

BACKGROUND

Co-Founder of Family voices, Currently on their Board of Directors

Co-chair, FamilY Partnerships Network, American Academy of Pediatrics

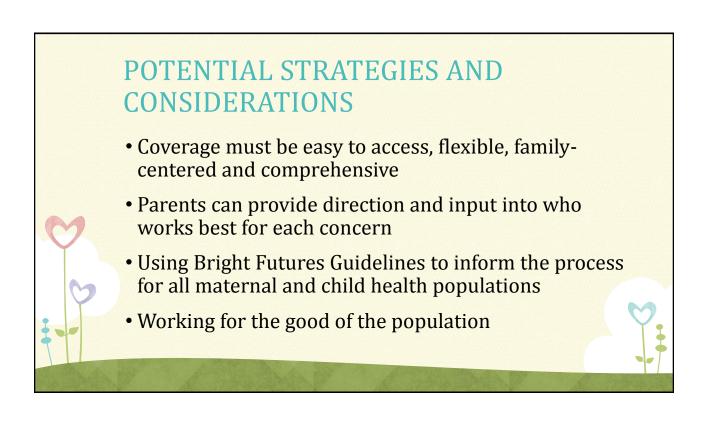
Mother of Katie Beckett, the first Medicaid waiver person

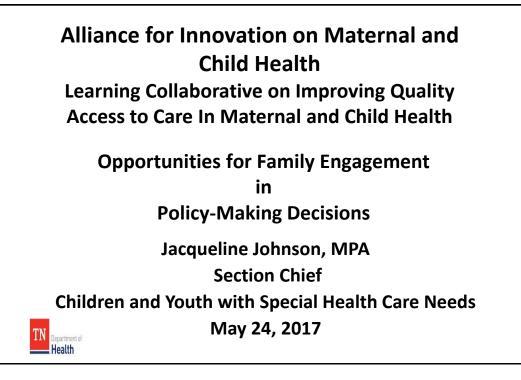




FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTERS

- Peer-to-peer support
- Outreach to community leaders, policymakers
- Identify concerns addressed through these centers
- Support community-based programs





What is Family Engagement

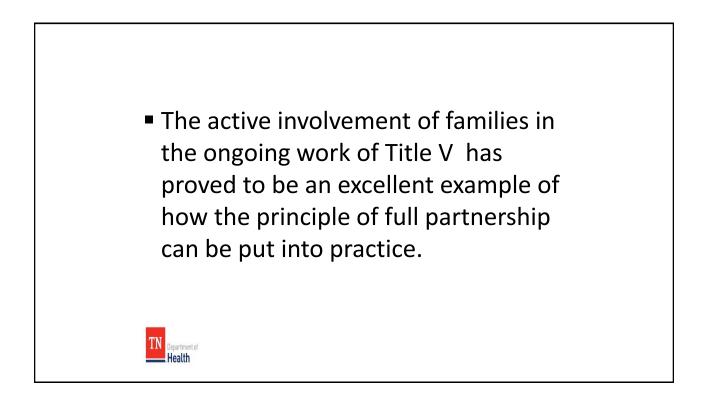
- "The integral practice of working with families for the ultimate goal of positive outcomes in all areas through the life course."
- "Family engagement reflects a belief in the value of the family leadership at all levels from an individual, community and policy level."

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Why Engage Families

Families of CYSHCN have a real world experience that governmental and business entities do not have when it comes to making policies and processes more family-centered and culturally competent.







How Families are Engaged

- Provide Technical Assistance
- Block Grant
- Five-Year Needs Assessment
- Focus Groups
- Stakeholder Group
- Advisory Committee Members
- New Born Screening
- Genetics Advisory Committee

- Tennessee Young Child Wellness Council
- Perinatal Advisory Committee
- Children's Special Services Advisory Committee
- WIC
- MIECHV
- Chronic Disease
- Injury Prevention



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Benefits

- Leadership Development
- Opportunities for Employment
- Empowerment Advocacy
- Connection Relationship Building
- Family Representative on Special Projects
- Legislative Advocacy
- Family Advisory Councils at Local Children's Hospitals
- Title V and State Family Voices
- Integration and Implementation of
- Family Input into Team Meetings

- Knowledge and Understanding of Family Perspective
 - Clear Path to What Works and What Does Not
 - CYSHCN Youth Advisory Committee
 - Parent 2 Parent Mentoring and Support Network



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Challenges

- Communication
- Consistency
- Sustainability
- Family Pool

- Tennessee has committed to fully integrating, engaging, and involving family and youth throughout our processes, i.e., planning, policy development, and implementation.
 - One future goal is to include families and youth in monitoring and evaluating our progress.

