

Strategies that Facilitate Family Involvement

Addressing Procedural Barriers

- Scheduling meetings at times and locations that work for families (in home visits, public locations close to the families' homes, at workplaces, during breaks in or after the workday, etc.)
- Using service delivery models that facilitate routines-embedded instruction in natural environments
- Ensuring that interpreters are available, including reaching out to volunteers in the community
- Providing activities or childcare for young children during the meeting

Addressing Relational Barriers

- Understanding who the family considers in their family
- Learning about families' cultures and communities
- Examining perceptions and personal experiences
- Spending time intentionally developing relationships
- Communicating using families' preferred means and frequency
- Ensuring that family goals and priorities are included
- Using a systems perspective in which the child is considered within the family
- Encouraging and welcoming the family's voice