

# Family Voice Checklist

## 1 Families have the supports to they need to engage

My child's providers know what supports I need to be an effective team member. Supports could include further explanation, resources, or background information, scheduling meetings outside my work hours, translation services, etc.

## 2 Assumptions are challenged

Rather than just giving me information, my child's provider and I regularly engage in collaborative discussions (two-way communication) to strategize and problem solve as needed.

## 3 Shared decision making

My child's provider and I make decisions together by discussing different approaches and options, exploring the pros and cons, and sharing our preferences and values.

## 4 Consistent two-way communication

Rather than making assumptions about how I want to be engaged or what my needs and priorities are, my child's provider asks me.

## 5 My voice is valued and validated

I feel comfortable sharing openly with professionals on my child's team. They listen to what I have to say and let me know how it will inform our work going forward.

## 6 Family-centered culture

My child's provider involves families in choosing, implementing, and evaluating programs and services for our children to identify unmet needs ensure that programs and services are responsive, relevant, and accessible for families like mine.

