

# Family Centered Transdisciplinary/Transagency Service Delivery Model

**Definition:** “Family-centered services” means that the services we provide are decided upon with the family. **The Transdisciplinary Team Service Delivery Model** provides a process for the primary service provider, backed by her team of members from different disciplines and your family, to develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) that addresses your family's goals as well as your child's developmental goals. The IFSP is implemented by the family with support and coaching from the primary service provider. **The Transagency Service Delivery Model** provides a process for the primary service provider, the family, and staff from outside agencies serving the family, to come together to develop an across agency service plan for the child and the family. Our goal is to help your child reach his or her optimal level of development and to enhance your ability to assist your child to meet his or her developmental goals.

## **Key Points of the TD/TA Model:**

- Your family is an integral member of the team.
- The Early Intervention staff goals for your child will be developed with you to assist your child to function as independently as possible.
- Family goals will also be developed with you to assist in those areas in which you might need some assistance such as seeking out and accessing community health, education and social services.
- The service plan will combine your families' priorities and the teams' recommendations for family and child goals. The service plan will be carried out by the family. The PSP will provide the family support, assistance and coaching on their implementation of the plan.
- The Primary Service Provider will collaborate and consult with other agencies and community programs to streamline services for your family.

## **Primary Service Provider's Role:**

The Primary Service Provider's role is one of consultant, advisor, and coach. She or he will work with you on ways that you can help your child grow and develop and reach his or her developmental goals.

The Primary Service Provider will discuss with you ways to encourage your child's development during daily activities such as bathing, meals, play, etc. This has been proven to be the most effective way to develop your child's knowledge and skills and to assist your child to reach his or her optimal level of development.

## **Family Participation:**

Families will be asked to participate in their child's:

- Assessment
- IFSP Development of family and child goals and interventions
- Home Visits which focus on daily routines
- Service Coordination

Families are expected to fully participate in the activities of the home visit. Service providers are not allowed to work with a child in the home without the parent(s) being present and actively involved in interacting with their child.