GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

😊 Family-centered care involves addressing the needs & using the strengths of the entire family to promote optimal child development.

😊 Family choice is honored in the selection & provision of services. Families must give written permission before evaluations or services are provided.

😊 Families are informed with complete, unbiased information & professional opinion (i.e. information is shared in a way that the parents can understand).

😊 Families have the right to:

- Have a Care Coordinator.
- Communicate in their preferred language.
- Have a comprehensive evaluation & Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP) within 45 days of referral if eligible.
- Have other family members, friends, attorneys, and/or advocates present at the IFSP meeting.
- Examine their early intervention records.
- Maintain privacy of personally identifiable information – information can only be released with the family’s written consent.

😊 Families & children may receive services in natural settings, such as the home, or preschool, or at an early intervention program.