

[Division for Early Childhood \(DEC\) Recommended Practices \(RPs\)](#)

What do Family-Centered Practices look like for Service Coordinators?

Family Practices encompasses three themes: family-centered practices, family capacity building practices and family and professional collaboration. This table includes examples that align with the first four practices which focus on family-centered practices. What direct or indirect ways do you engage in DEC RPs around Family Practices? What are your strengths? What challenges do you face?

<u>Family Practices</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>My Examples, Strengths or Challenges with this RP:</u>
F1 Practitioners build trusting and respectful partnerships with the family through interactions that are sensitive and responsive to cultural, linguistic, and socio-economic diversity.	<i>A service coordinator shares information about the family's rights in the format and language with which the family is most comfortable.</i>	
F2 Practitioners provide the family with up-to-date, comprehensive and unbiased information in a way that the family can understand and use to make informed choices and decisions.	<i>A service coordinator supports the family's interests in exploring EI and non EI services by helping the family gather and evaluate information about the effectiveness of each option.</i>	
F3 Practitioners are responsive to the family's concerns, priorities, and changing life circumstances.	<i>A service coordinator uses open-ended questions to gather information from the family to understand their concerns and priorities.</i>	
F4 Practitioners and the family work together to create outcomes or goals, develop individualized plans, and implement practices that address the family's priorities and concerns and the child's strengths and needs.	<i>A service coordinator helps the family to understand the importance of developing IFSP outcomes that will address their concerns and help them facilitate their child's development</i> <i>(Retrieved from: DEC RPs with Examples</i> https://divisionearlychildhood.egnyte.com/dl/NRAqhl7roM/)	