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## CREATING MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES

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Family-centered care (FCC) is the best practice in pediatric care. FCC is provided by establishing family-provider partnerships based on mutual understanding and respect, aimed to collaboratively set goals and construct a meaningful intervention process. In FCC, cultural values and diversity are fundamental for personalizing services to meet the distinctive needs of the entire family. FCC yields enhanced health and well-being outcomes for clients, greater work satisfaction for practitioners, and economic benefits for organizations. Although FCC is the recommended practice, healthcare providers often report challenges in establishing effective partnerships with parents. These challenges result mainly from lack of provider training and competence, and from restricting organizational policies.

The goal of this workshop is to advance participants' FCC skills needed for enhancement of their daily practice with families. Learning objective include:

1. Participants will acquire practical strategies for fostering partnership and collaboration with parents and other professionals.
2. Participants will identify assessments that promote FCC and regard parents as the experts on their child.
3. Participants will evaluate their own perspectives to enhance cultural sensitivity in their daily encounters with families.
4. Participants will implement a tool to advance partnership, reflective inquiry, and meaningful goal-setting.
5. Participants will appraise FCC processes and procedures in their workplace, and discuss strategies to enhance them.

Teaching methods will include a short lecture presenting theoretical models and current evidence, reflective exercises, case study analysis, and small group discussions.

The workshop requires a full day; no limit to number of participants.