

10 Guiding Principles of Person-Centered Care

Inform the work we do, provide guidance for decision making, and improve outcomes.

Person-Centered practice is:

- COLLABORATIVE
- Aimed at COOPERATION with persons by demonstrating RESPECT and TAILORING care
- INVOLVING and EMPOWERING them in decision making
- ADVOCATING with and for them to meet their needs
- Recognizing the person's experiences and knowledge
- Involves TEAM and ORGANIZATION factors

Core Values of Person-Centered Care:

- RESPECT the person
- INFORMATION gathered from the person and utilized to develop plan
- ESTABLISH and MAINTAIN care to enable COLLABORATION with the person
- The person is the EXPERT



01 Person First

Partnership in achieving safe, accessible, timely, and quality services across the continuum of care.

02 Safety

Identification and control of risks to achieve effective results for both the person served and personnel.

03 Personal Responsibility

Taking personal responsibility for their own health and other health needs.

04 Define Authority

Scope or authority given to personnel at each level of the organization to carry out their responsibilities.

05 Clear Accountability

System where individuals, functions, or committees agree and are accountable to the person served.

06 Leadership

Motivating people towards a common goal and driving sustainable change to ensure high quality delivery of clinical and social care.

07 Interdisciplinary Working

Work processes that support unique contributions of each team member; focuses on interdependence between individuals and groups delivering services; requires proactive collaboration between all members; and includes person served.

08 Supporting Performance

Continuous process of managing performance and measuring person served and personnel experiences.

09 Open Culture

Respectful and caring environment where achievements are recognized; adverse events are part of everyday open communications; personnel are willing to report adverse events and errors; and focus is on learning, improvement, research, and appropriate action taking.

10 Continuous Quality Improvement

Learning environment and system that seeks to improve services; emphasis is on maintaining quality, not just controlling processes; involves setting objectives, targets, and measures; includes education for ongoing improvement.

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