Family-Centered Practices Checklist

This checklist includes the kinds of practitioner helpgiving behavior that are indicators for interacting with and treating parents and other family members in a family-centered manner. The practices are used as part of engaging parents and other family members in child, parent-child, parent, and family interventions. The checklist indicators can be used by a practitioner to plan interactions with parents or other family members as part of any assessment or intervention activity. The checklist rating scale can be used to do a self-evaluation to determine if the family-centered practice characteristics were used during practitioner-family interactions.

See **DEC RPs**: F1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7

Practitioner: Please indicate which family-centered characteristics you were able to use as part of interactions with family members:		Child:				Date:
		Seldom or Never (0-25%)	Some of the Time (25-50%)	As Often As I Can (50-75%)	Most of the Time (75-100%)	Notes
1.	Treat family members in ways that are respectful of personal and cultural beliefs and practices					
2.	Provide family members complete and unbiased information in order for them to make informed choices and decisions					
3.	Be responsive to the family's unique life circumstances					
4.	Be nonjudgmental about family choices and decisions					
5.	Together with the family develop a plan that is responsive to family concerns and priorities					
6.	Work with the family in a collaborative manner to obtain family prioritized supports and resources					
7.	Use family member strengths and existing abilities for obtaining resources and supports					
8.	Provide family members support and guidance as part of their engagement in obtaining supports and resources					

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