



Family-Centered Intervention Series

Collaboration and Teaming

Good collaboration and teaming ensures families have seamless services that support their priorities. To improve collaboration across your team, try using these family-centered ideas.

- Families are the constant in a child's life; professionals are a temporary support.
- Value parents' insights, culture, and priorities when developing intervention plans.
- Use family goals as the foundation for all services and strategies.
- Teaming means equal partnership—professionals and families co-create solutions.
- Decisions are not top-down; rather, they're made collaboratively with full transparency.
- Use language and tools that empower families to participate meaningfully.
- Combine expertise from educators, therapists, social workers, and others to address the whole child.
- Coordinate across disciplines to avoid duplication and provide consistent support.
- Hold regular team meetings that include the family to stay aligned and responsive.