



Establish Family Engagement Expectations: Are we demonstrating family-centered practices?

A family-centered approach is central to the framework of early intervention and early childhood special education services. Embracing family members as partners drives each step of the intervention process (e.g., assessment, intervention, and evaluation). Family engagement must be ongoing, respectful, responsive, and culturally competent to successfully achieve the goal of intervention – building family capacity to promote their child’s development.

Effective family-staff partnerships intentionally foster involvement, engagement, and participation by:

- using ongoing strategies to collaborate and partner regarding mutually agreed upon child outcomes,
- engaging in respectful, responsive and culturally competent two-way communication,
- including a family member on the Inclusion Team, and
- conducting periodic family satisfaction surveys.