OCFN: Where Empowered Families and Communities Meet

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Families who are isolated raise children who are isolated.

Research from Brigham Young University says social integration is the #1 indicator for long life. Meaningful relationships is #2.
OCFN uses a two-pronged approach including Peer Support and Community Building.

What do we want?
- Empowered families
- Empowered communities

What do want to avoid?
- Segregation
- Isolation
Why this approach?

- Families can change trajectory
- When families get together they can influence communities where they live
2 How it works?

- Strengthens Families
- Builds Community Capacity
- Increases Social Integration
What it takes?

- Relationships
- Information & Skill Building
- Goods/Services
"I believe my child will...

Families involved with Oregon’s Family Networks describe many benefits of participation including positive and aspirational visions for their children with disabilities.

- Be safe and healthy: 95%
- Graduate with a diploma: 72%
- Have a paying job: 82%
- Live independently: 75%
Because of partnering with family networks...

3 out of 4 families were able to better connect with resources for their child
Because of partnering with family networks...

4 out of 5 community partners supported by the Networks feel better able to engage families with disability
"My Family Network has changed the vision and the trajectory of my son's future by simply showing me that anything is possible. I now have a new way of thinking and I will never go back!"

- Mom of 12 year old

""A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT IT MEANS TO "HAVE A 'DISABILITY'" WILL HELP US REACH OUT IN MORE MEANINGFUL WAYS TO THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE DISABILITY."

- COMMUNITY PARTNER
Questions?

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