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Recognizing the Driving Forces of Services for Families

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1. **S** A family must bring their child to the mental health office for service.
   - *System-centered* - What if the family can’t get to the office?

2. **S** A complete assessment is done on a child and family.
   - on not with, therefore not Family-centered

3. **S** Family therapy sessions are arranged according to a family’s schedule.
   - Therapy won’t conflict with family’s other activities

4. **F/C** Child care is provided for the brother and sister while the child with special needs receives services.
   - Family needs are met, but if this is the rule rather than option then it can be seen as Child-centered.

5. **S** The office hours of the psychologist are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.
   - Rigid nonflexible hours make it difficult for families

6. **S/C** A teacher sends the instructions for a special assignment home with the child.
   - The teacher may feel the child needs the assignment but doesn’t involve the parents.

7. **S** Transportation to the income maintenance (welfare) office is available from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
   - hours not adequate

8. **F/S** Parent education groups may use the food stamp training room in the evening.
   - meets Family-centered needs but if the room is only available in the evening then System-centered

9. **F/S** An interagency planning committee consists of professionals, parents, and representatives from the community.
   - If consumers have true input, Family-centered—if only tokenism, then System-centered

10. **S** A child’s case records are available 3-5 days after a release of information is received.
    - rigid time frame—what if parents need it sooner?
11. **S/C/F**  A therapist comes to the home twice a week for a one-hour session with the child.  
*Family-centered if family requested this—Child-centered if only child involved—System-centered if the office is too small*

12. **S**  A case plan developed by a multidisciplinary team is reviewed with the parent.  
*System-centered if no evidence plan was developed with the parent*

13. **S**  School is closed for a day so that parent/teacher conferences can be held.  
*Working parents have to miss work—child care must be arranged*

14. **F**  Parents choose to send their child with special needs to a church camp instead of a special camp for children with his/her diagnosis.  
*Choice indicates family had options*

15. **C**  A homemaker arranges for Christmas gifts for a child in foster care.  
*If it is not discussed with the family Child-centered*