In 1982, Jane Knitzer published Unclaimed Children: The Failure of Public Responsibility to Children and Adolescents in Need of Mental Health Services thus setting in motion the children’s mental health movement and the rise of the family and youth movements.

**Timeline of the Family Movement in Children's Behavioral Health**

**CASSP 1984**
In 1984, Congress funded the Child & Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP). Initially, the program did not address family issues. By year two an additional goal was added to develop family input into the planning and development of service systems, treatment options and individual service options.

**Research and Training Center**
CASSP and the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) established the first Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children’s Mental Health at Portland State University.

**1986-87 Families as Allies Conferences**
Portland State University hosted five regional Families as Allies Conferences for families.

**First Federal Funding for Family-Run Organizations**
Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana, Virginia and Wisconsin were the first states to receive $20,000 for their family organizations. Indiana, Kentucky and New Jersey were awarded grants the following year.

**Next Steps Conference**
Portland State University and NIDRR co-hosted at the Next Steps Conference in Arlington, Virginia in December 1988 to create an agenda for children’s mental health.

**Federation of Families Started**
In February 1989, a 20 person Steering Committee of families voted to form a national family organization. The Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health was incorporated in Maryland in September 1989.

**SAMHSA Authorized by Congress**
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) was created by Congress in 1992 to improve the quality and availability of substance abuse prevention, addiction treatment and mental health services.

**Children’s Mental Health Initiative (CMHI)**
SAMHSA funds the first four Systems of Care grants to communities for children’s mental health.

**President’s New Freedom Commission**
Term ‘family driven care’ defined.

**National Youth Development Board Formed**

**Youth MOVE National Established**

**Certification Commission Formed for Parent Peer Support Providers**

**SAMHSA/CMS Joint Bulletin**
SAMHSA and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid issue a joint bulletin in May 2013 identifying parent peer support as a key service that can enable children with complex needs to live at home and participate fully in family and community opening the door for Medicaid billing for parent peer support.

**Youth MOVE National Incorporated**
Executive Directors of 16 family-run organizations form an organization dedicated to building leadership and organizational capacity of family-run organizations. FREDLA becomes a partner in the TA Network as part of the National Technical Assistance and Training Center for Children’s Behavioral Health.

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Family-Run and Youth Organizations Looking Ahead

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