

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LEARNING SERIES

FACILITATOR GUIDE

Module 1 – Elevating the Family Voice for effective Policy, Programs and Processes

Episode 1 - Overview of Family Partnerships

Title:

Overview of the Family Partnership Learning Series

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The Family Partnership Learning Series is a collection of brief educational modules to support the expansion of the family partnership model. Designed to support state agency teams to foster a responsive, inclusive and comprehensive approach in partnering with families in the co-design of programs, policies and processes. At the core of this work, the intention of family partnerships is to leverage the unique experiences and expertise of families who have gained valuable skills and insight because of navigating complex systems of care. These informed families complement the expertise and policy knowledge that agency professionals bring. A partnership between these two groups ensures that services are wholistic, multigenerational, culturally sensitive, and are tailored to the real needs of the community.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the principles, strategies and practices that can guide the development and sustainability of important family partnerships
- Understand that the goal of effective Family Partnerships is to promote positive outcomes for children, youth and families.
- Establish the value of families with lived expertise
- Family Partners should be seen as part of Workforce Development and Talent Pipeline efforts
- Establish a systems-improvement approach centering families as the horizontal thread across vertical systems
- Lived expertise and unique skills of families serve as a complement to agency staff
- Explore the Collaboration Continuum

Facilitator Tips:

- Acknowledge the audience that their interest in this Learning Series is an indication of an innovative and open mindset.
- When discussing the Collaboration Continuum, encourage audience to “see themselves” in the continuum, with the intention of Trust over Turf.

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