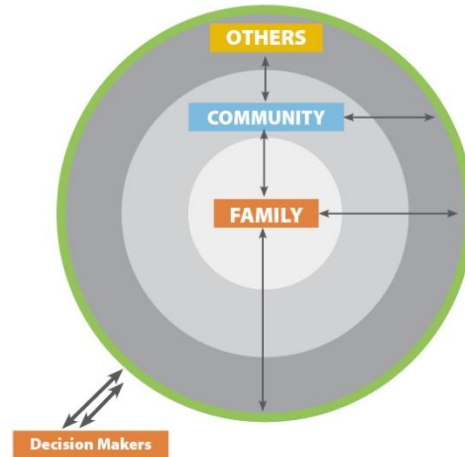




## Characteristics of Family Leadership

Thinking through Lens of the progression of Family Leadership (Family, Community, Other)

### Progression of Family Leadership



- Family Leadership is a Continuum and is not linear (Families may move to any part of the continuum throughout the journey)
- Begins with Self and Understanding Families' / Individual's Own Gifts/Assets/Talents/Needs
  - Families have capacity to use those gifts/assets/talents to improve outcomes for family
- Awareness and Knowledge of Systems and Supports the Family Relies Upon or is Able to Access
- Able to Assist in Fostering Perspective Shift for Agencies / Organizations / Systems to Make Space for Family Engagement / Partnerships / Leadership
- Ability to Understand and Navigate a Variety of Systems
  - Forlenza: "Families are Horizontal Thread through Vertical Systems"
- Capacity or ability to act/understand beyond families' own personal situation / point of view
  - Legislative / Policy / Program / Systems / Quality Improvement
  - Assisting Other Families who Have Different Life Experience