



We are efficient and effective. **OCFN represents 12,250 families and 1,800 community partners** across 20 counties for an investment of \$1.3 million per biennium. Continue this investment in the resilience of families and their children's future.

In times of crisis, everyone needs their peers. Without a structure to connect families with children with disabilities to each other, they struggle to find one another. OCFN has been essential in helping families and communities work together to build a future where all people live full lives, use services effectively, and support each other.

## How is OCFN leveraging peer support during this crisis?



Maintaining connections between families virtually while supporting partners remotely



Responding to state systems' need to understand the experience of families



Identifying gaps in resources and leveraged community partners to address them



Connecting families directly with information, resources and coping strategies that work



Helping families avoid crisis through connection, training and advocacy

"I just needed another mom, to know I wasn't alone in this." - OCFN founding member

Our data\* tells us:

**4 out of 5**

Community partners feel better able to engage families with disability

**82% of families**

"Believe my child will work at a paying job"

**86% of families**

"Believe my network makes my family's life better"

**3 out of 4**

Families now feel able to focus on their child's strengths

## What have families been saying about OCFN?

"OCFN strengthens my family to build connections and supports we need to raise our children at home."

"Family networks build community capacity to support and welcome people and families who experience disability."

"OCFN has helped us refine natural supports to live a whole life and reduce the need for paid services during COVID-19."

**Maintaining our current funding of \$1.3M will allow us to continue this vital work in 20 Oregon counties.**

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\*Data Source: 2018 OCFN Periodic Progress Reports & Survey Results