Person-Centered Philosophy

The Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County staff and Board of Directors are dedicated to providing consumer-driven services. To this end, persons receiving services will provide the primary direction in shaping their services and formulating their plan of service or support.

1. The plan of service or support for persons served shall be developed through a person-centered planning process.
2. The plan is to be based on the expressed needs and desires of the persons served and their abilities, capabilities and the supports necessary to reach their goals.
3. Services and supports are to be provided in environments that promote maximum independence, community inclusion and quality of life.
4. Families shall be valued members of the support team.
5. The process will fully explore the individual's and family's desires with respect to life style decisions, and hopes and dreams for the future.
6. The process will encourage, support and enable choice, control, independence and integration.
7. The process will consider issues and concerns about the person's health, welfare and safety.

Our team consists of caring and highly skilled individuals who are trained in evidence-based practices and make our clients (persons served) their number one priority. We develop and enhance our services based on outcomes as well as persons served and community input. We continually maintain collaborative relationships with community partners throughout our service area to best serve our clients. The enhancement of the emotional, mental and physical well-being of our community is at the center of everything we do.