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AWS Foundation awards grant to Family Voices Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS – AWS Foundation of Fort Wayne, Ind., awarded Family Voices Indiana (FV Indiana) \$50,000 in grant funding to increase its capacity to serve families with children with special health care needs and the professionals who serve them in the northeast region of the state.

“Family Voices Indiana is honored to be chosen by AWS Foundation as a 2018 grant recipient,” said Holly Wheeler, executive director of FV Indiana. “Many families in northeastern Indiana aren’t accessing all the services and supports their children need because either they don’t know what’s available or don’t know where to start. These funds will allow us to serve more families and professionals, ultimately helping more children lead healthier, happier lives.”

FV Indiana will use grant funds in multiple ways, including increased staffing for the 11 counties AWS serves and enhanced community outreach to the region’s diverse communities.

“We have been building our partnership with AWS for several months and see this grant award as a symbol of that partnership, one we are dedicated to growing in the future,” Wheeler said.

AWS and FV Indiana also are collaborating on a one-and-a-half-day family-focused educational conference hosted in conjunction with the Foundation’s disABILITIES Expo at the War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12. The Conference and Expo will benefit a broad spectrum of families, professionals, vendors, community organizations and providers who serve the disability community. Information about the Conference and Expo is available at <http://www.fvindiana.org/conference/> and <http://disabilitiesexpoindiana.org/>.

About Family Voices Indiana

The mission of Family Voices Indiana is to equip and support families with children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). It provides families with tools to make informed decisions regarding the care of their children through information sharing, advocacy and partnership, and is Indiana's Family-to-Family Health Information Center (F2F HIC), staffed by family members who have firsthand experience navigating this complex system of health care and programming. It is a state affiliate of Family Voices, a national nonprofit family-led organization that promotes quality health care for all children and youth, particularly those with special health care needs.

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