What is the Value of a Shared Plan of Care?

It’s a partnership ... the family, HCP, and the Health Care Team, all working together.

Shared plans of care put the family at the center of their health care team. Plans are characterized by goals, identifying a member of the health care team who is responsible for each goal, and establishing time frames for reaching goals.

The family and the health care team monitors progress on the shared plan of care, provides feedback and adjusts the plan of care on an ongoing basis to ensure that it is effectively implemented².

Shared plans of care are comprehensive, designed to:

- include both physical and social aspects of the family and child/youth’s condition¹
- collaborate between the family and the health care team¹

Children, youth and families are actively engaged in their plans of care, ensuring²:

- strong relationships amongst members of the health care team characterized by mutual trust and respect²
- parent and patient empowerment¹
- confidence in care¹
- improved quality of care¹

Communication with and among the health care team is clear, frequent and timely, resulting in²:

- a full understanding of child/youth and family needs, strengths, history, and preferences³
- strengthened relationships¹
- enhanced information sharing¹
- role clarification¹
- improved quality of care¹

Care is subsequently well coordinated across all involved organizations and systems².
