# NCI Family/Guardian Survey State Outcomes

North Carolina Report

## 2015-16 Data





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### What is NCI?

The National Core Indicators™ program is a voluntary effort by state developmental disability agencies to track their performance using a standardized set of consumer and family/guardian surveys with nationally validated measures. The effort is coordinated by the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) and the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI).

NCI has developed more than 100 standard performance measures (or 'indicators') that states use to assess the outcomes of services for individuals and families, including outcomes in the areas of employment, rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice, health, and safety. In 2015-16 a total of 45 states, the District of Columbia, and 22 sub-state entities were participating in NCI.

### What is the NCI Family/Guardian Survey?

The NCI Family/Guardian Survey is used to gather data on family outcomes. It is mailed to families who have an adult family member who lives outside of the family home and receives services from the State Developmental Disabilities (DD) Agency. (That is, the survey respondent does not live with the person receiving supports.) The survey collects demographic information on the individual receiving services and the person who fills out the survey (the 'respondent'; usually a parent) as well as information on services and supports received. The survey is continually refined and tested to ensure that it is valid and reliable.

In 2015-16, a total of 6,173 Family/Guardian Surveys were completed across 14 states <sup>1</sup>. The survey contained 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 (see Table 1 on the following page). Respondents also had the option of writing open-ended comments concerning their family's participation in the service system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> States that conducted the Family/Guardian Survey in 2015-16 were: AK, FL, GA, LA, MD, MI, MN, NC, NH, PA, SD, UT, VA, and WA.

Table 1. NCI Family Surveys - Sub-Domains and concern statements

Sub-Domain	Concern
Information and Planning	Families/family members with disabilities have the information and support necessary to plan for their services and supports.
Access & Support Delivery	Families/family members with disabilities get the services and supports they need.
Choice, Decision Making & Control	Families/family members with disabilities determine the services and supports they receive and the individuals or agencies who provide them.
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.
Family Outcomes	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 survey to a random sample of at least 1,200 families, all of whom have an adult family member with a developmental disability who lives outside of the family home and receives 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 1,200 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 1,200 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 interval and margin of error used are widely acceptable standards for reviewing results, regardless of population size. States with fewer than 1,200 potential respondent families were instructed to send surveys to all eligible families. With response rates lower than expected, we also 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 the data

The NCI Family/Guardian Survey is a tool for assessing system-wide performance. It is not intended to be used to monitor individuals or providers. The NCI Statewide Average should not be interpreted as defining or providing a benchmark for "acceptable" levels of performance or satisfaction. Instead, it describes average levels of performance or satisfaction across the State; it is up to public managers, policy-makers, and other stakeholders to use the data to determine programmatic and policy-related priorities.

### What is contained in this report?

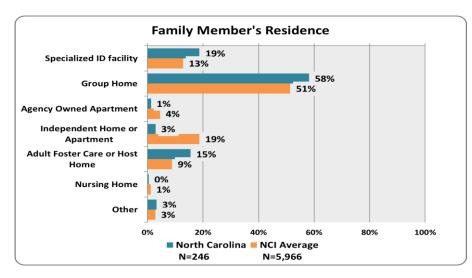
This report illustrates 2015-16 NCI Family/Guardian Survey demographic and outcome results from North Carolina compared to the NCI Average (the average of all state averages). All results are shown in chart form. Some questions may have a low response rate, particularly questions about reporting grievances and abuse or neglect. States with fewer 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 <a href="http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/resources/">http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/resources/</a> reports/.

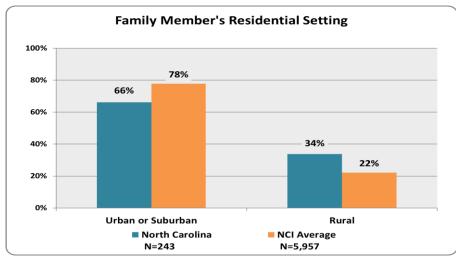
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## **Results: Demographics of the Family Member**

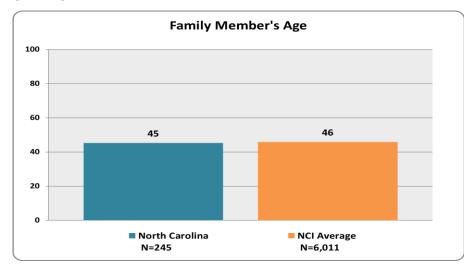
ILLUSTRATES THE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF THE ADULT FAMILY MEMBER WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

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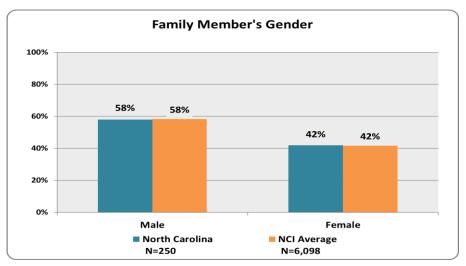




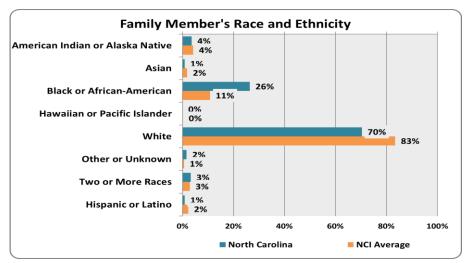
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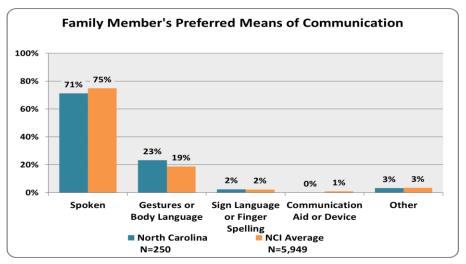


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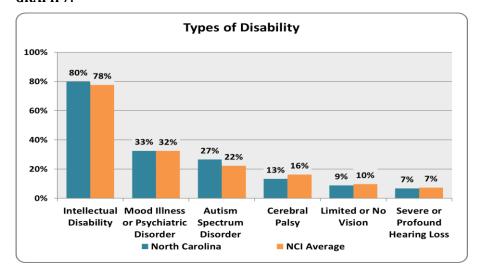


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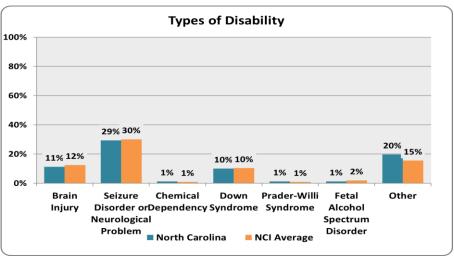




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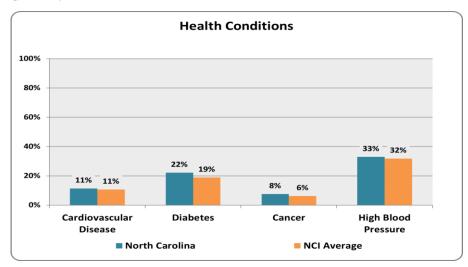
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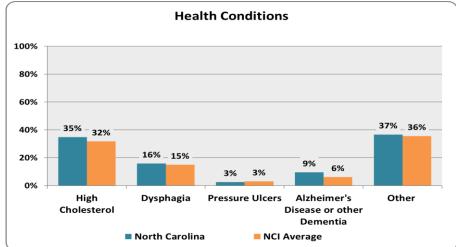
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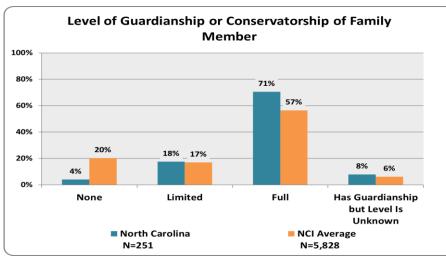
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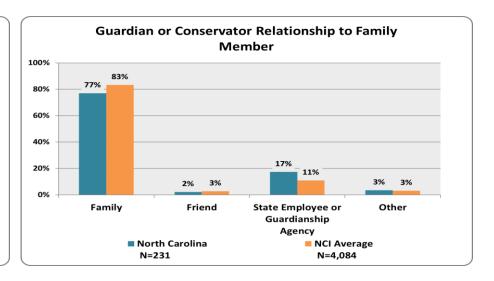
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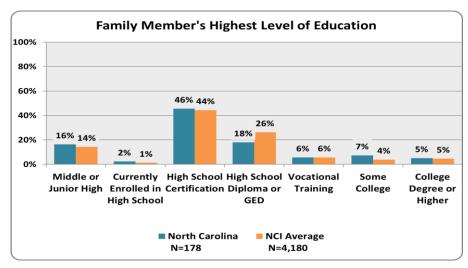


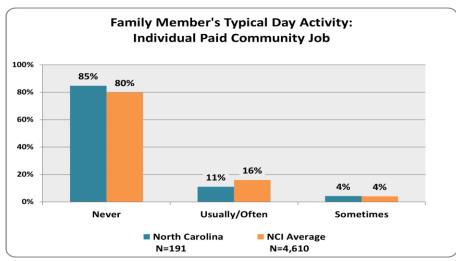
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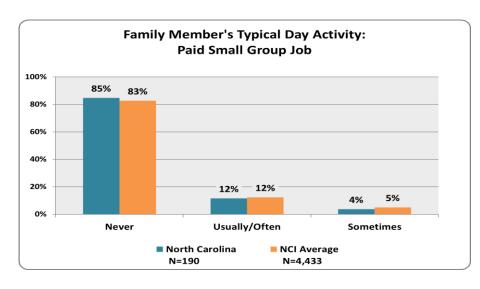
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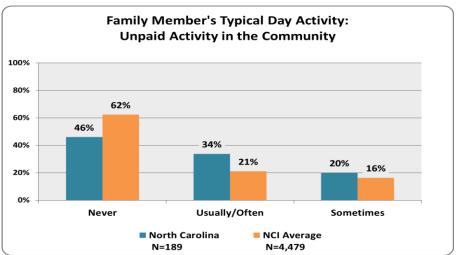




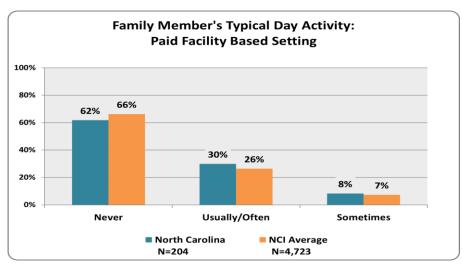
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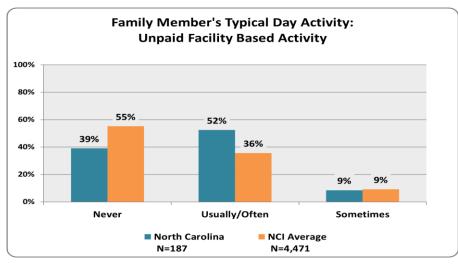


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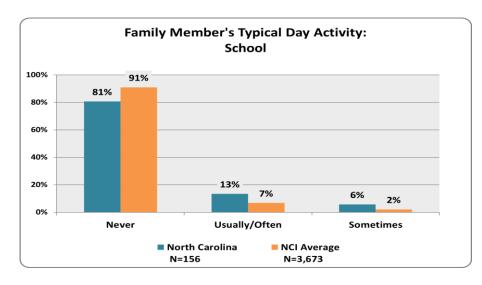


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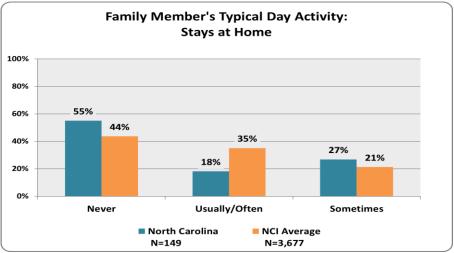




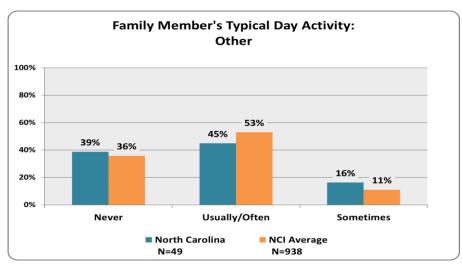
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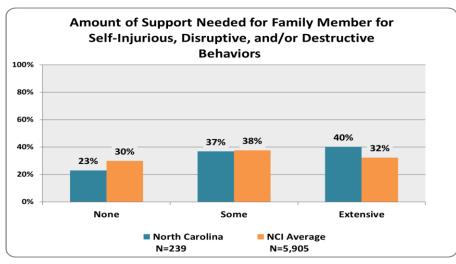


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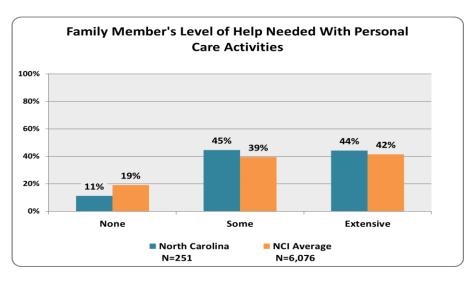


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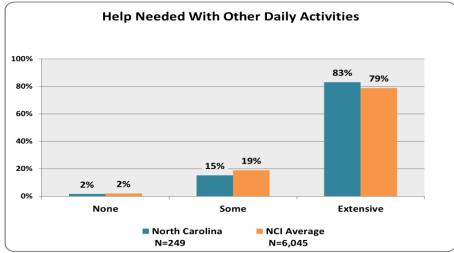




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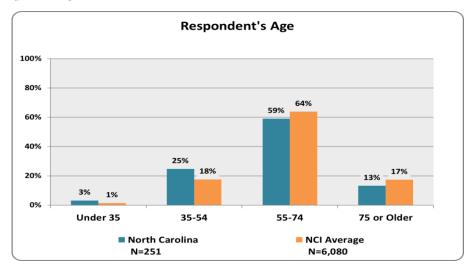


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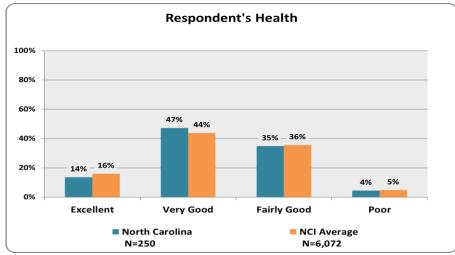
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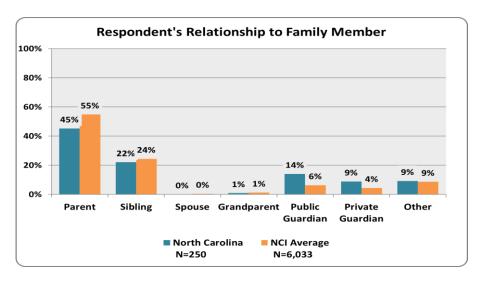
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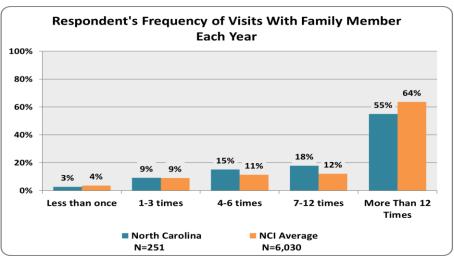
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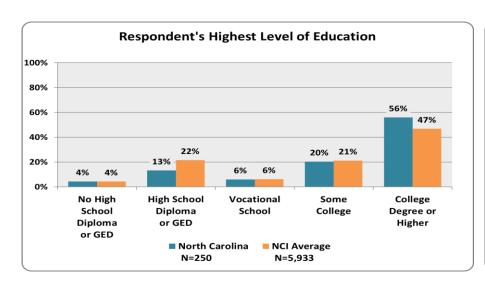
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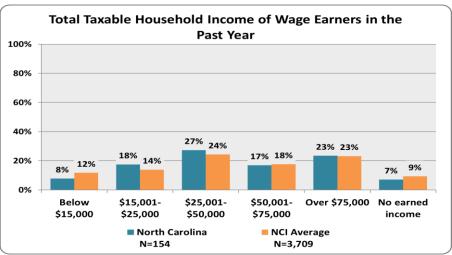


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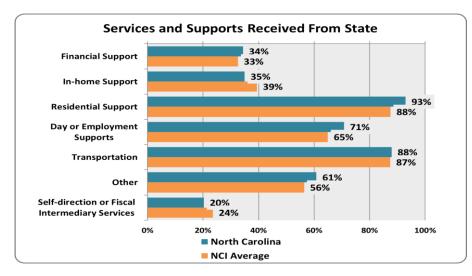


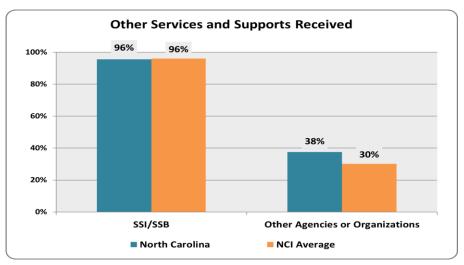
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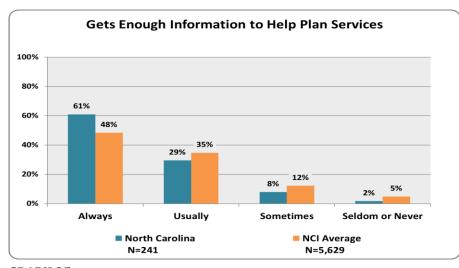
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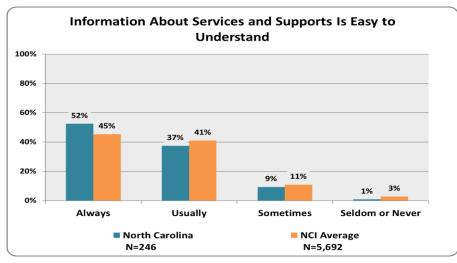
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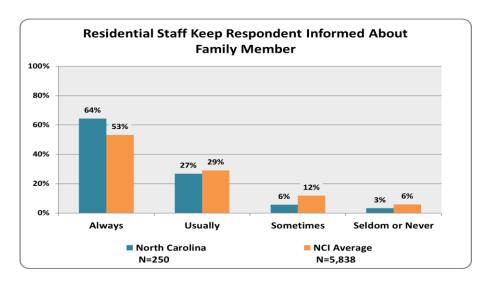
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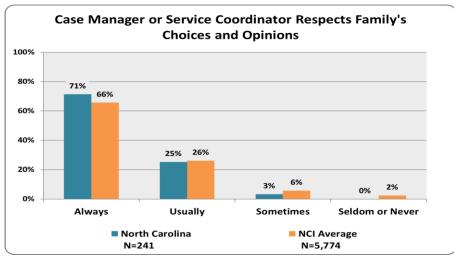




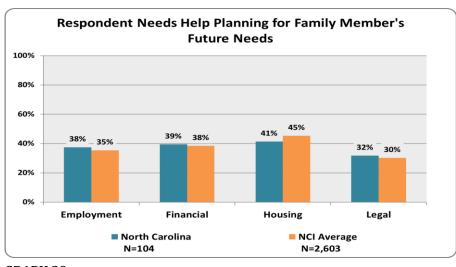
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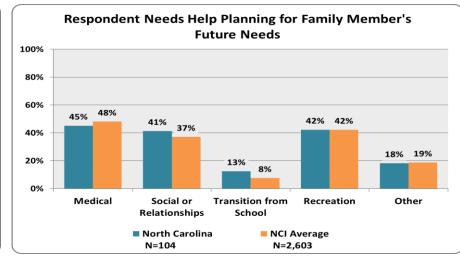


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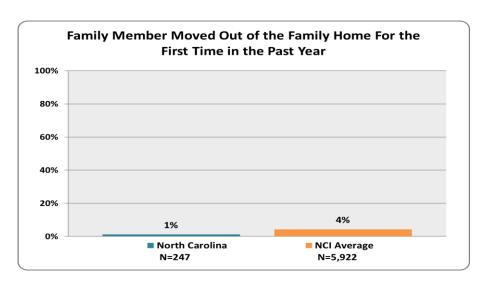


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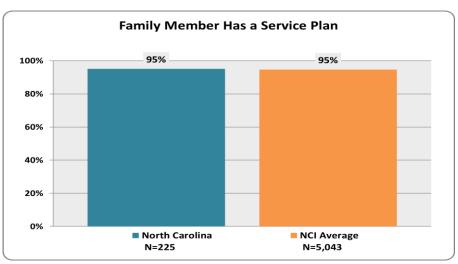




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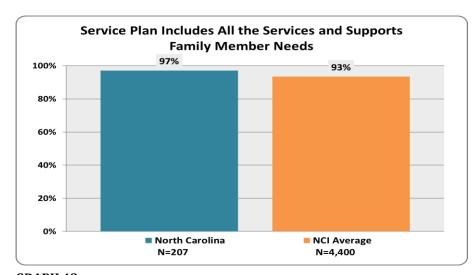


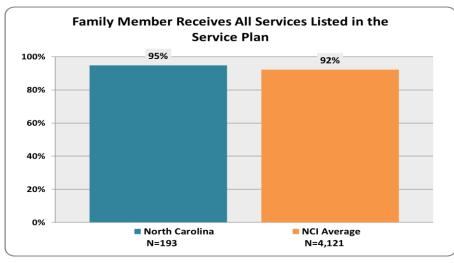
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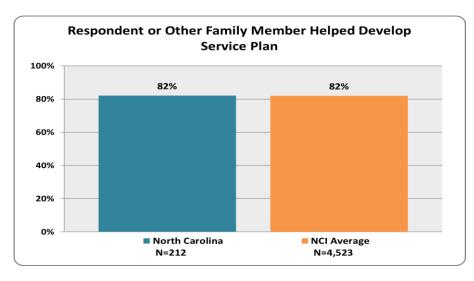
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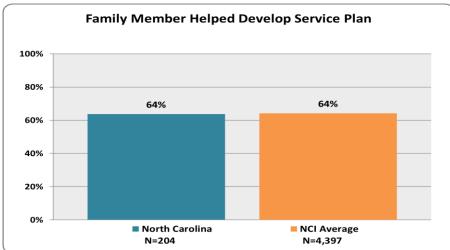




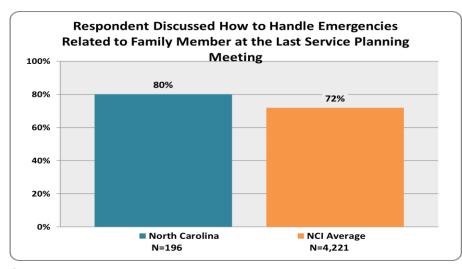
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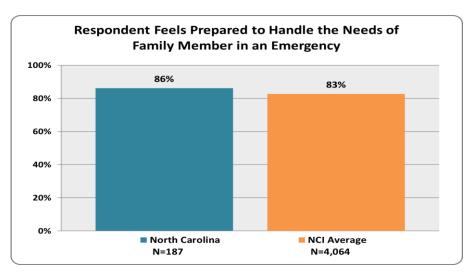


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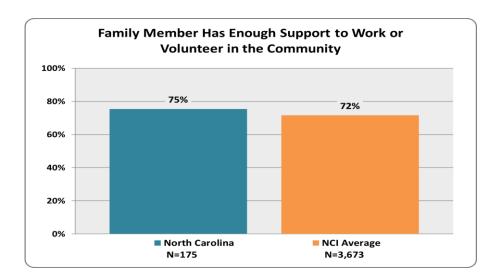


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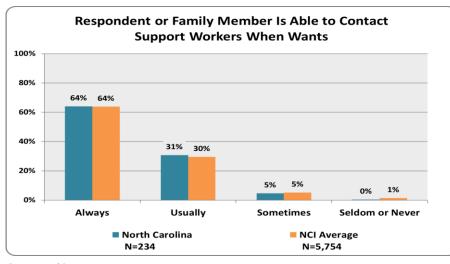


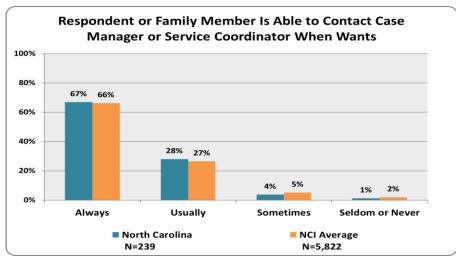
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# **Access and Delivery**

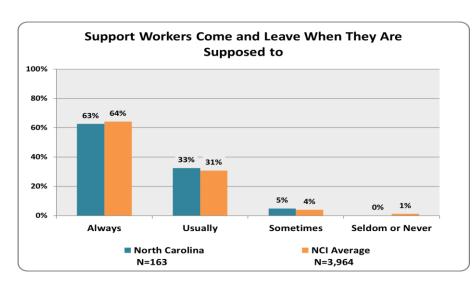
FAMILIES AND FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES GET THE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THEY NEED

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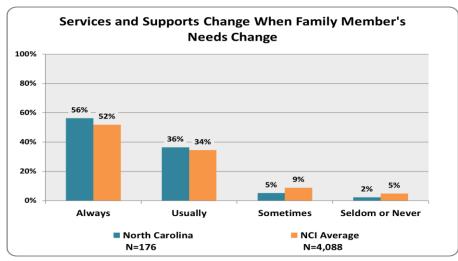




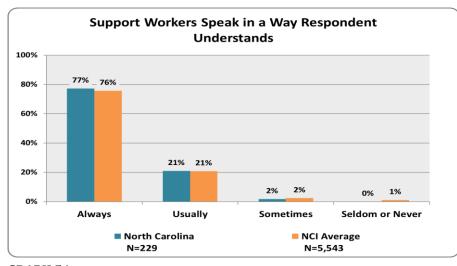
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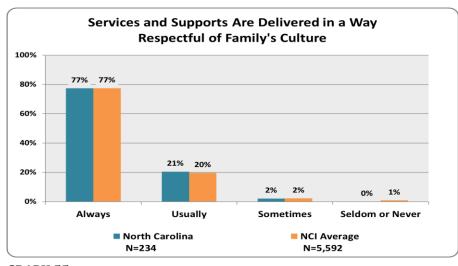


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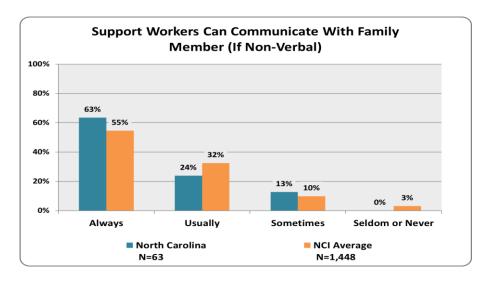


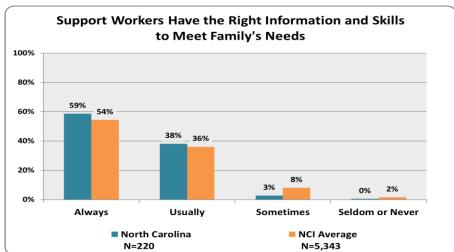
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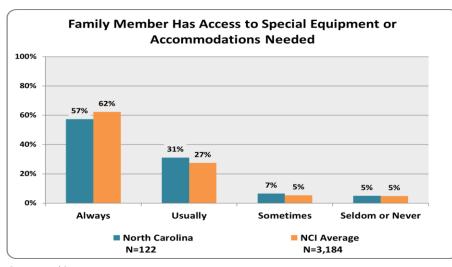


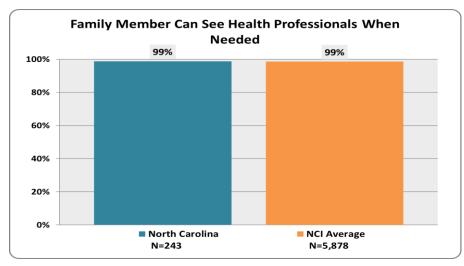
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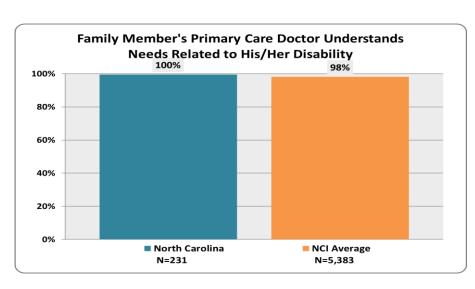


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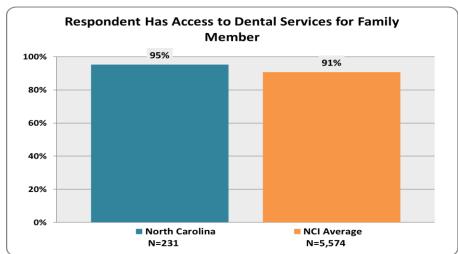




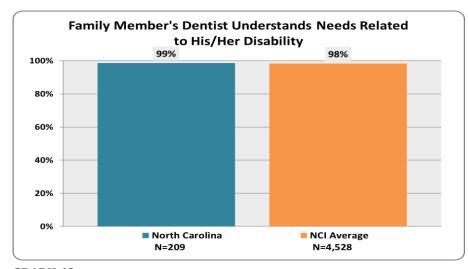
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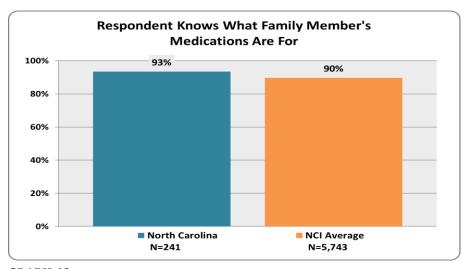


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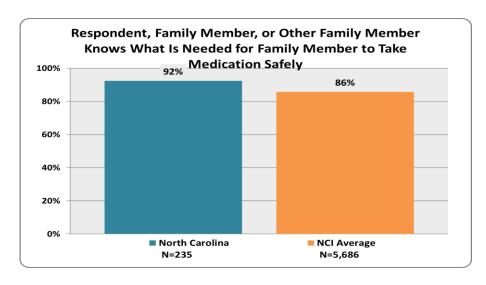


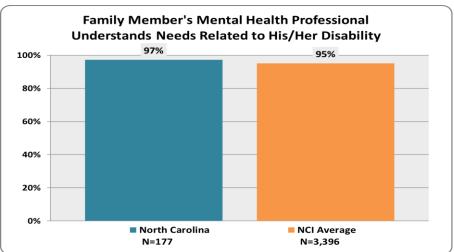
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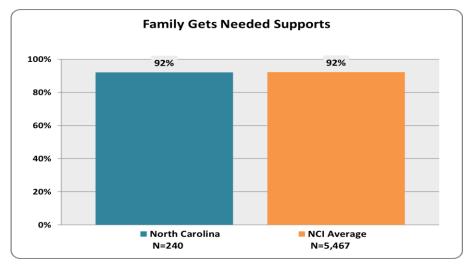


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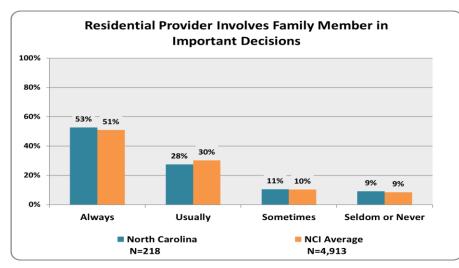
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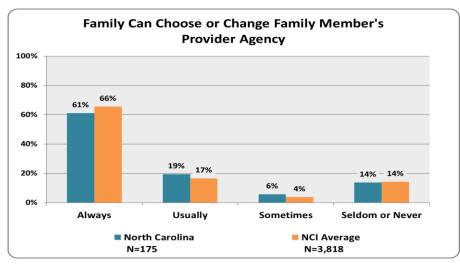
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# **Choice, Decision Making and Control**

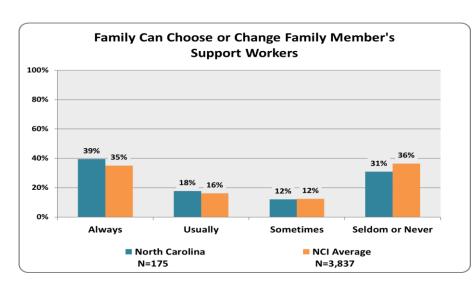
FAMILIES AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES DETERMINE THE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THEY RECEIVE AND THE INDIVIDUALS OR AGENCIES WHO PROVIDE THEM

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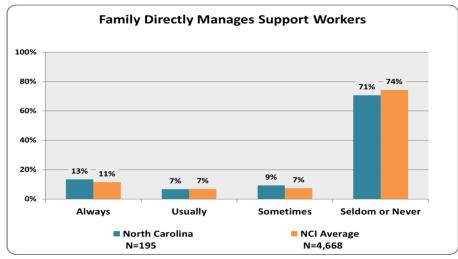




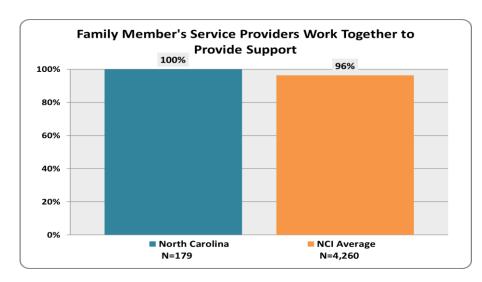
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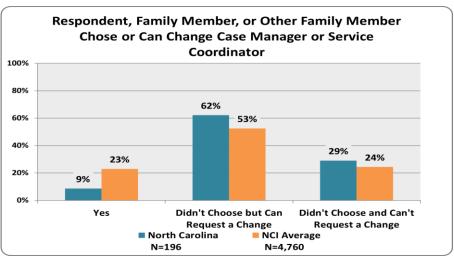


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GRAPH 69. GRAPH 70.



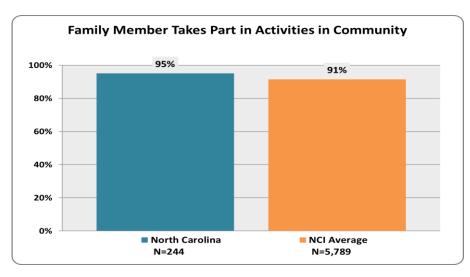


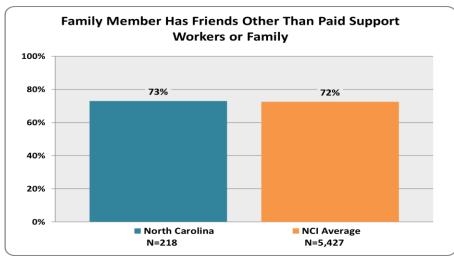
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## **Involvement in the Community**

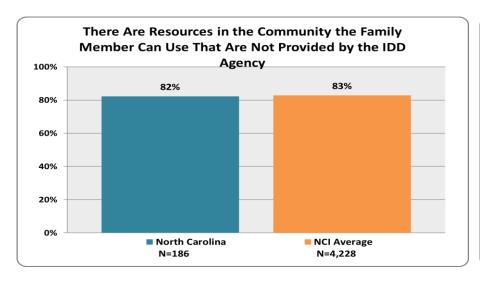
FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES USE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARTICIPATE IN EVERYDAY
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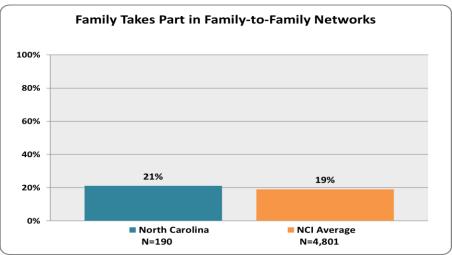
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**GRAPH 73. GRAPH 74.** 



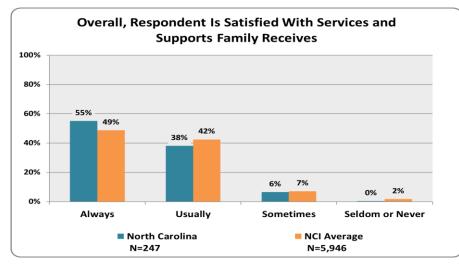


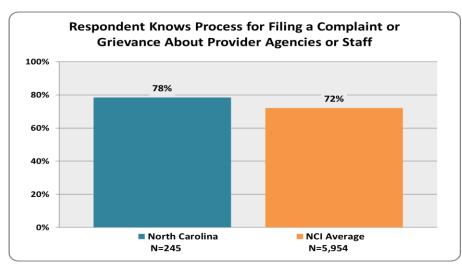
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## **Satisfaction**

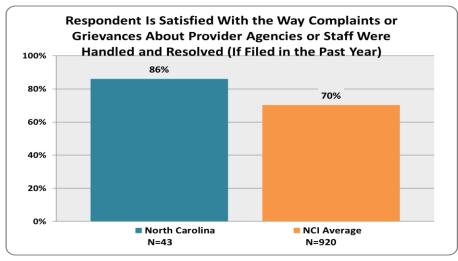
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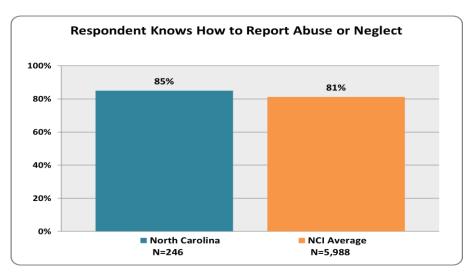
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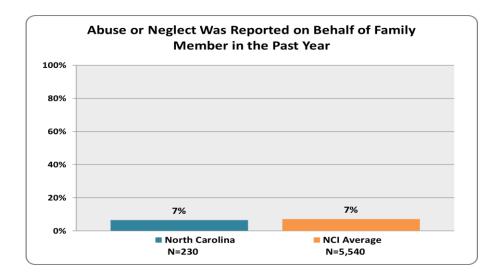
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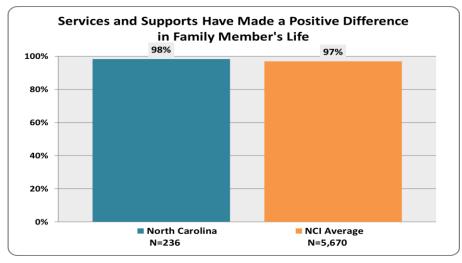


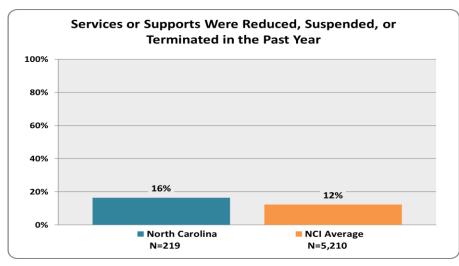
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## **Outcomes**

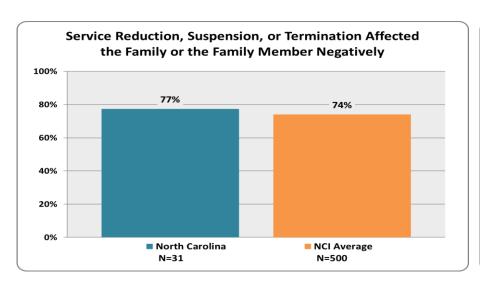
INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORTS MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF FAMILIES

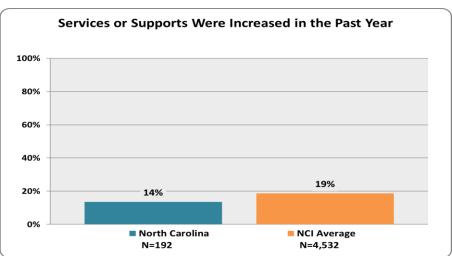
**GRAPH 80. GRAPH 81.** 





**GRAPH 82. GRAPH 83.** 





### GRAPH 84.

