# Family Engagement

Children with Disabilities

# What Do We Know and Why Do We Do it?

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#### What Can We Do?

- Personalize Our Approach
- Understand Family Life
- Learn about the Disability
- Communicate Frequently with Families

## Personalize Our Approach

- What do we know about the child and family?
- What other information do we need to be able to do support them?
- What are the needs of that specific child?
- What are the families' concerns?
- What strategies do we know and/or need to learn to support that child?
- How are we going to gather the above information?

# **Understand Family Life**

- How can we support the family?
- What's our understanding of their concerns and daily challenges?

## Learning about the Disability

- What do we know about a disability?
- What can it look like?
- How does it affect this particular child?
- What resources do I need? What resources might the family need?

### Communicate with Families

What Strategies do we use?

#### Resources for Inclusion

- www.makingaccesshappen.com
- https://www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter/RMVideoSeries\_PracticesHereAnd There
- http://www.dec-sped.org/
- http://www.naeyc.org/

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