

## Family and Youth Involvement in Evaluation

The TA Tidbit is an online publication of the TA Network highlighting resources developed or provided in response to requests from SAMHSA SOC grantees on various topics.

This edition focuses on **Family and Youth Involvement in Evaluation**.

The primary purpose of involving family and youth in program evaluation is to ensure a true partnership between service providers and the youth and families served. Families and youth should have equitable involvement in all aspects of the evaluation process. As partners, families and youth can contribute their unique expertise and experience as behavioral health consumers during the decision-making and distribution processes.

See below for resources on involving families and youth in the evaluation process:

- Family engagement:
  - SAMHSA's [Family Involvement in the Improving Child Welfare Outcomes through Systems of Care Initiative](#)
  - National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health's [Indicators of Meaningful Family Involvement](#)
  - Children's Mental Health Initiative's [The Importance of Family Involvement in Evaluation](#) webinar
  - University of South Florida's [Family Driven Care: Are We There Yet?](#)
- Family and youth engagement:
  - FREDLA's and Youth M.O.V.E. National's [Incorporating Family and Youth Voice in Evaluation](#)
- Youth engagement:
  - Youth M.O.V.E. National's
    - [Things2Consider: Measuring Success](#)
    - [The Importance and Practical Strategies for Involving Youth in Evaluation](#)
    - [Continuing the Dialogue: Engaging Youth Voice in Evaluation](#)
- Innovation Center's [Reflect and Improve: A Toolkit for Engaging Youth and Adults as Partners in Program Evaluation](#)