**FAMILY COHORT INTERVIEWS**

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**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- The data from interviews and document review represent results from 12 Family Cohort members representing 9 states.
- Cohort members have vast experience in early childhood systems ranging from 5 to over 20 years in the field.

**LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

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<th>NAVIGATORS</th>
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<td>Referring families; helping them understand the ECI systems</td>
<td>Working with professionals across agencies to include the family voice</td>
<td>Enlisting families to serve on committees &amp; to provide testimony to legislatures</td>
<td>Speaking to preservice students &amp; other families about their experiences</td>
<td>Heading foundations, working at UCEDDs, and running their own businesses</td>
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**OUTCOMES ACHIEVED**

- Stronger connections/collaboration (8)
- Increased family engagement in ECI systems (7)
- Useful resources for families (7)
- Influencing policy and legislation (3)
- Increased confidence in skills and knowledge (3)
- Increased partnership with pre-service programs (2)
- Deeper understanding of ECI systems (2)

**ECPC SUPPORTS**

1. **PROVIDED CONTENT AND RESOURCES**
   - that have broadened and deepened their understanding of ECI systems.

2. **FACILITATED CONNECTION**
   - with family leaders in other states and extended their network of support.

3. **SERVED AS COACH/MENTOR**
   - as they implemented their action plan.

"ECPC gave us not only the emotional aspect, but the tools, the web site, and the research-based data to make it real."

"I'm connecting more with people across the state and from other states and surprisingly, people are being referred to me... I collaborate more effectively than I did 3 years ago."

"It was very eye-opening to be around moms from other states and learn on an intimate level what other states were doing and how it impacted families. It helped me understand that our voice is important and gave me more drive to say that families are important, and we should be at the table."