

YEAR OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

OCTOBER 2015 RESOURCE SHARING

The children's division of Dauphin County Mental Health has designated 2015-16 **The Year of Family Engagement.**

A kick-off was held with various children's mental health providers in August at which time we discussed Family Driven Care and what providers will do during the next year to reach this level of involvement with families they serve. Each provider is submitting an action plan to Dauphin County Mental Health on what they will implement and will provide updates on their progress.

What is Family Driven Care?

Family-driven care goes beyond involvement in treatment and means that families have a primary decision making role in the care of their own children as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all children. Families have significant roles and are involved in all aspects of the child-serving systems. Please visit the two websites listed at the bottom of the page for more information.

Below are some possible ways you may want to engage in “family driven care” with your child’s mental health provider. Consider doing one of the following:

- Ask the treatment provider what they are doing for the Year of Family Engagement.
- Ask the treatment provider if there are any agency forms they would like you to review to see if they are “user friendly”.
- Ask the treatment provider if there is an upcoming agency training that you can attend.
- Share a success story with the provider about how treatment has positively impacted your family.

Family Involvement Community of Practice TA Partnership: www.tapartnership.org

National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health: www.ffcmh.org