

Developing theories of family leadership: what is it and why is it important?

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What?

- Families are informed, knowledgeable and active change agents within their communities
- Families supporting disabled relatives to find their own identity, make decisions and choices, plan for the future and live a good life
- Family leadership is non-hierarchical ongoing, empowering and collective
- Various innovative ways of 'doing' family leadership but underpinned by vision of meaningful inclusion and belonging

Why?

- For a lot of families, advocating with and for the rights of their disabled family member is a daily task
- Families play an important part in shaping social and community consciousness on issues of inclusion and disability, and yet their contribution and voice often remains unheard
- Can help families recognize and understand the various ways in power operates within and empowers them to respond
- Create new knowledge and reframe the experience of disability
- Growing and sustaining family leaders



What is your why?