Family Engagement

This checklist includes helpful practices that actively engage parents and other family members in obtaining family-identified resources and supports or actively engaging parents and other family members in the use of other types of intervention practices. Family engagement practices support and strengthen parents' active participation in intervention activities toward competency-enhancing outcomes.

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Rate how often you used each practice characteristic:

1. Seldom (0–25%)
2. Sometimes (25–50%)
3. Often (50–75%)
4. Almost always (75–100%)

Practice Characteristics

	1	2	3	4
1. Use the Informed Family Decision-Making checklist to identify family member concerns and priorities.	○	○	○	○
2. Engage family members in identifying and evaluating the pros and cons of different options for addressing family-identified concerns and priorities.	○	○	○	○
3. Together with family members, develop a plan to obtain identified resources and supports.	○	○	○	○
4. Engage family members in identifying the steps or actions to implement the plan.	○	○	○	○
5. Engage family members in identifying which steps or actions will be done independently by the family and which steps or actions will be done in collaboration with a practitioner.	○	○	○	○
6. Implement the steps or actions and together with the family review and revise the courses-of-action as necessary.	○	○	○	○