



Family Support Principles

Principles of Family Support Practice

Principle 1

Staff and families work together in relationships based on equality and respect.

Principle 2

Staff enhance families' capacity to support the growth and development of all family members – adults, youth, and children.

Principle 3

Families are resources to their own members, to other families, to programs, and to communities.

Principle 4

Programs affirm and strengthen families' cultural, racial, and linguistic identities and enhance their ability to function in a multicultural society.

Principle 5

Programs are embedded in their communities and contribute to the community-building process.

Principle 6

Programs advocate with families for services and systems that are fair, responsive, and accountable to the families served.

Principle 7

Practitioners work with families to mobilize formal and informal resources to support family development.

Principle 8

Programs are flexible and continually responsive to emerging family and community issues.

Principle 9

Principles of family support are modeled in all program activities, including planning, governance, and administration.

