

Good CI Care Creates Advocates

The Power of Family–Professional Partnership

A five-year journey of shared learning

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At the beginning, families face more than a diagnosis

Before partnership can grow, families need orientation and a way into the process.

Uncertainty

What does this mean for my child?

Decisions

Technology, surgery, rehabilitation, timing

A new language

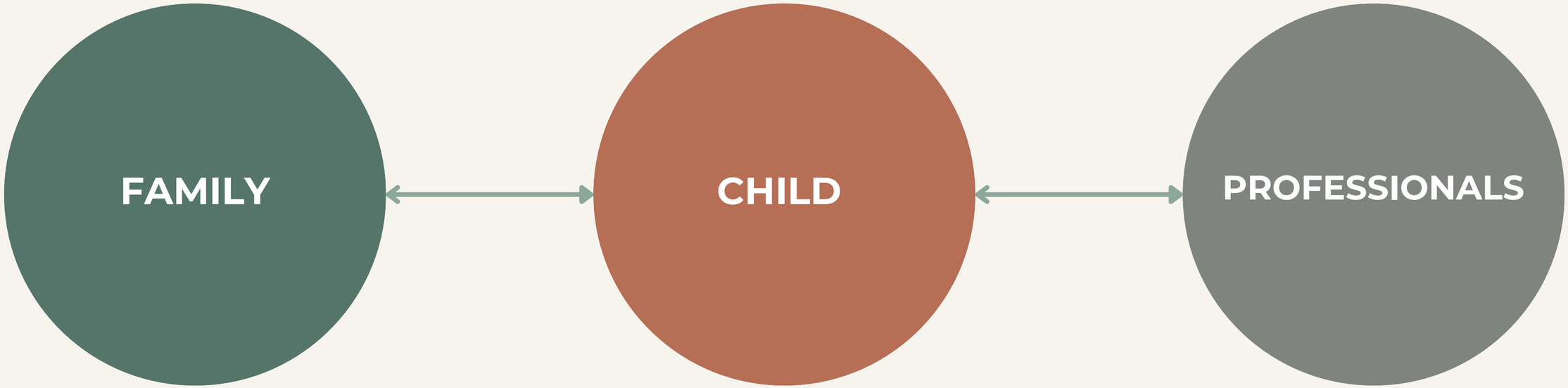
Clinical terms, devices, expectations

The future

What will everyday life look like?

Family-centred rehabilitation is built with families

Not a set of instructions delivered to them.



Shared understanding

Everyday-life practice

Shared decisions

Continuity

The goal is confidence beyond the therapy room.

Partnership changes both sides

Learning flows in both directions.



Families bring

lived experience
priorities
observations
consistency

Professionals bring

clinical expertise
tools and strategies
guidance
continuity

TRUST + SHARED LEARNING

Neither side remains unchanged

From the clinic to everyday life

Progress becomes meaningful when it supports participation.

1 ACCESS → 2 LISTENING → 3 LANGUAGE → 4 PARTICIPATION → 5 BELONGING

**The outcome is not a perfect therapy session.
It is a child taking part in ordinary life.**



Partnership can travel beyond one family

Knowledge and confidence can move outward.

PARENT → PARTNER → ADVOCATE → PEER SUPPORT



Questions lead to conversations. Conversations lead to information. Information can help the next family arrive earlier and more prepared.



A worried parent becomes informed.
An informed parent becomes a partner.
A partner can become an advocate.

And sometimes, that advocate becomes a professional.

One child’s journey can shape a family, a service, and the next family.

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