

**Subcommittee for Consumer and Family Involvement:
March 28th, 2006 Meeting
Defining: What Is A Full Partner?**

How will we know when we have achieved full partnership?

Are all partners being treated equally?

That is, are all partners receiving compensation for their contribution of time?

Are all partners given adequate time to review written materials to prepare for meetings?

What about lost wages, out of pocket expenses for meals, hotel, mileage?

Are families of children reimbursed for child care expenses?

Are individuals treated as tokens?

Are there enough individuals representing consumers and families that individuals feel free to speak up? To feel safe in the group there must be more than one individual.

To represent consumer and family diversity of experiences, there must be more than one individual's representation or point of view.

How do we sustain the consumer and family involvement?

Do individuals feel their input is valued and put to use?

Is there a spirit of collaboration?

Are there defined goals and is the group making real progress towards goals?

If funding were made available to support consumer and family participation, how would it be made available, to whom and for what types of involvement?