

Working Toward Family Driven Practices - Definitions

Family Driven

Families have a primary decision making role in the care of their own children as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all children.

Families have significant roles and are involved in all aspects of the child-serving systems.

Family Engagement

The community has an active effort underway at some level to engage families in parts of the system of care.

Overall impact that families have on the system, plans, and implementation is not yet significant.

Family Involvement

Families are included or participate in some parts of the system; although only in positions considered to be traditional or "safe".

Family involvement at this level is not in significant places, positions, or numbers.

Working Toward Family Driven in the Area of Governance

There is transparency in ALL matters.

Meetings are held in convenient places and at convenient times.

Individual family members have access to meeting minutes and are welcome at meetings.

Family members are given support to enable them to fully participate in governance.

Family Driven

Family members serve in leadership positions, make up a majority in the governance system and represent families in their community.

Family members' time and expertise are valued.

Families have opportunities to give input directly and through representatives.

Family Engagement

Family members are full voting members in the governance system.

Family Involvement

Family members are invited to attend meetings, asked for input, serve on committees.

Family members on boards, workgroups, and committees represent the population of focus.