**Vision for the Family Support Council**

* **Respect and work together as a team, vision that comes to fruition**
* **Include ALL individuals we serve (not diagnosis specific)**
* **Continued updates from Council members so that they can be shared with community members**
* **People that are utilizing the services and supports involved in the Council**
* **Knowledge about resources in the community or state services that is easily referred to**
* **Continue to get information in a Family friendly version**
* **Share experiences together and success stories (examples of real time experiences)**
* **Continued appointment to the council**
* **Meetings held in person**

**What We Want**

**Supports Needed:**

* **Location of the meeting /rotation of region**
* **Virtual option**

**Advanced notice of the location/date/time**

* **Agenda/Meeting documents available online and mailed paper copy**
* **Links and PowerPoints provided ahead of the meeting (when possible)**
* **Family Support Coordinator sending out opportunities and updates**
* **Involvement in the selection of date/time**
* **Reminders of upcoming meetings**
* **DDD staff support**
* **Suggested agenda topics provided to the Council ahead of time**
* **New members – Council Chair meet and greet**
* **Speakers present information on specific topics identified by the**

**Council (Council Members present as well)**

* **Self-Care included in the agenda**

**Barriers:**

* **Isolated and not involved**
* **Council Members not attending**
* **Council members feeling dismissed or not heard**
* **Feeling separated as DDD staff and Council members divided**
* **Arguments- heated discussion**
* **Gossip- not respecting other Council members**
* **Public feeling intimidated- therefore not sharing their comments**
* **Information provided in technical terms**
* **Only listening and not being heard**

**What We Don’t Want**

* **Location of the meeting- travel**
* **Limited support at home**
* **Other scheduled activities**
* **Technology- not accessible, not working**
* **Bad Weather**
* **Reliable transportation**
* **Work**
* **Family commitments/Family emergencies**
* **Medical appointments/procedures**
* **Lack of input from Council members**
* **Finances**