

# POLICY MAKING

6 Lessons To Help You Out

## 1 Be clear about purpose



Know why we do what we do, and do things right. Anchor your vision in what children, youths, families, elders and those with disabilities need to move the agenda and improve lives.

## 2 Be results focused



Have strong analytical, problem solving, communication and social skills and balance them with empathy. Skillful leaders can diagnose and address interpersonal problems at both the workplace and across structures and systems.

## 3 Translate evidence into policy



Draw findings from research and apply it to shape programmes, services and model content. By recognising outcomes from research, we can shape interventions which in turn shape the behaviour and well-being of clients.

## 4 Monitor innovations continuously



Know what goes on in communities- the current, new and how those things are being documented and evaluated. This allows policies to be time appropriate, when the evidence of impact is clear.

## 5 Participation from clients and users



Current policy making is largely driven by legislators, experts and professionals. Constant consultations with users and clients can help policy makers to have a better understanding of their experiences and how the policies may affect them

## 6 Use the Systems Perspective



The ability to conceptualize societal issues and challenges from a systems perspective helps to provide insights into everyone's stake in creating solutions.