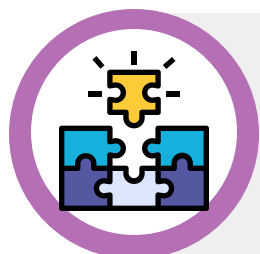


# The benefits of true partnerships with families

It is important that you invest the time and energy to form true, authentic partnerships with families. Here are just some of the benefits of this that will support best practice...



## Inclusion

When you have strong partnerships with families your decisions are based on their actual needs, not assumptions around their needs. This can lead to better inclusion for families who then feel valued and respected in your service instead of an afterthought.



## Giving families a voice

Many approaches services take to giving families a voice are tokenistic, they do them because they have to, not because they get engagement. By forming true partnerships you find ways to give families a voice based on their needs and this helps guide your practices.



## Noticing family needs

When you have strong partnerships with your families you get to know them really well and this means that you can notice when there are subtle changes in their habits or behaviours, and respond to these before they turn into issues or complaints.



## Creating opportunities

When you have meaningful partnerships with your families you create opportunities that allow them to feel like they are contributing to the service, and that decisions are based on their needs. Without this the opportunities you provide can create barriers to partnerships.



## Contextualised approaches

Every service is unique and every group of families are too, that means what works for one service is unlikely to work for another. By forming partnerships with your families you can contextualise your approaches for your current families to ensure they feel considered in decisions.