



Collaborative Community Partnership Reminders

- The communication and the relationships that families and providers have with one another often dictate the effectiveness of the services.
- To achieve a family-focused partnership, providers must make a commitment to develop effective working partnerships with families, and engage in supportive interactions that are sensitive and respectful of the beliefs of the families.
- Providing appropriate and meaningful support and resources to families can increase the sense of community.
- Acknowledge that families bring a wealth of resources and personal support networks. Additionally, acknowledge family members as decision makers.
- Roles and relationships that are mutually agreed on by the family members and providers are the framework of collaborative partnerships.
- Resources that are offered should serve to enhance healthy family relationships and family functioning.
- Emphasize family strengths, and support families to develop their capabilities.
- Maintain appropriate boundaries with families.
- Providers can create more effective partnerships by identifying the families' concerns, priorities, and resources through meaningful conversations.
- Providers must be committed to the process of developing partnerships because true partnerships develop over time and take time to establish.