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Collaboration

what is it?

In a clinical setting, collaboration is often referred to as a therapeutic alliance. A therapeutic alliance is a collaborative relationship that is formed between the provider and family with the intent of working together to meet the family's needs and goals. ^{1,2}

importance

Good collaboration is associated with:

- Higher child and parent engagement during treatment ^{1,2,4,5,6,7}
- Increased medication compliance ¹
- Decreased hospitalization time ⁸
- Greater client retention ^{1,3,4,5,6,7,9,10}

goals

- Team-based partnership created between family and provider ¹
- Treatment centered around the family's needs and goals ^{11,12,13,14,15}
- Family input is incorporated into treatment ^{2,3}

provider steps

- 1. Address any concerns that were brought up.
- 2. Address any cultural barriers (e.g., stigma, shame).
- 3. Identify future potential barriers by asking, "what might get in the way of coming back?"
- 4. Help problem-solve to address the barriers.