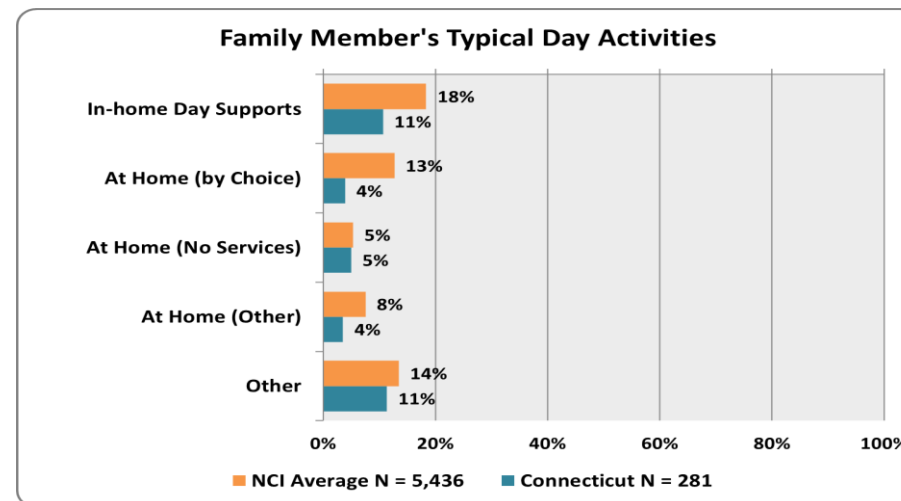
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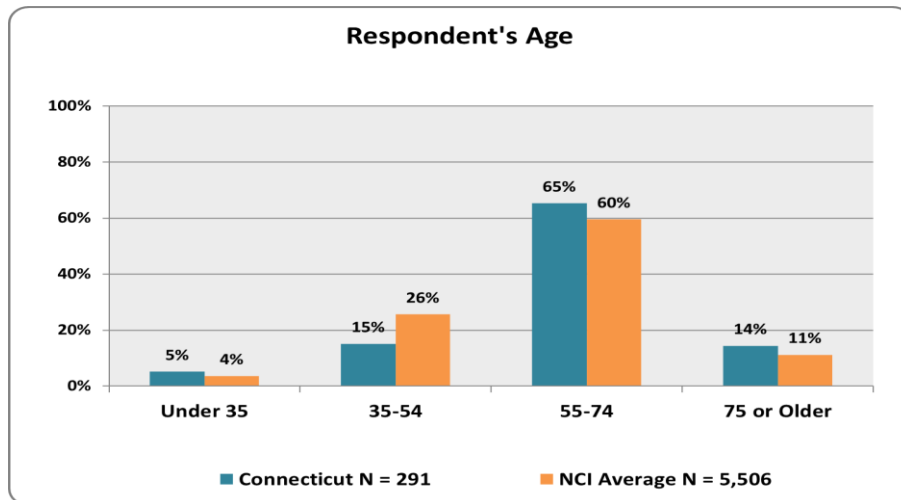
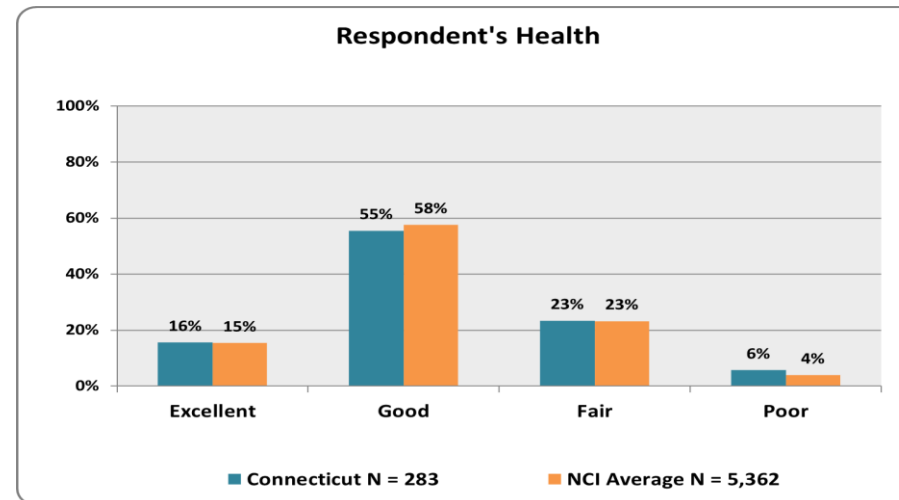
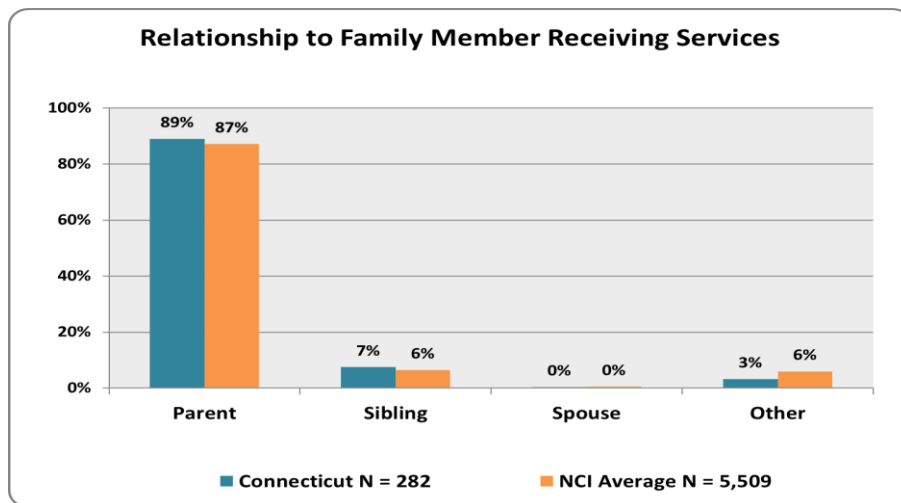
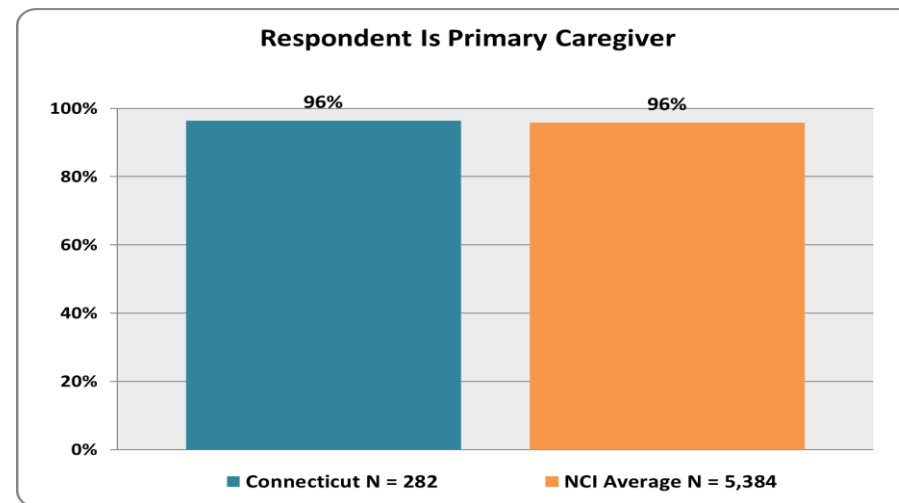


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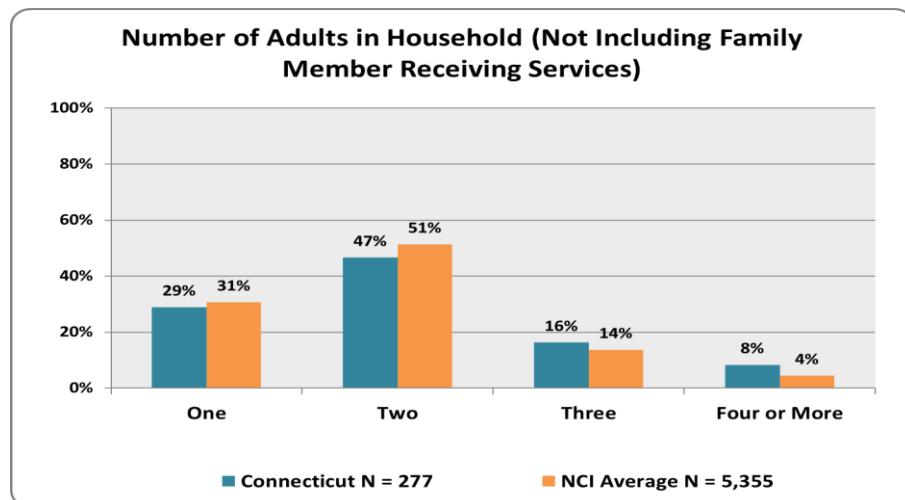


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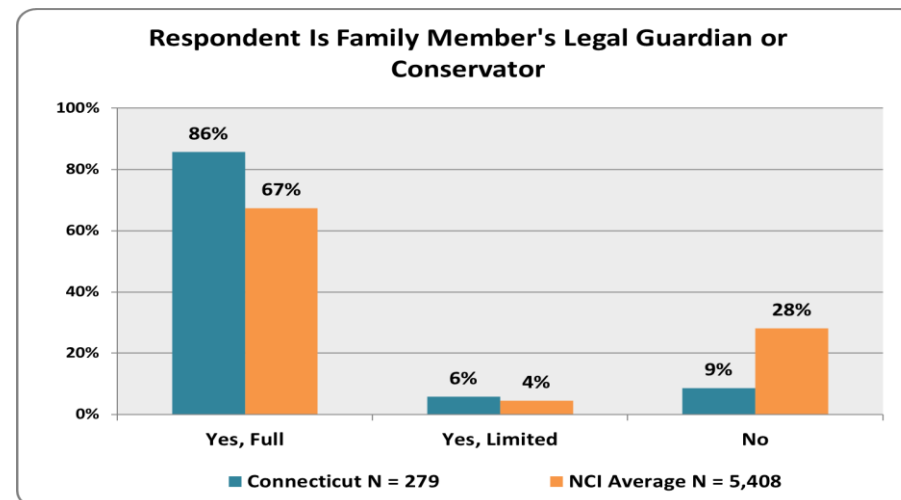
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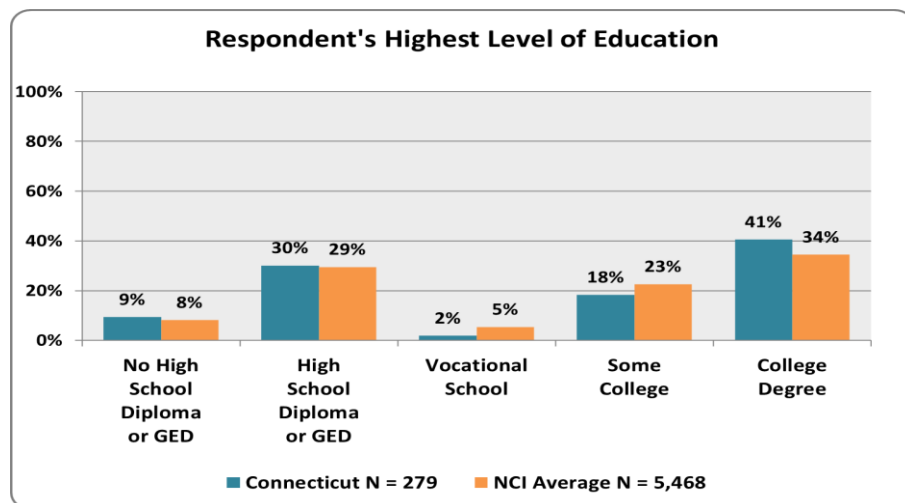
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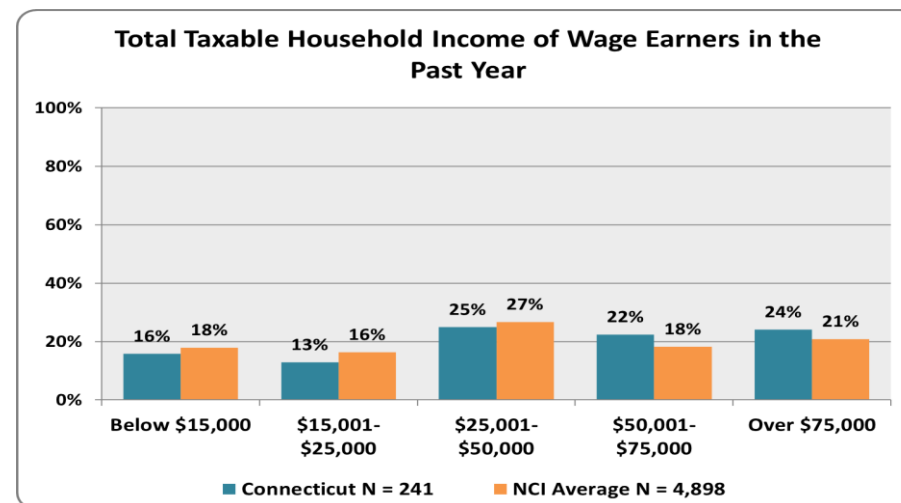
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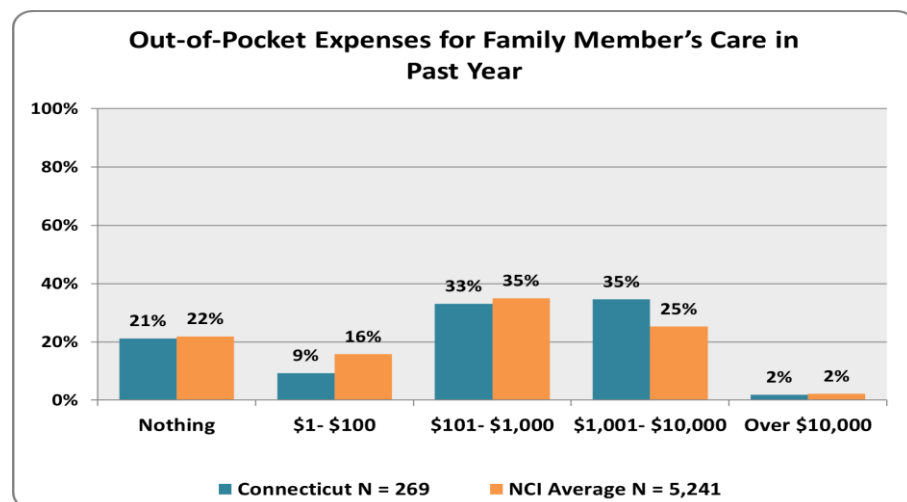


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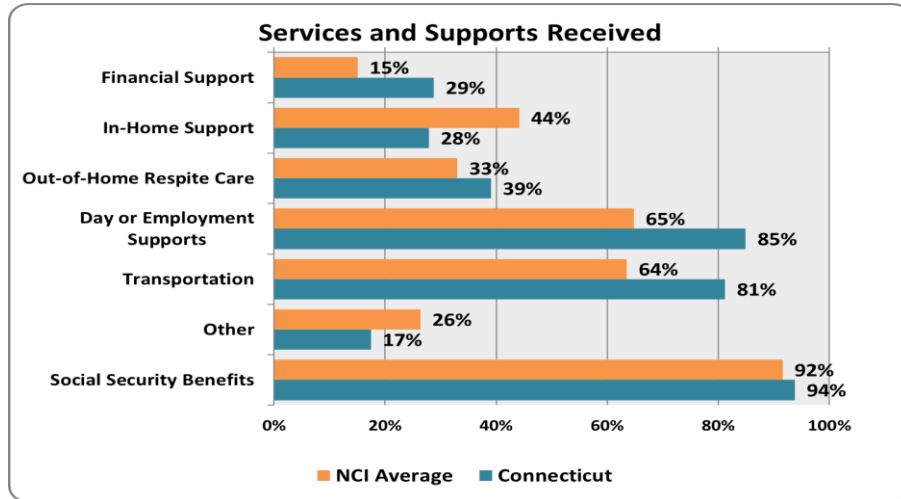
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## Services and Supports Received

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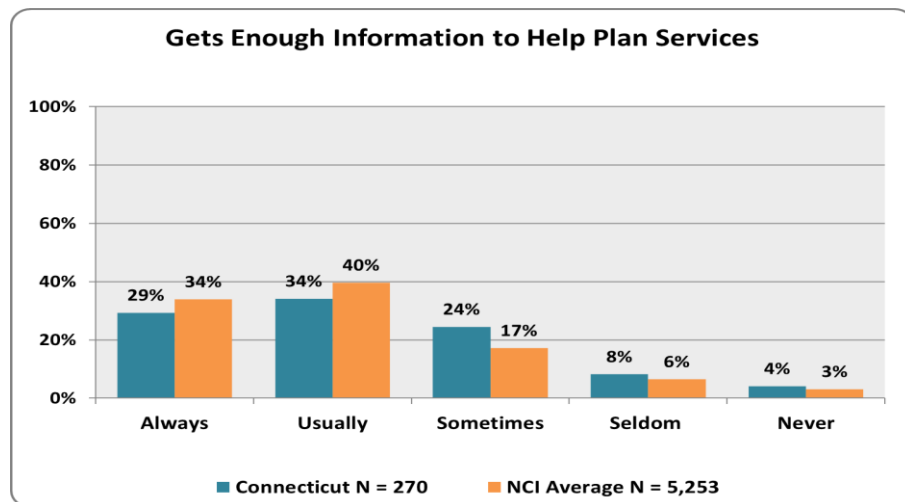


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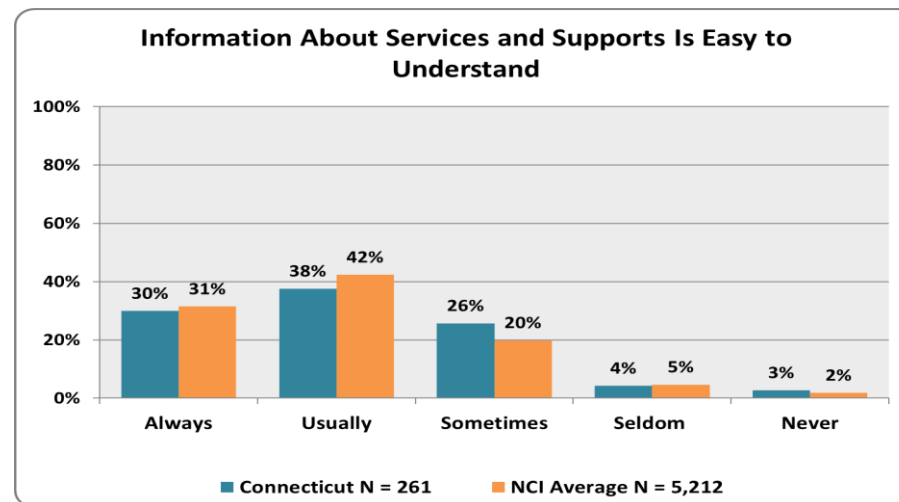
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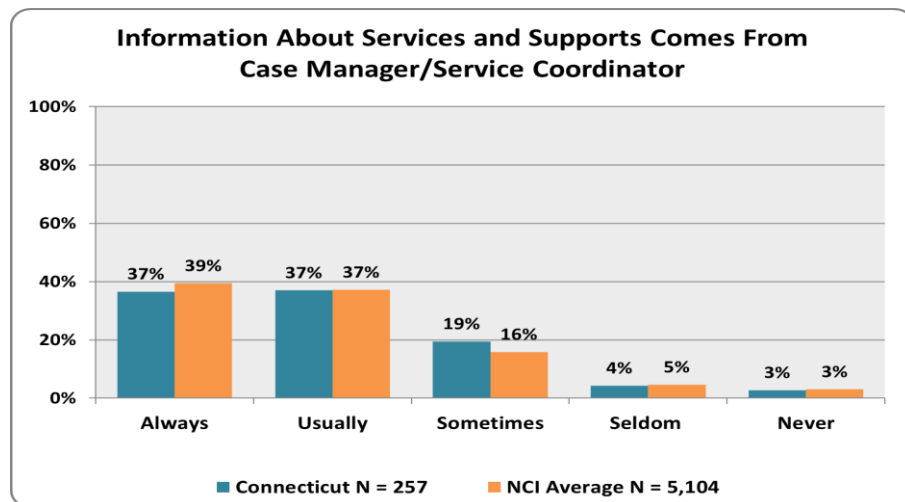
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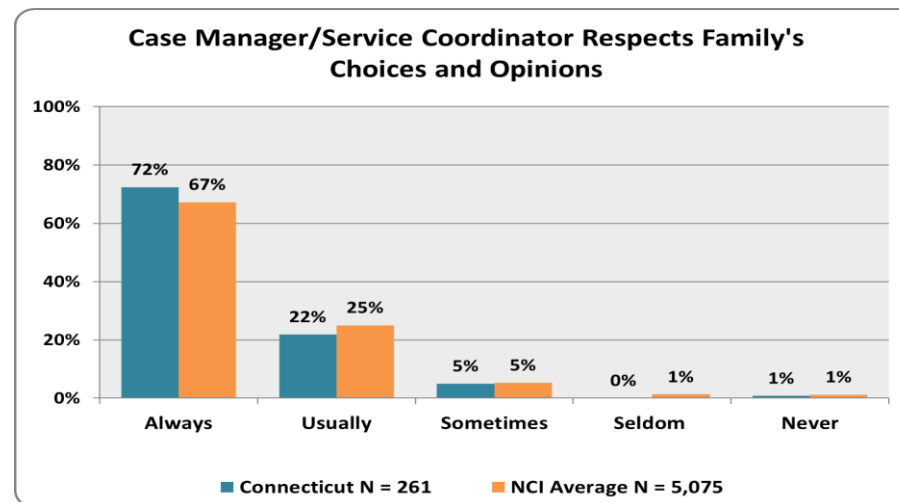
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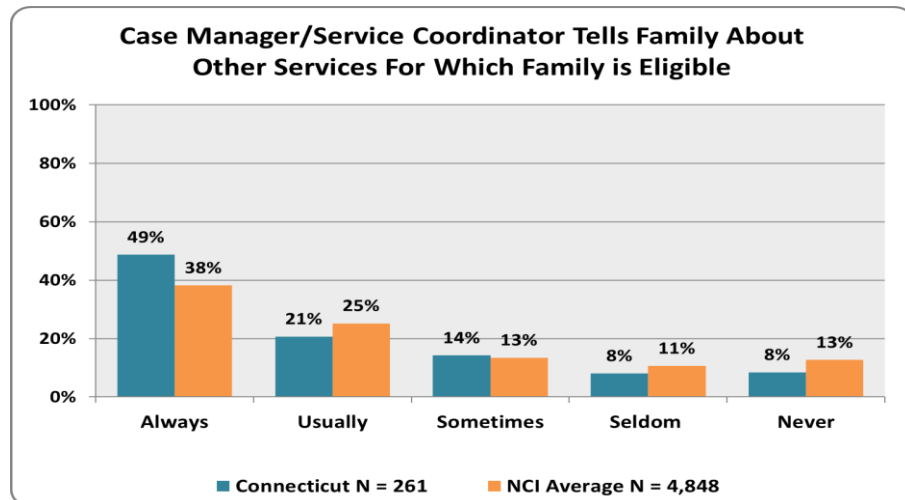
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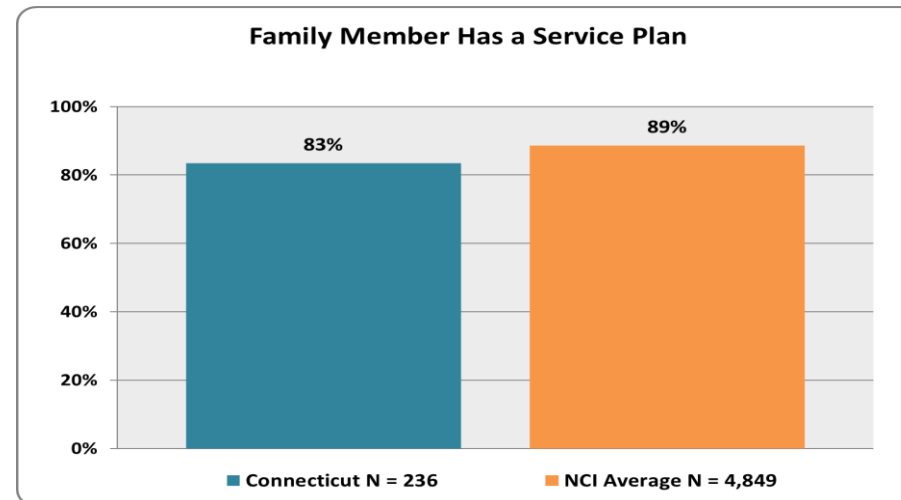
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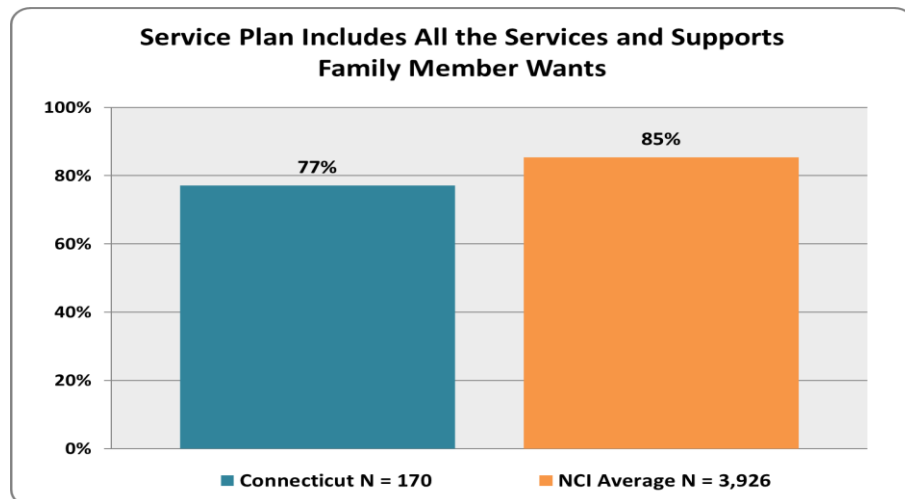
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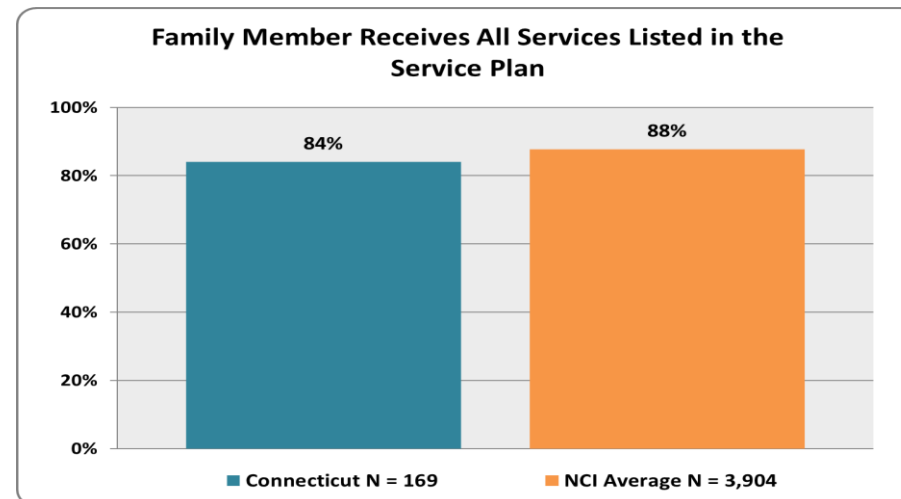
**GRAPH 28. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HAVE A SERVICE PLAN?**



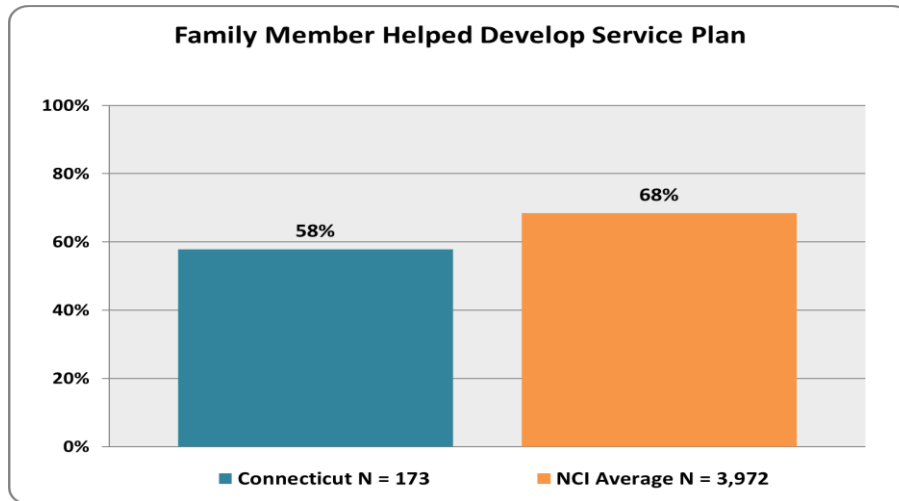
**GRAPH 29. DOES THE SERVICE PLAN INCLUDE ALL THE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS YOUR FAMILY MEMBER WANTS?**



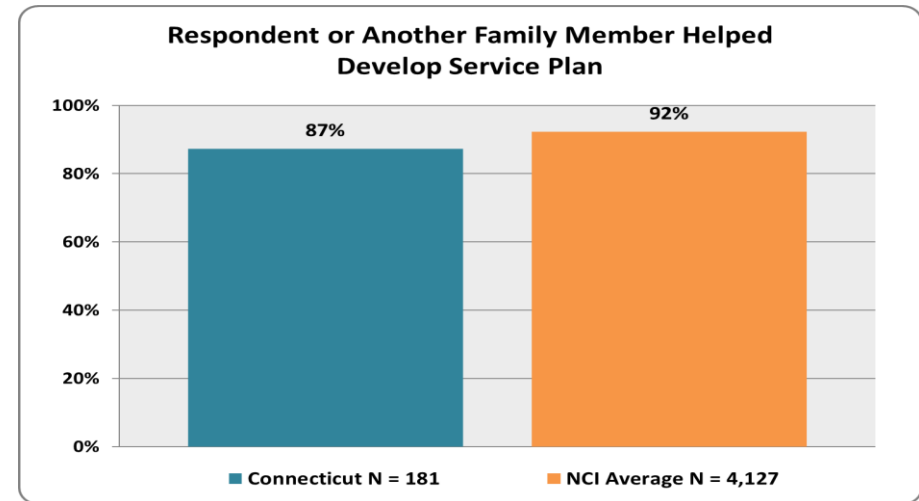
**GRAPH 30. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER RECEIVE ALL THE SERVICES LISTED IN THE SERVICE PLAN?**



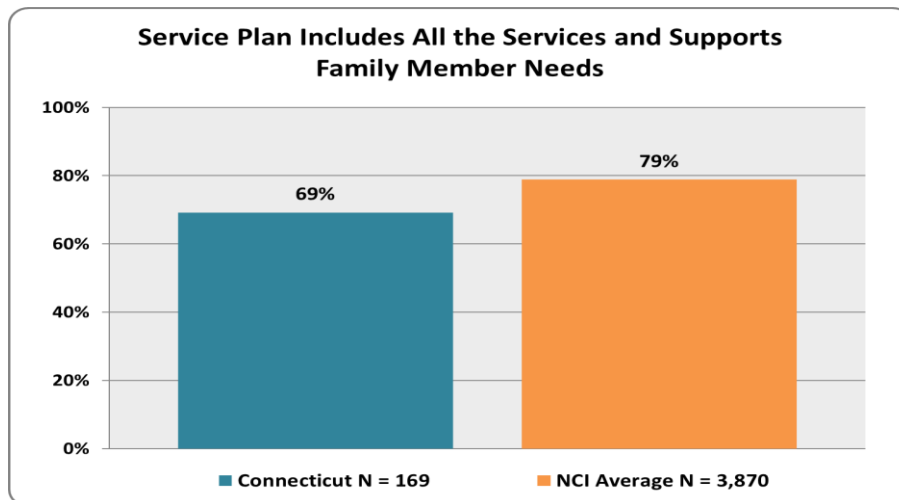
**GRAPH 31. DID YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HELP DEVELOP THE SERVICE PLAN?**



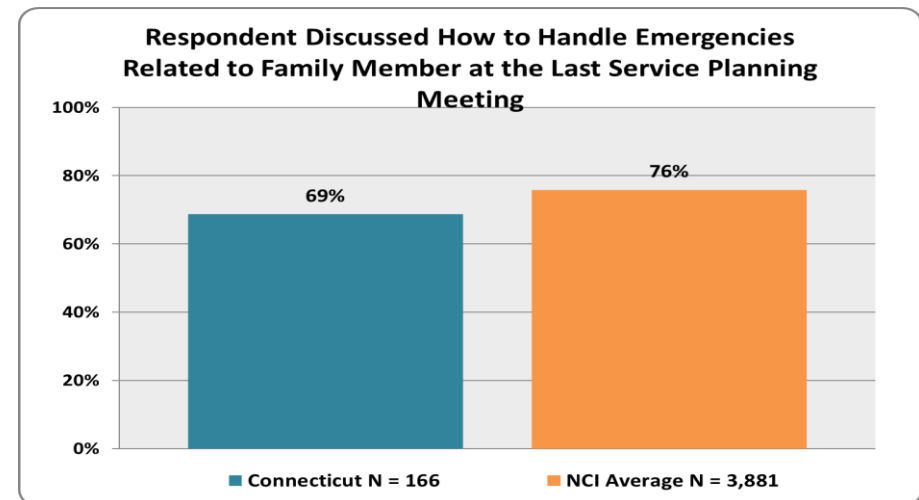
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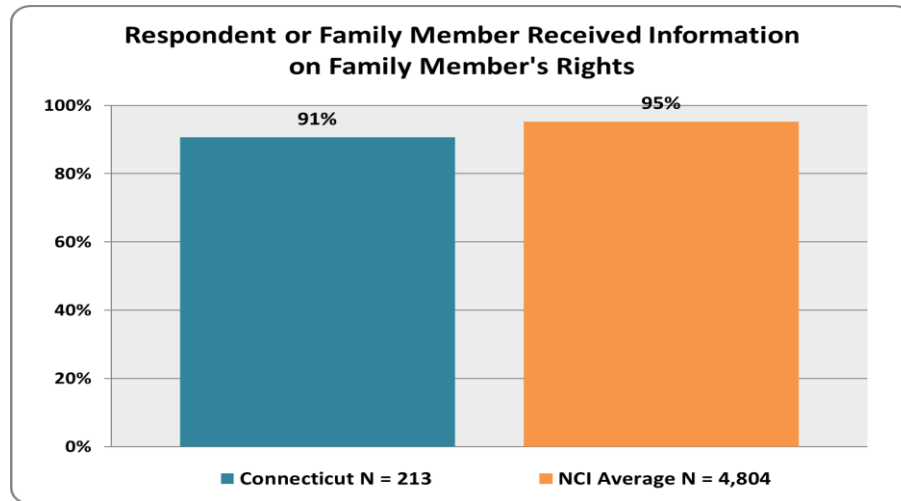
**GRAPH 33. DOES THE SERVICE PLAN INCLUDE ALL THE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS YOUR FAMILY MEMBER NEEDS?**



**GRAPH 34. DID YOU DISCUSS HOW TO HANDLE EMERGENCIES RELATED TO YOUR FAMILY MEMBER AT THE LAST SERVICE PLANNING MEETING?**



**GRAPH 35. HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER RECEIVED INFORMATION ABOUT HIS/HER RIGHTS?**

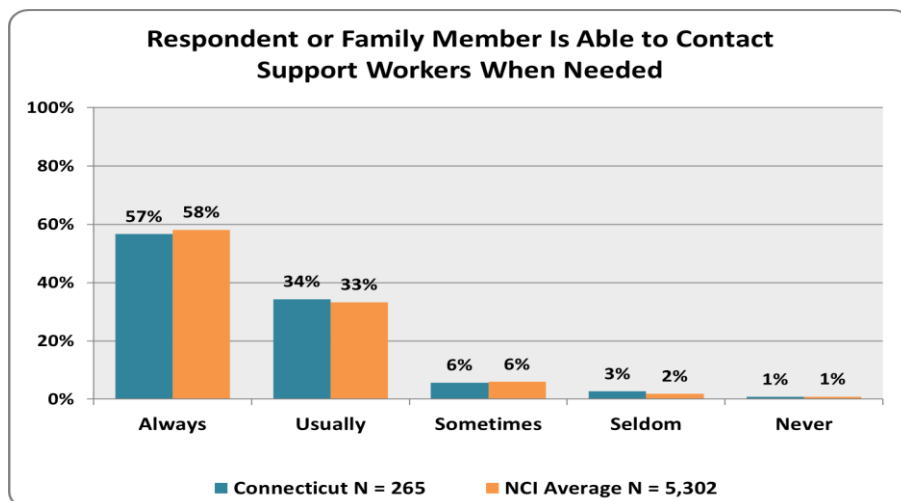




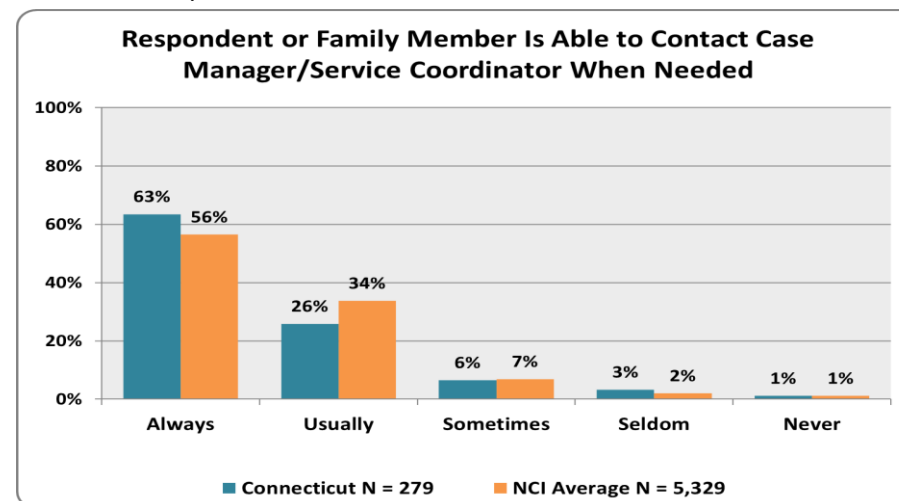
## Access and Delivery

*PEOPLE MAKE CHOICES ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PLANNING THEIR SERVICES AND SUPPORTS*

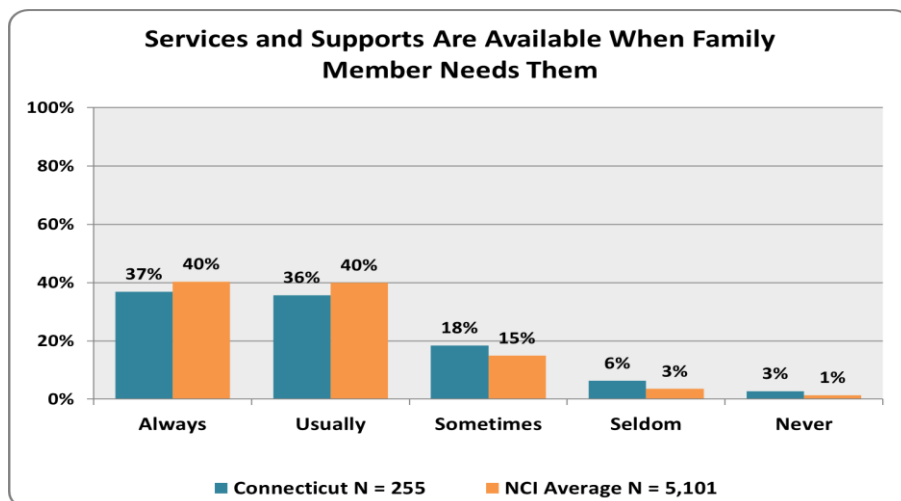
**GRAPH 36. ARE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER ABLE TO CONTACT HIS/HER SUPPORT WORKERS WHEN YOU NEED TO?**



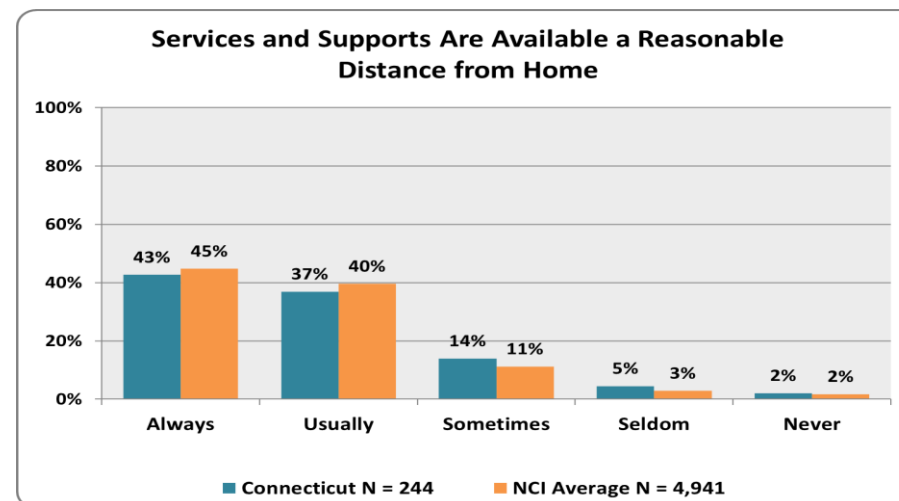
**GRAPH 37. ARE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER ABLE TO CONTACT HIS/HER CASE MANAGER/SERVICE COORDINATOR WHEN YOU NEED TO?**



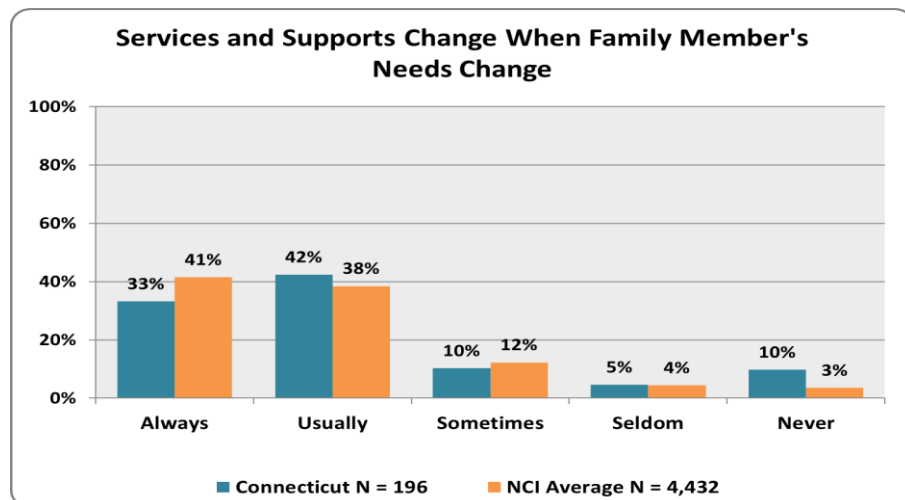
**GRAPH 38. ARE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS AVAILABLE WHEN YOUR FAMILY MEMBER NEEDS THEM?**



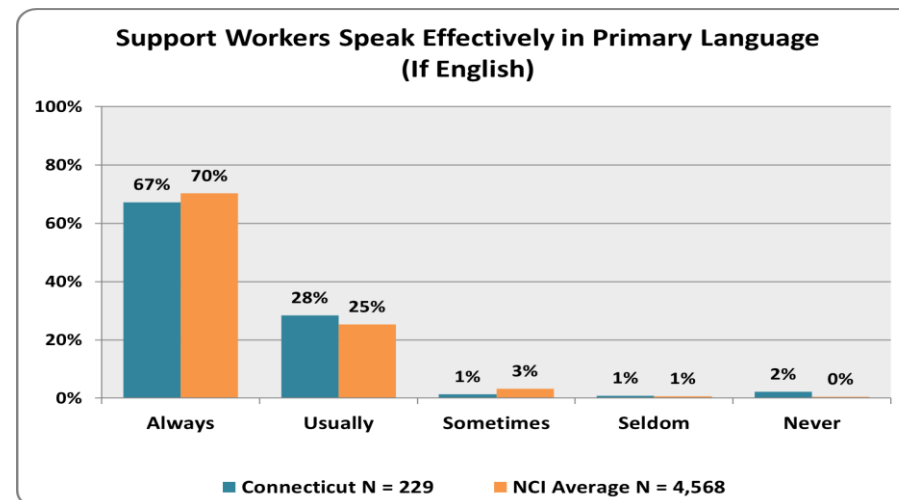
**GRAPH 39. ARE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS AVAILABLE WITHIN A REASONABLE DISTANCE FROM YOUR HOME?**



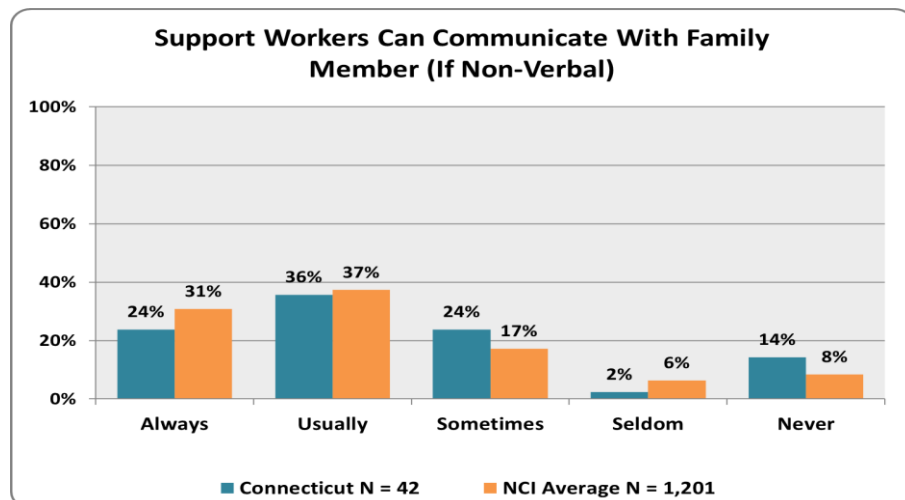
**GRAPH 40. DO THE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS CHANGE WHEN YOUR FAMILY MEMBER'S NEEDS CHANGE?**



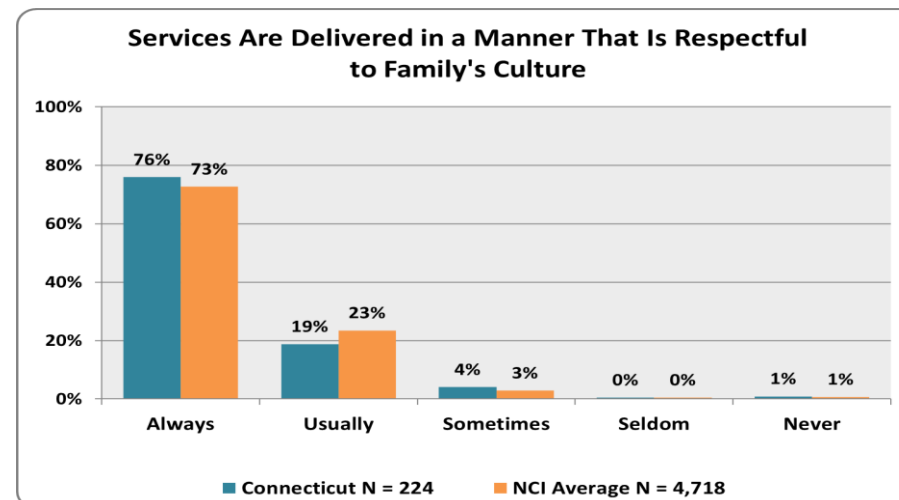
**GRAPH 41. IF ENGLISH IS YOUR PRIMARY LANGUAGE, DO SUPPORT WORKERS SPEAK TO YOU EFFECTIVELY?**



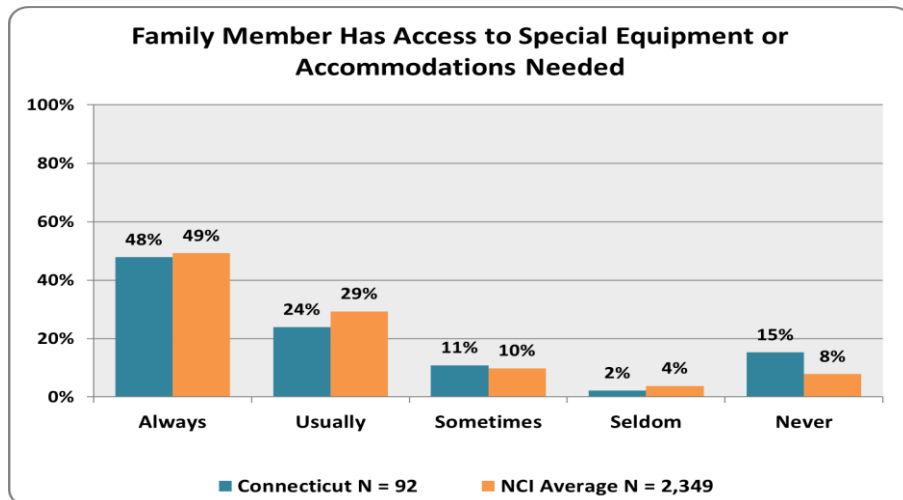
**GRAPH 42. IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER DOES NOT COMMUNICATE VERBALLY (FOR EXAMPLE, USES GESTURES OR SIGN LANGUAGE), ARE THERE SUPPORT WORKERS WHO CAN COMMUNICATE WITH HIM/HER?**



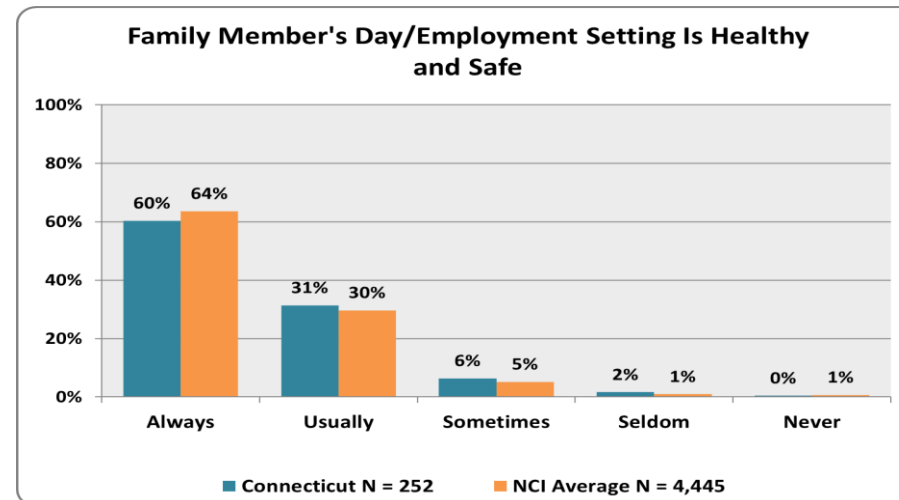
**GRAPH 43. ARE SERVICES DELIVERED IN A WAY THAT IS RESPECTFUL TO YOUR FAMILY'S CULTURE?**



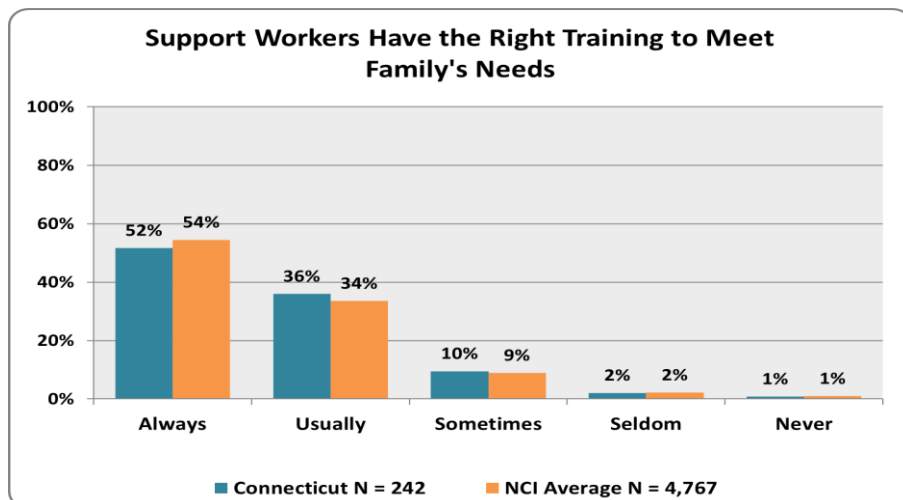
**GRAPH 44. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HAVE ACCESS TO THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OR ACCOMMODATIONS THAT S/HE NEEDS (FOR EXAMPLE, WHEELCHAIR, RAMP, COMMUNICATION BOARD)?**



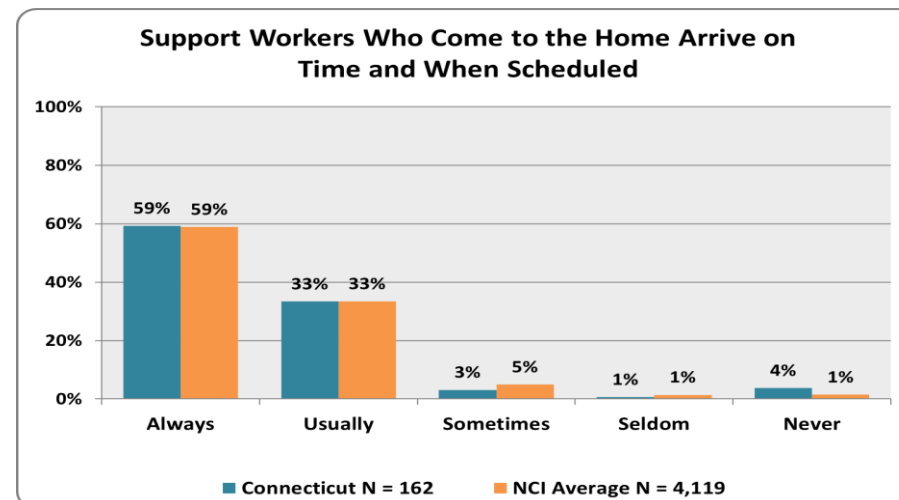
**GRAPH 45. DO YOU FEEL THAT YOUR FAMILY MEMBER'S DAY/EMPLOYMENT SETTING IS A HEALTHY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT?**



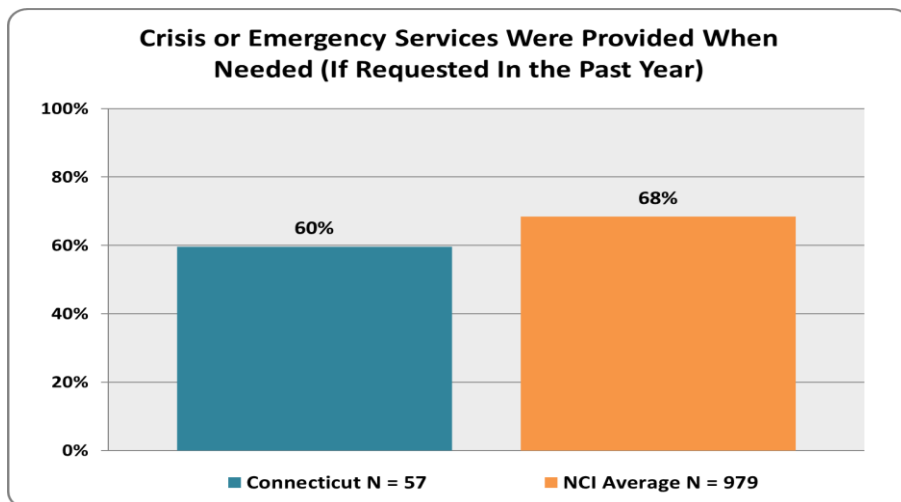
**GRAPH 46. DO SUPPORT WORKERS HAVE THE RIGHT TRAINING TO MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS?**



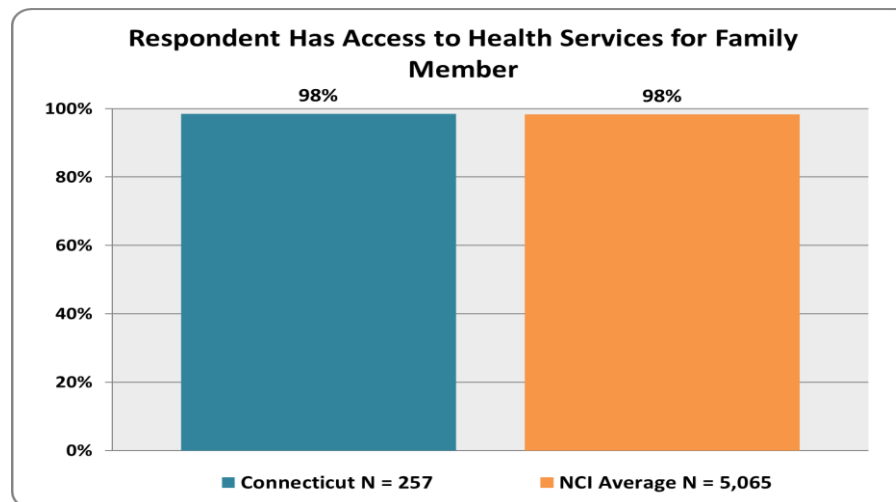
**GRAPH 47. DO THE SUPPORT WORKERS WHO COME TO YOUR HOME ARRIVE ON TIME AND WHEN SCHEDULED?**



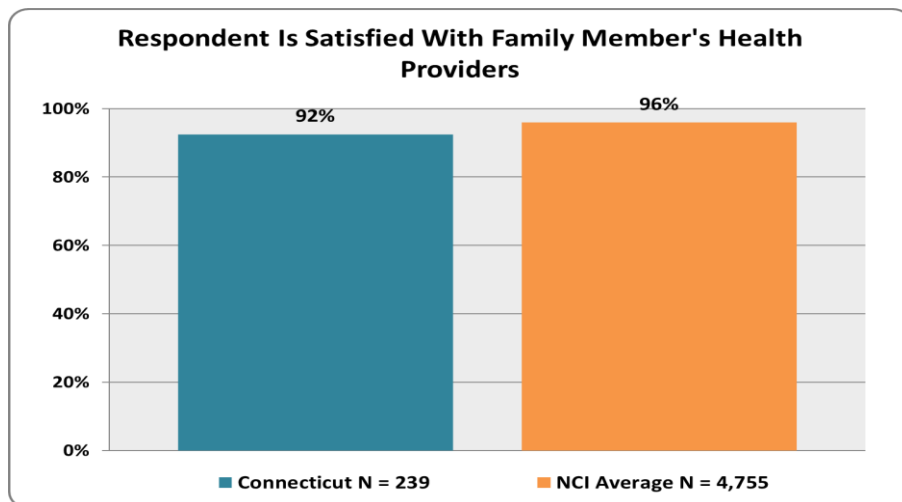
**GRAPH 48. IF YOU ASKED FOR CRISIS OR EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE PAST YEAR, WERE SERVICES PROVIDED WHEN NEEDED?**



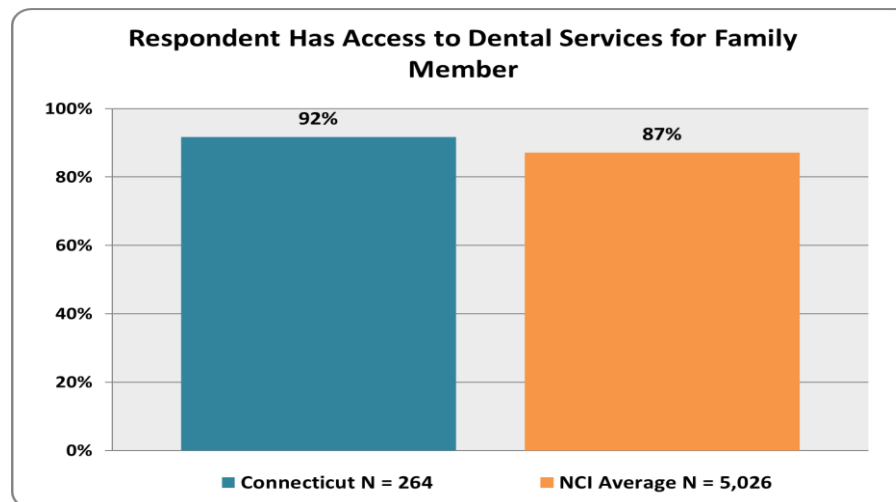
**GRAPH 49. DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER?**



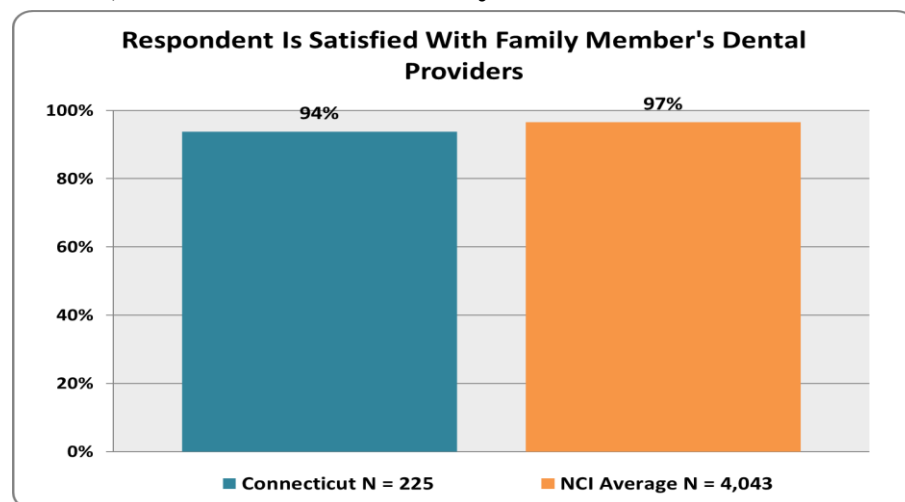
**GRAPH 50. IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER, ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF THOSE PROVIDERS?**



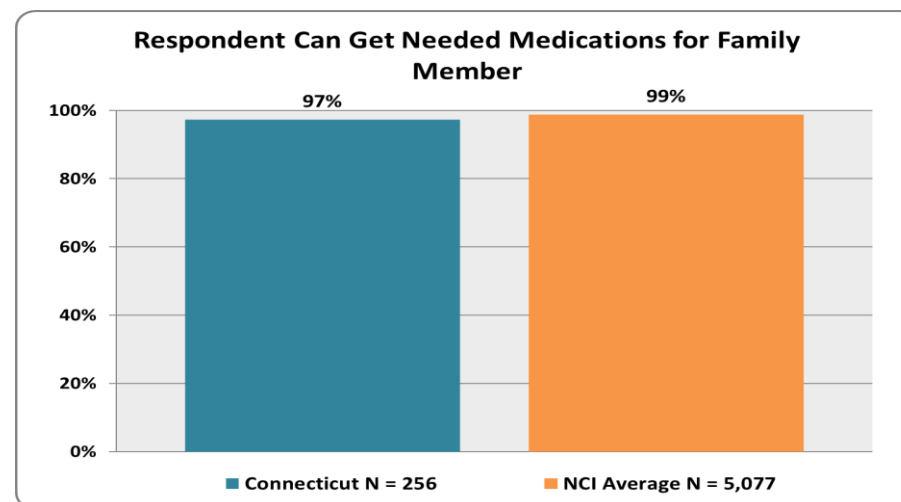
**GRAPH 51. DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO DENTAL SERVICES FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER?**



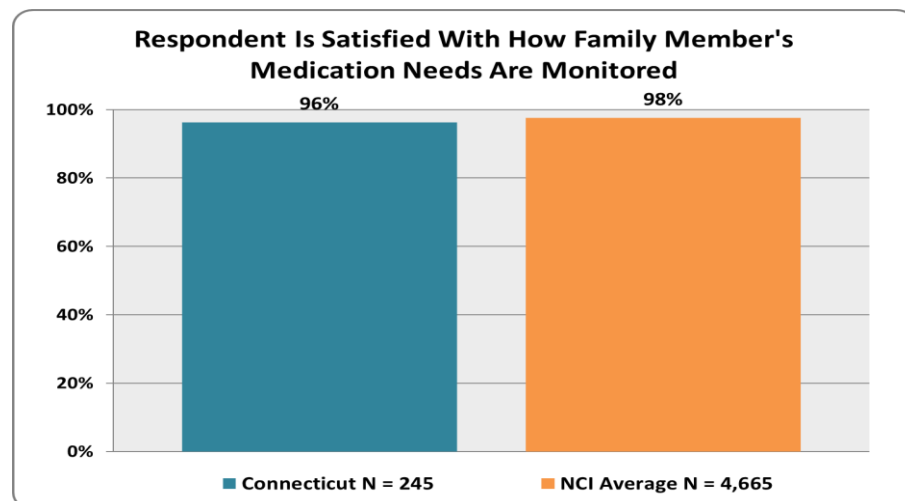
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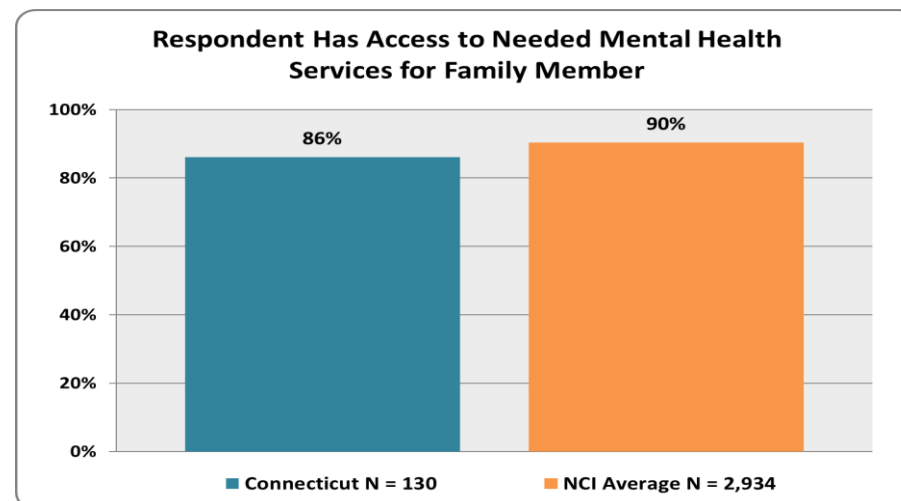
**GRAPH 53. ARE YOU ABLE TO GET MEDICATIONS NEEDED FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER?**



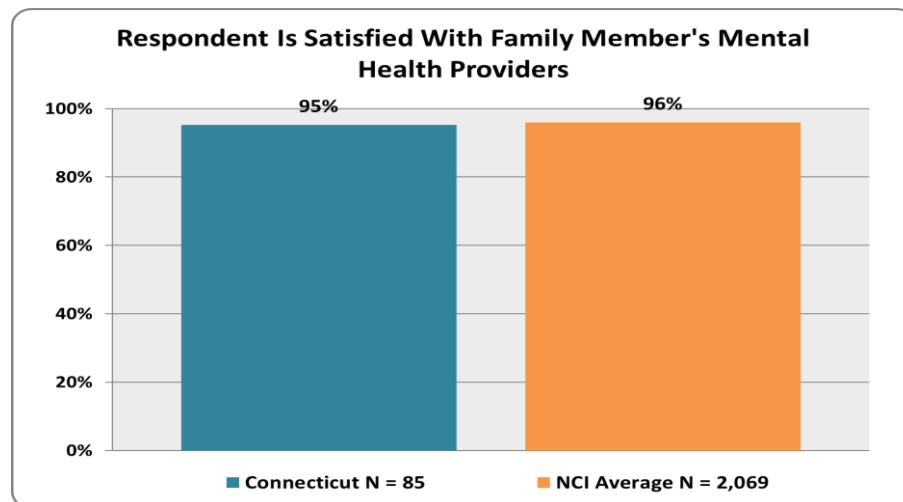
**GRAPH 54. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GET MEDICATIONS NEEDED FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER, ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH HOW YOUR FAMILY MEMBER'S MEDICATION NEEDS ARE MONITORED?**



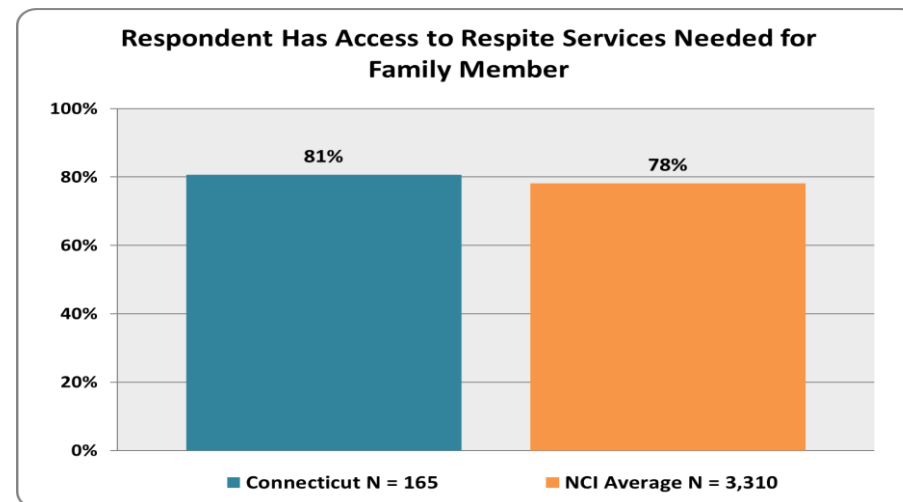
**GRAPH 55. IF NEEDED, DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER?**



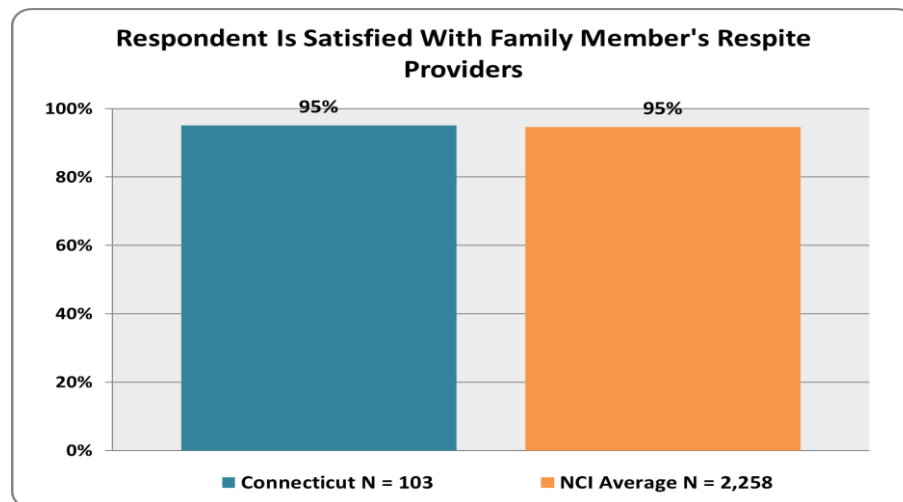
**GRAPH 56. IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES NEEDED FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER, ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF THOSE PROVIDERS?**



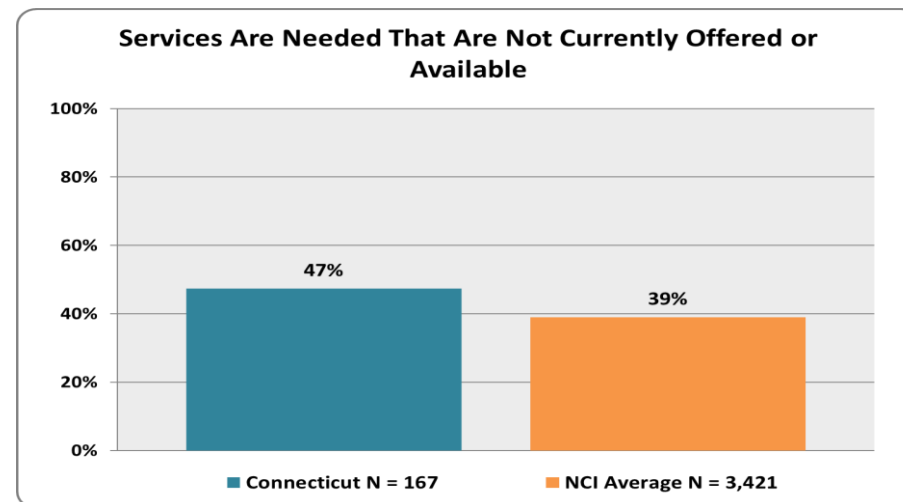
**GRAPH 57. IF YOU NEED RESPITE SERVICES, DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THEM?**



**GRAPH 58. IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO RESPITE SERVICES, ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF THOSE PROVIDERS?**



**GRAPH 59. ARE THERE SERVICES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER NEEDS THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY OFFERED OR AVAILABLE?**

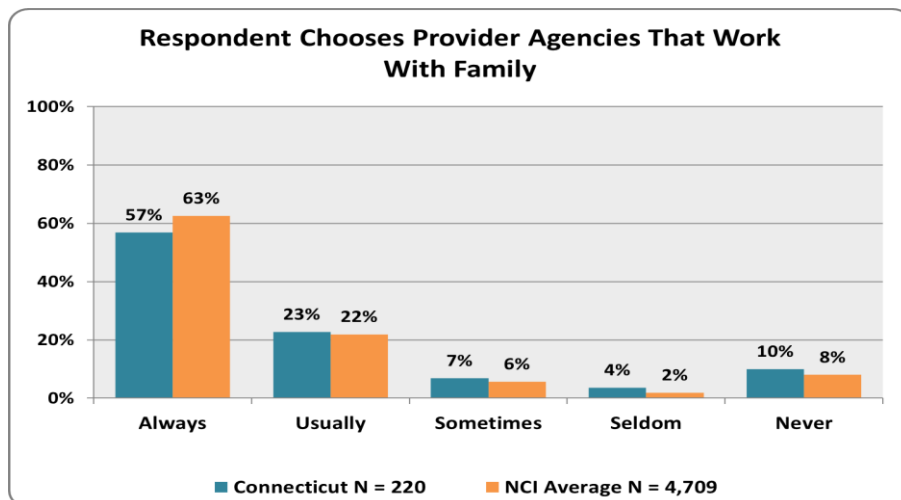


## Choice and Control

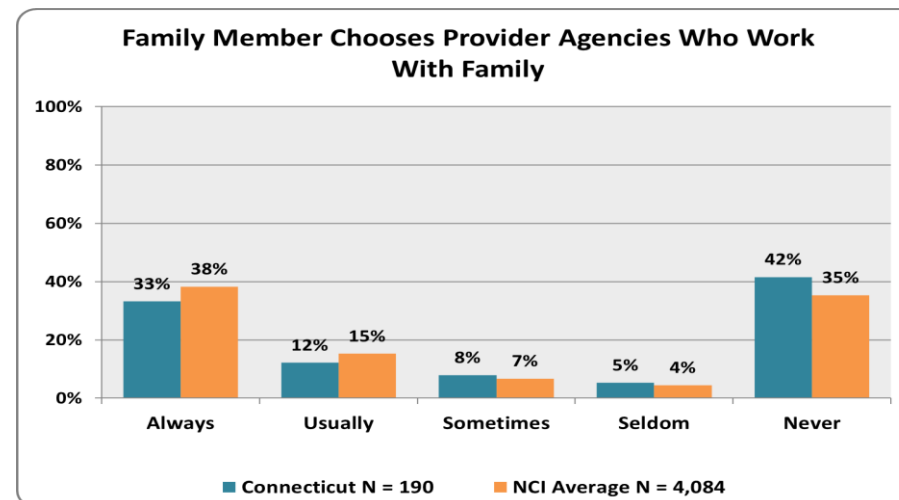
*FAMILIES AND FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES DETERMINE THE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THEY RECEIVE AND THE INDIVIDUALS OR AGENCIES WHO PROVIDE THEM*



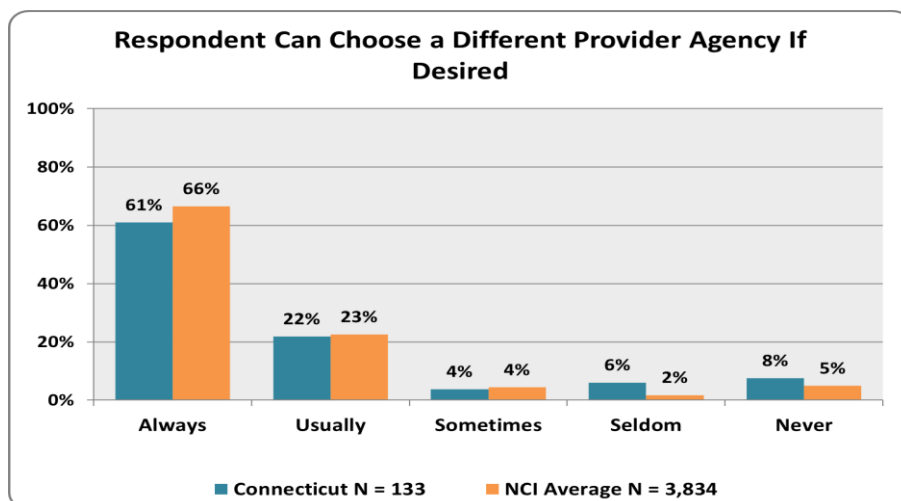
**GRAPH 60. DO YOU CHOOSE THE PROVIDER AGENCIES WHO WORK WITH YOUR FAMILY?**



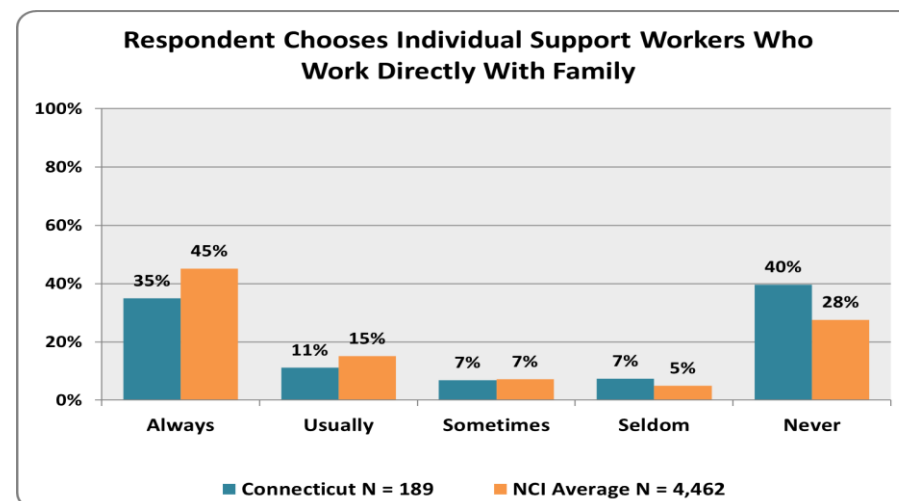
**GRAPH 61. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER CHOOSE THE PROVIDER AGENCIES WHO WORK WITH YOUR FAMILY?**



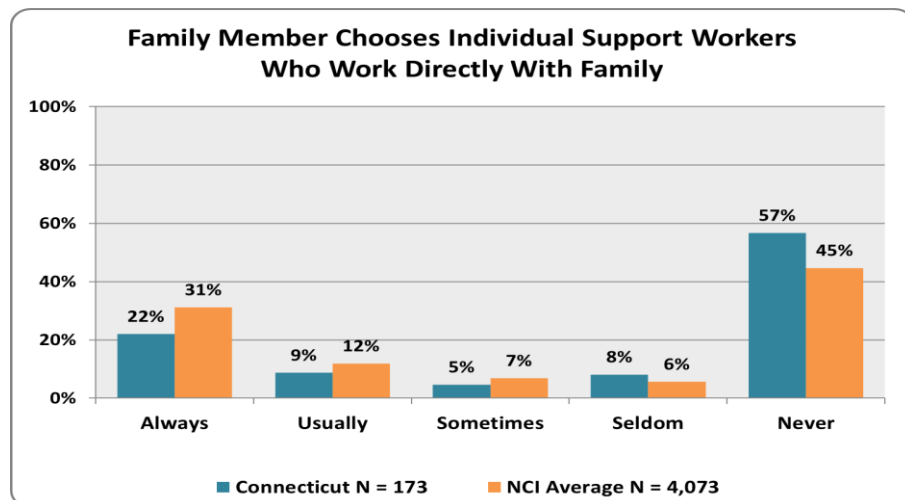
**GRAPH 62. CAN YOU CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PROVIDER AGENCY IF YOU WANT TO?**



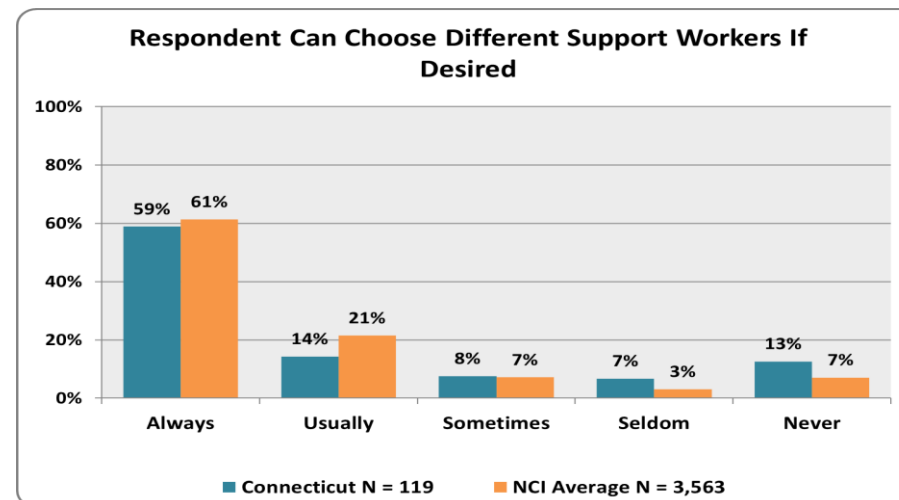
**GRAPH 63. DO YOU CHOOSE THE INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT WORKERS WHO WORK DIRECTLY WITH YOUR FAMILY?**



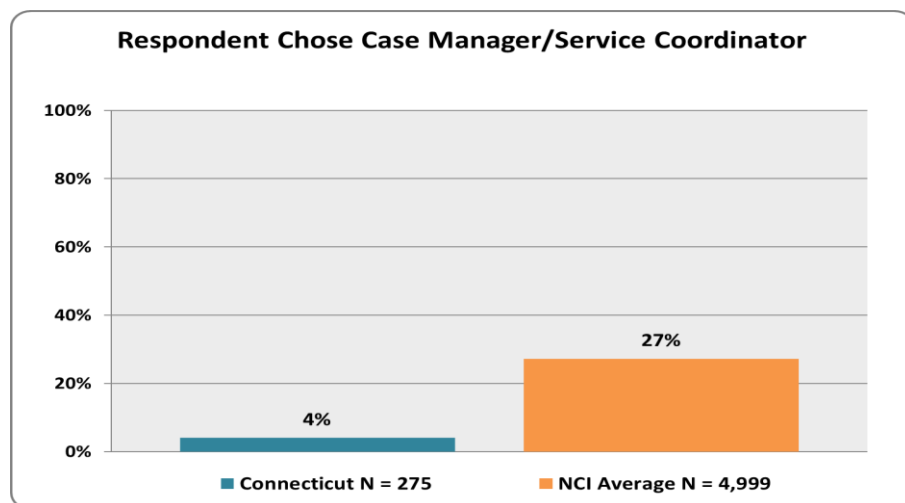
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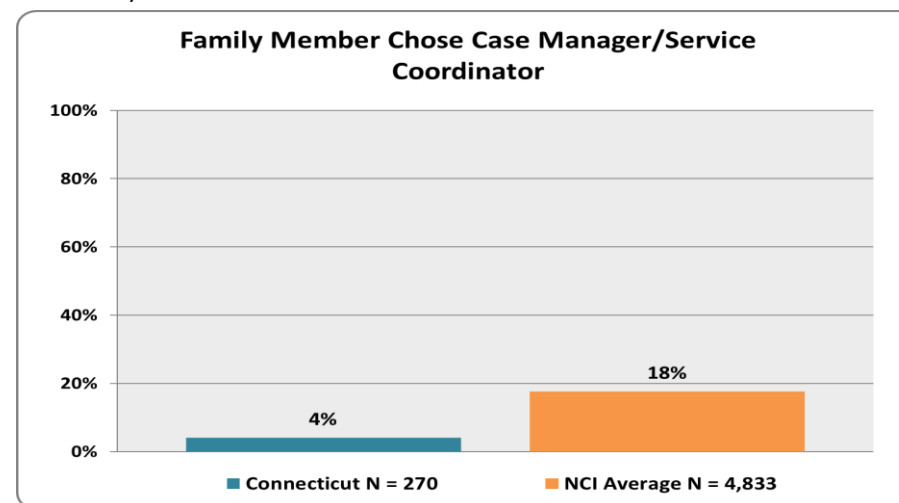
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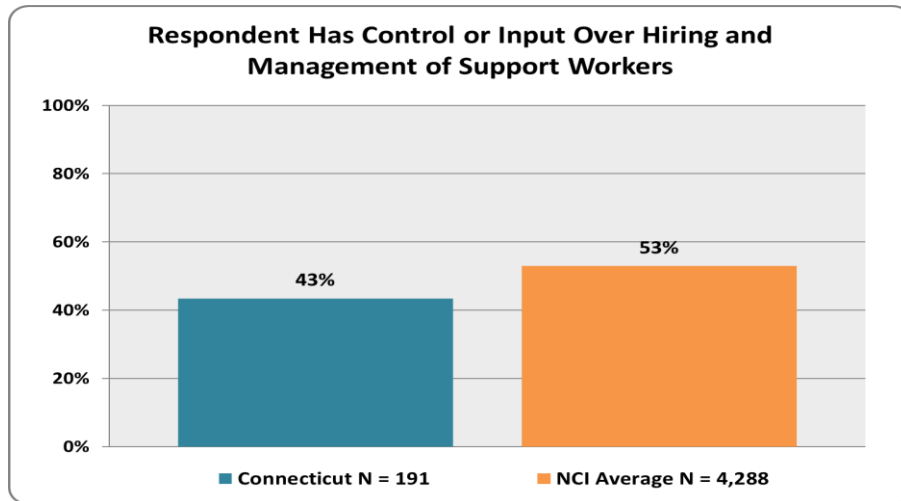
**GRAPH 66. DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR FAMILY MEMBER'S CASE MANAGER/SERVICE COORDINATOR?**



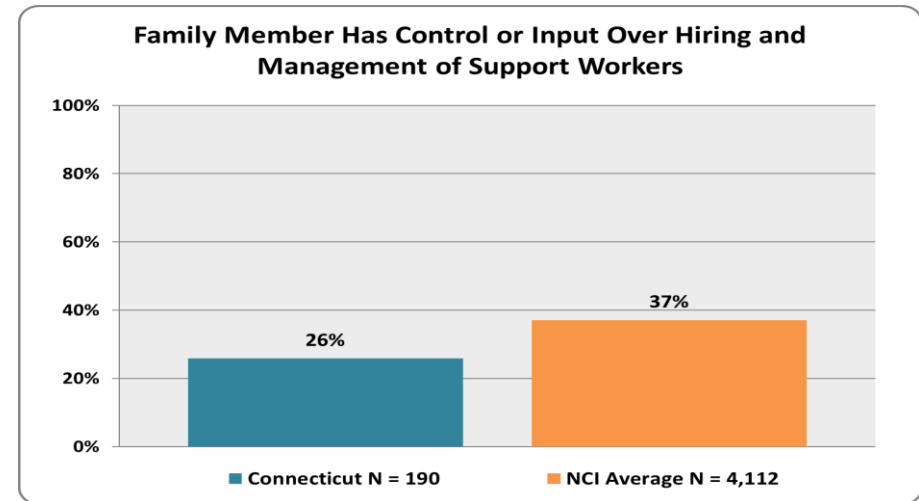
**GRAPH 67. DID YOUR FAMILY MEMBER CHOOSE HIS/HER CASE MANAGER/SERVICE COORDINATOR?**



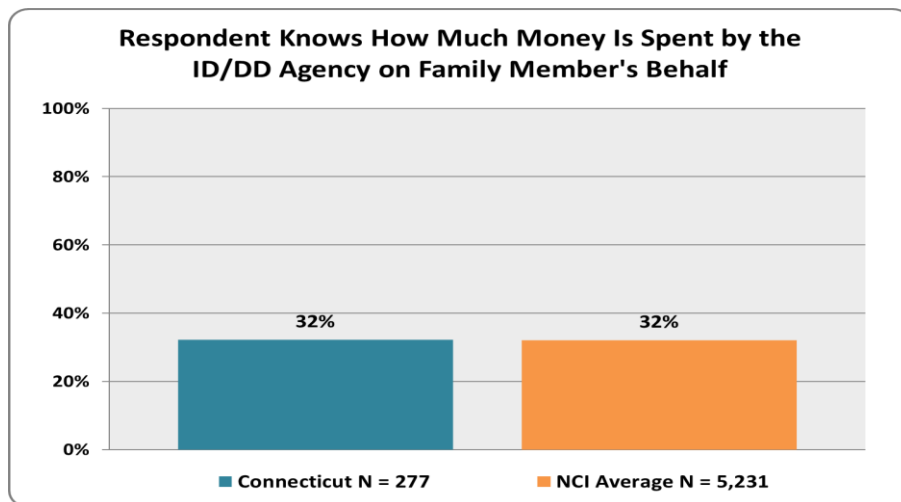
**GRAPH 68. DO YOU HAVE CONTROL AND/OR INPUT OVER THE HIRING AND MANAGEMENT OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER'S SUPPORT WORKERS?**



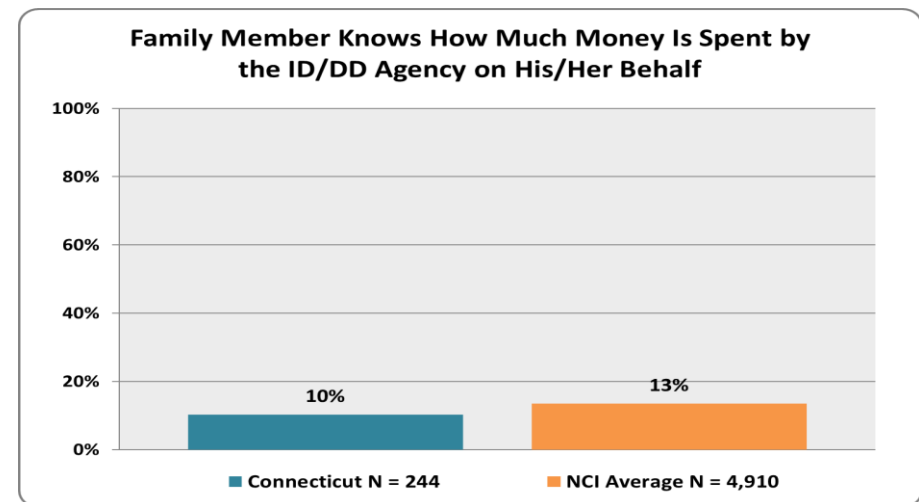
**GRAPH 69. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HAVE CONTROL AND/OR INPUT OVER THE HIRING AND MANAGEMENT OF HIS/HER SUPPORT WORKERS?**



**GRAPH 70. DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY IS SPENT BY THE ID/DD AGENCY ON BEHALF OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY?\***

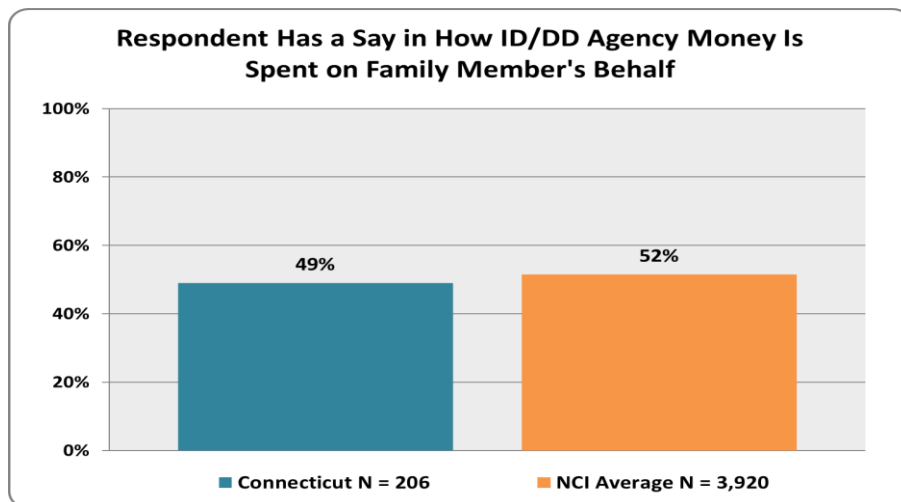


**GRAPH 71. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY IS SPENT BY THE ID/DD AGENCY ON HIS/HER BEHALF?\***

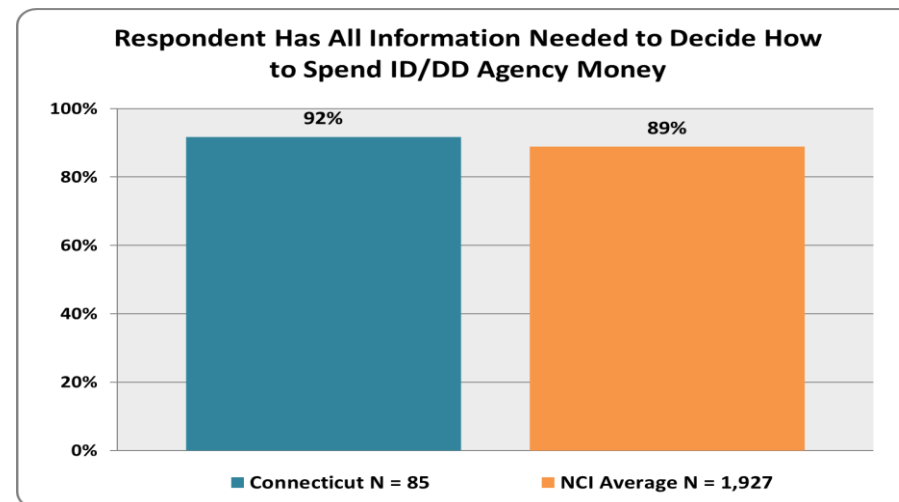


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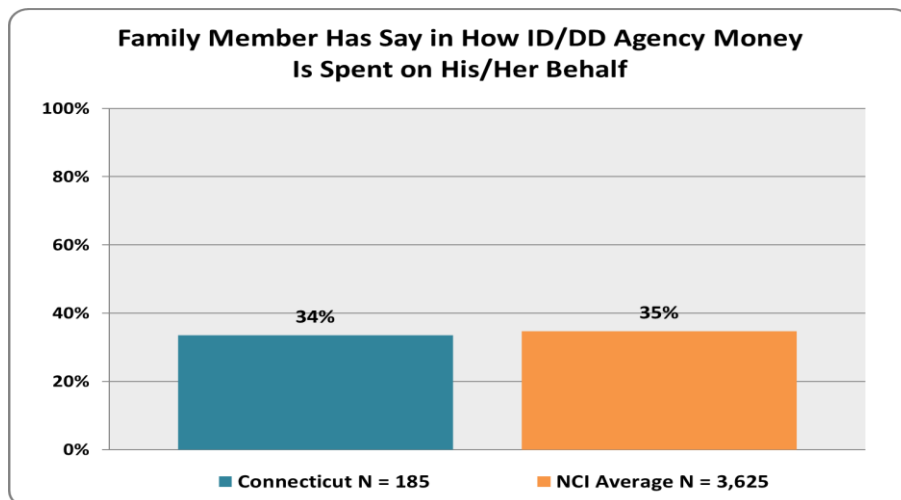
**GRAPH 72. DO YOU HAVE A SAY IN HOW ID/DD AGENCY MONEY IS SPENT ON YOUR FAMILY MEMBER'S BEHALF?**



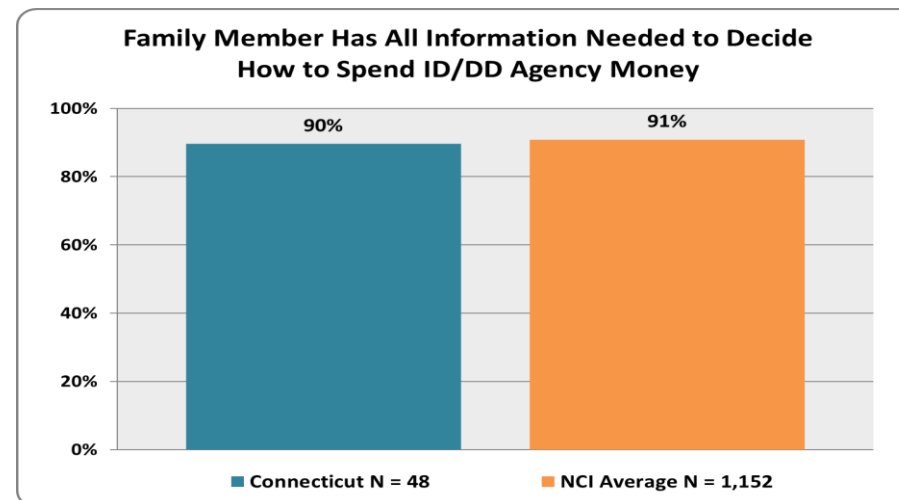
**GRAPH 73. IF YOU HAVE A SAY IN HOW ID/DD AGENCY MONEY IS SPENT, DO YOU HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO SPEND THIS MONEY?**



**GRAPH 74. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HAVE A SAY IN HOW ID/DD AGENCY MONEY IS SPENT ON HIS/HER BEHALF?**



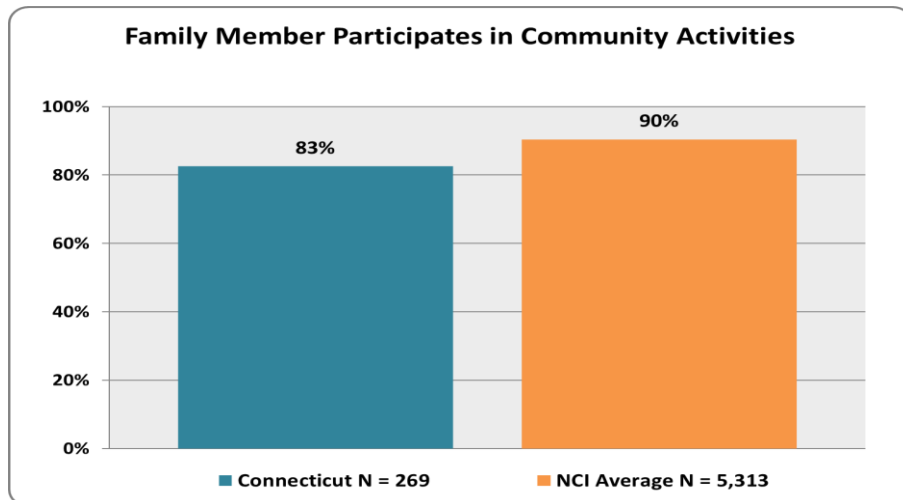
**GRAPH 75. IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HAS A SAY IN HOW ID/DD AGENCY MONEY IS SPENT, DOES S/HE HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO SPEND THIS MONEY?**



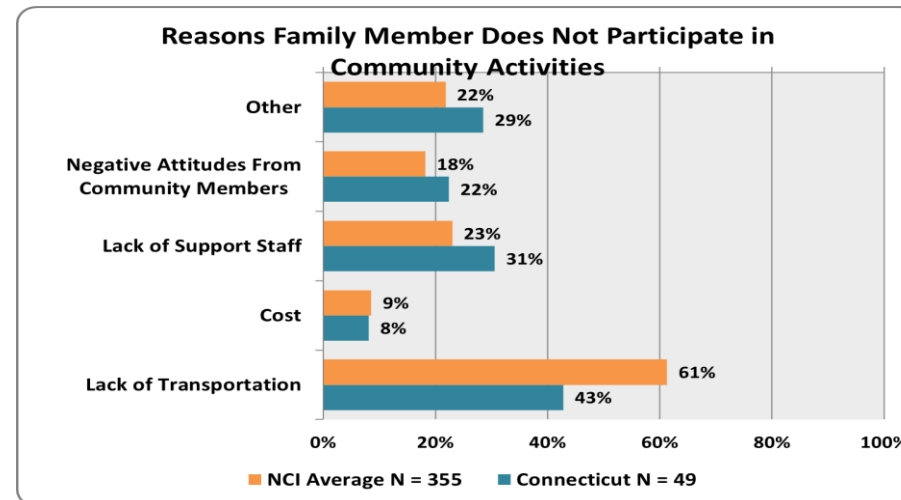
## Community Connections

*FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES USE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARTICIPATE IN EVERYDAY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES*

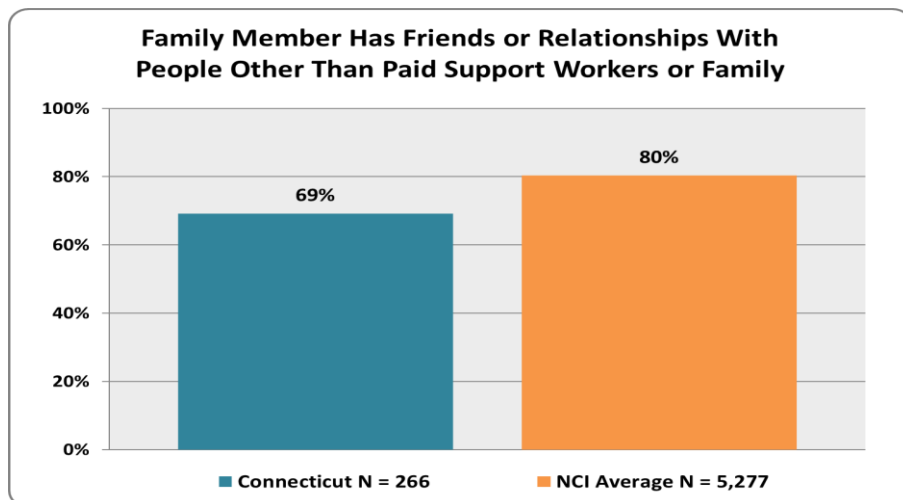
**GRAPH 76. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (SUCH AS GOING OUT TO A RESTAURANT, MOVIE, OR SPORTING EVENT)?**



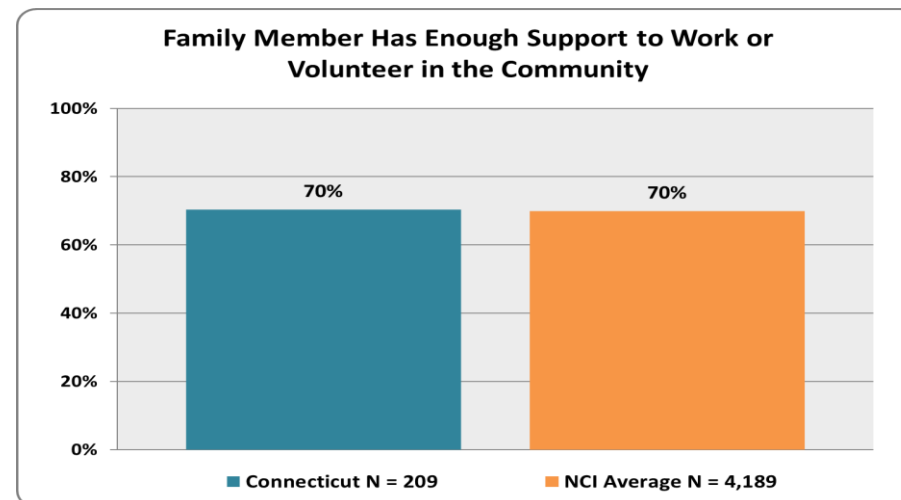
**GRAPH 77. IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER DOESN'T PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, WHY NOT?**



**GRAPH 78. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HAVE FRIENDS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH PERSONS OTHER THAN PAID SUPPORT WORKERS OR FAMILY?**



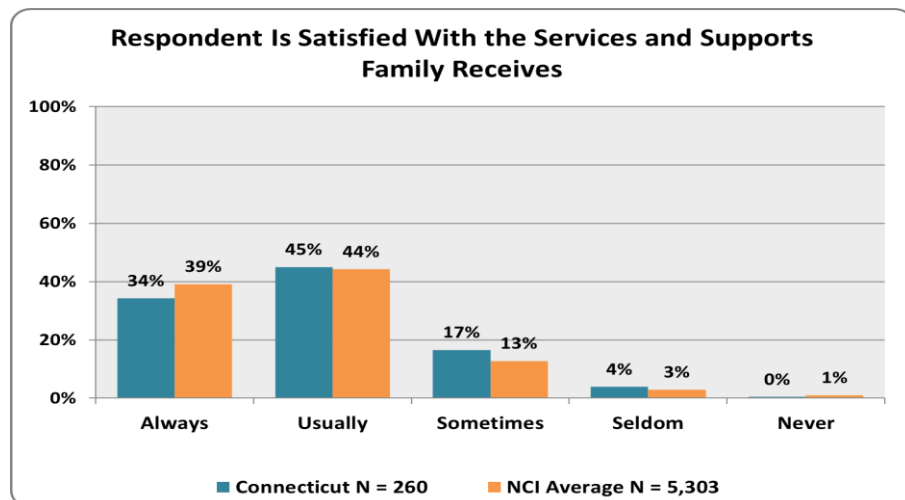
**GRAPH 79. DOES YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORTS (E.G., SUPPORT WORKERS, COMMUNITY RESOURCES) TO WORK OR VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY?**



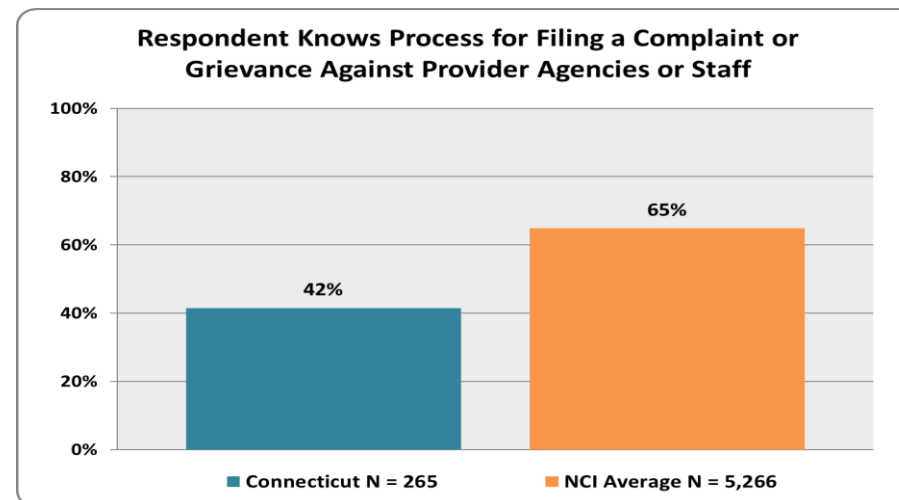
## Satisfaction

*FAMILIES AND FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES RECEIVE ADEQUATE AND SATISFACTORY SUPPORTS*

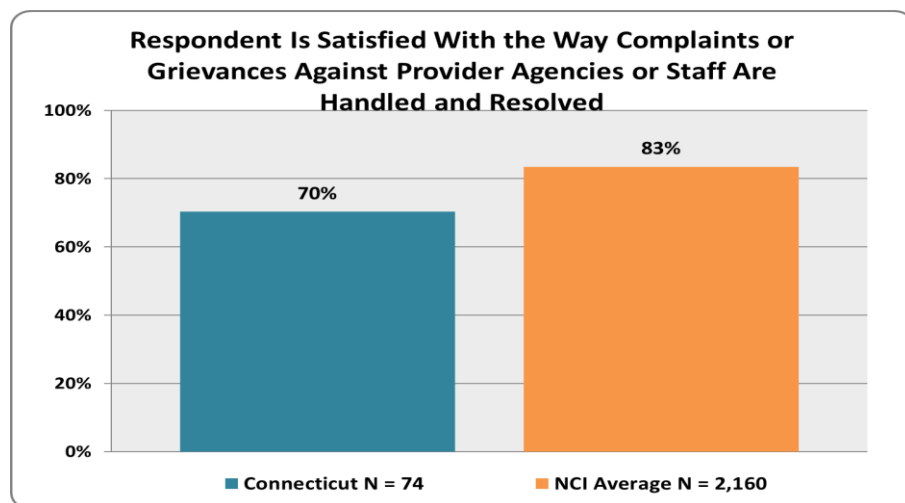
**GRAPH 80. OVERALL, ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS YOUR FAMILY CURRENTLY RECEIVES?**



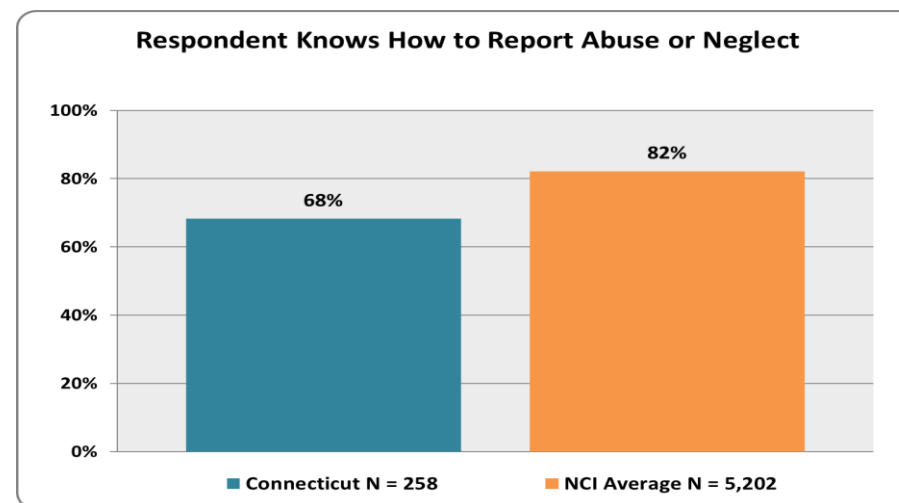
**GRAPH 81. DO YOU KNOW THE PROCESS FOR FILING A COMPLAINT OR GRIEVANCE AGAINST PROVIDER AGENCIES OR STAFF?\***



**GRAPH 82. ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE WAY COMPLAINTS OR GRIEVANCES AGAINST PROVIDER AGENCIES OR STAFF ARE HANDLED AND RESOLVED?**



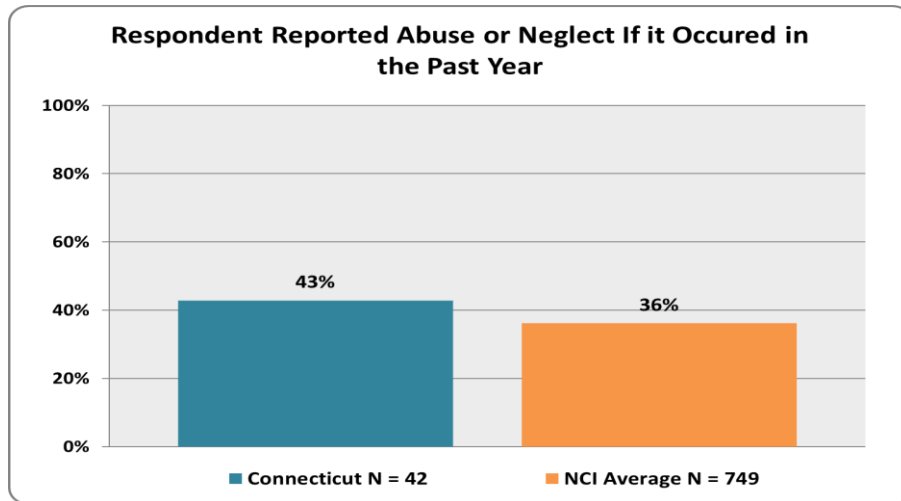
**GRAPH 83. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REPORT ABUSE OR NEGLECT?\***



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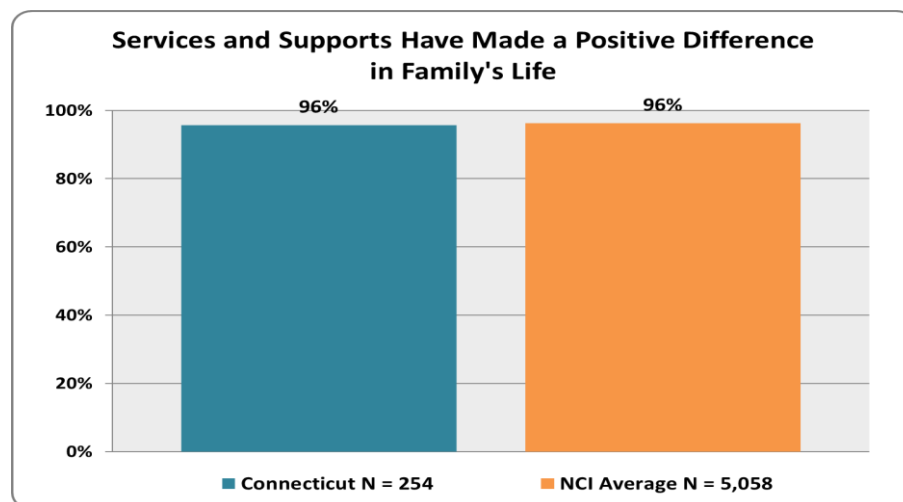
**GRAPH 84. WITHIN THE PAST YEAR, IF ABUSE OR NEGLECT OCCURRED, DID YOU REPORT IT?**



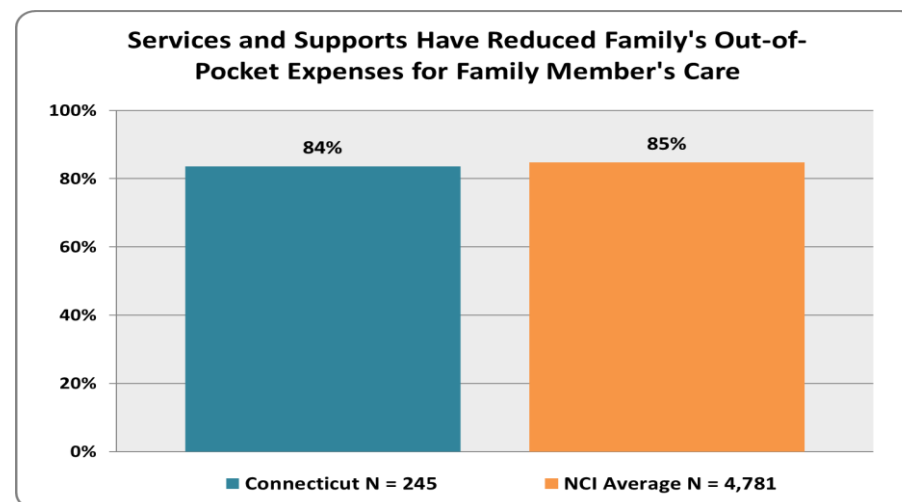
## Family Outcomes

*INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORTS MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF FAMILIES*

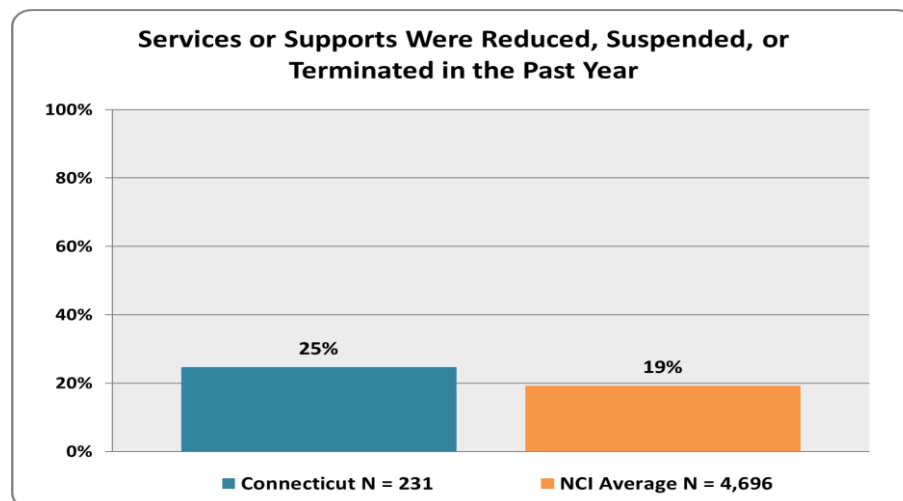
**GRAPH 85. DO YOU FEEL THAT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS HAVE MADE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF YOUR FAMILY?**



**GRAPH 86. DO YOU FEEL THAT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS HAVE REDUCED YOUR FAMILY'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER'S CARE?**



**GRAPH 87. HAVE THE SERVICES OR SUPPORTS THAT YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER RECEIVED BEEN REDUCED, SUSPENDED, OR TERMINATED IN THE PAST YEAR?**



**GRAPH 88. IF SERVICES OR SUPPORTS RECEIVED BY THE FAMILY WERE REDUCED, SUSPENDED OR TERMINATED DURING THE PAST YEAR, DID THIS CHANGE AFFECT YOUR FAMILY OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER NEGATIVELY?**

