

## **PRINCIPLES FOR FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

- Families define themselves and their own culture
- Families require culturally competent services and supports reflecting their race, ethnicity, gender orientation, language, socio-economic background, and family structure
- Families have their basic needs met
- Families have access to information and training
- Family identified priorities and concerns drive policy and practice
- Families share power to make decisions and responsibility for outcomes
- Families & their system partners know their individual strengths, limitations and fears
- Families have their own independent organization to speak with a collective voice for system change
- Families and their organizations get both respect and protection from their system partners