

FFCMH Principles for Family Involvement



Families define themselves and their own culture



Families require culturally competent services and supports reflecting their race, ethnicity, gender orientation, language, socio-economic background, and family structure



Families have their basic needs met



Families have access to information and training



Family identified priorities and concerns drive policy and practice



Families share power to make decisions and responsibility for outcomes



Families & their system partners know their individual strengths, limitations and fears



Families have their own independent organization to speak with a collective voice for system change



Families and their organizations get both respect and protection from their system partners