

# Family Driven, Family Centered, Family Voice and Choice: What's the Difference?

## DEFINITIONS

### ***Family centered care:***

Family-Centered Care assures the health and well-being of children and their families through a respectful family-professional partnership. It honors the strengths, cultures, traditions and expertise that everyone brings to this relationship. Family-Centered Care is the standard of practice which results in high quality services. *Source: Maternal and Child Health Bureau*

### ***Family voice and choice:***

Family and youth/child perspectives are intentionally elicited and prioritized during all phases of the wraparound process. Planning is grounded in family members' perspectives, and the team strives to provide options and choices such that the plan reflects family values and preferences. *Source: National Wraparound Initiative*

### ***Family driven:***

Family-driven means families have a primary decision making role in the care of their own children as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all children in their community, state, tribe, territory and nation. *Source: Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health*