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**Respect:** A flag to symbolize respect for families.

**Choice:** Choose...Chews...Chewing gum, because families need choices to chew on.

**Flexibility:** A rubber band to remind you to be flexible for families.

**Information:** A letter of the alphabet to remind you of the 26 letters that comprise all the critical information that should be freely exchanged between family and practitioner.

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**Empowerment:** A candle and a match to remind you that families can be empowered to find their way through the service maze..if you help light the way.

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