

DIVING INTO DEC RECOMMENDED PRACTICES



FAMILY

F4: PRACTITIONERS AND THE FAMILY WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE OUTCOMES OR GOALS, DEVELOP INDIVIDUALIZED PLANS, AND IMPLEMENT PRACTICES THAT ADDRESS THE FAMILY'S PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS AND THE CHILD'S STRENGTHS AND NEEDS.



BREAKING IT DOWN



When family members are active participants in informed decision-making, practitioners are better able to customize intervention practices that are responsive to family concerns and priorities. To achieve a family's desired outcomes and goals for their child, practitioners should collaborate with families in ways that are sensitive and responsive to their unique circumstances.

EXAMPLE

A SERVICE COORDINATOR HELPS THE FAMILY TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING IFSP OUTCOMES THAT WILL ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS AND HELP THEM FACILITATE THEIR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT.

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Identifying Family Concerns and Priorities

- Provide complete and unbiased information in response to parents' concerns and priorities so they can make informed-decisions
- Work with parents to prioritize goals for their child, ordering them from those they would like to achieve sooner to those that might take a little longer to achieve
- Help parents identify the types of supports and resources they need to address their concerns and priorities



RESOURCES

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BARTON LAB RESOURCES FOR
PRACTITIONERS

ECTA PRACTICE
IMPROVEMENT TOOLS

