

10 Principles of Family Support for Ohio



Quality Family Support Programs:

- ★ View families as the primary resource and decision-maker for their child
- ★ Include individual supports, services and material items that provide “whatever it takes, whenever it is needed”
- ★ Build on family strengths and based on family preferences, choices, and values and not on administrative expedience
- ★ Expand and strengthen the formal and informal/natural community resources available to the family if (and only if) the family wishes it
- ★ Involve families in all phases of design, construction, administration, evaluation, and governance: “nothing about me, without me”
- ★ Respect families’ cultural, racial and linguistic identities
- ★ Are proactive, fair, equitable, flexible, geographically sensitive, easily accessible, affordable, and continually responsive to changing family needs, roles, and ages
- ★ Include resources reserved for emergencies as determined by the family
- ★ Promote self-determination and family/child centered planning
- ★ Coordinate with general service delivery system to assure maximum efficacy