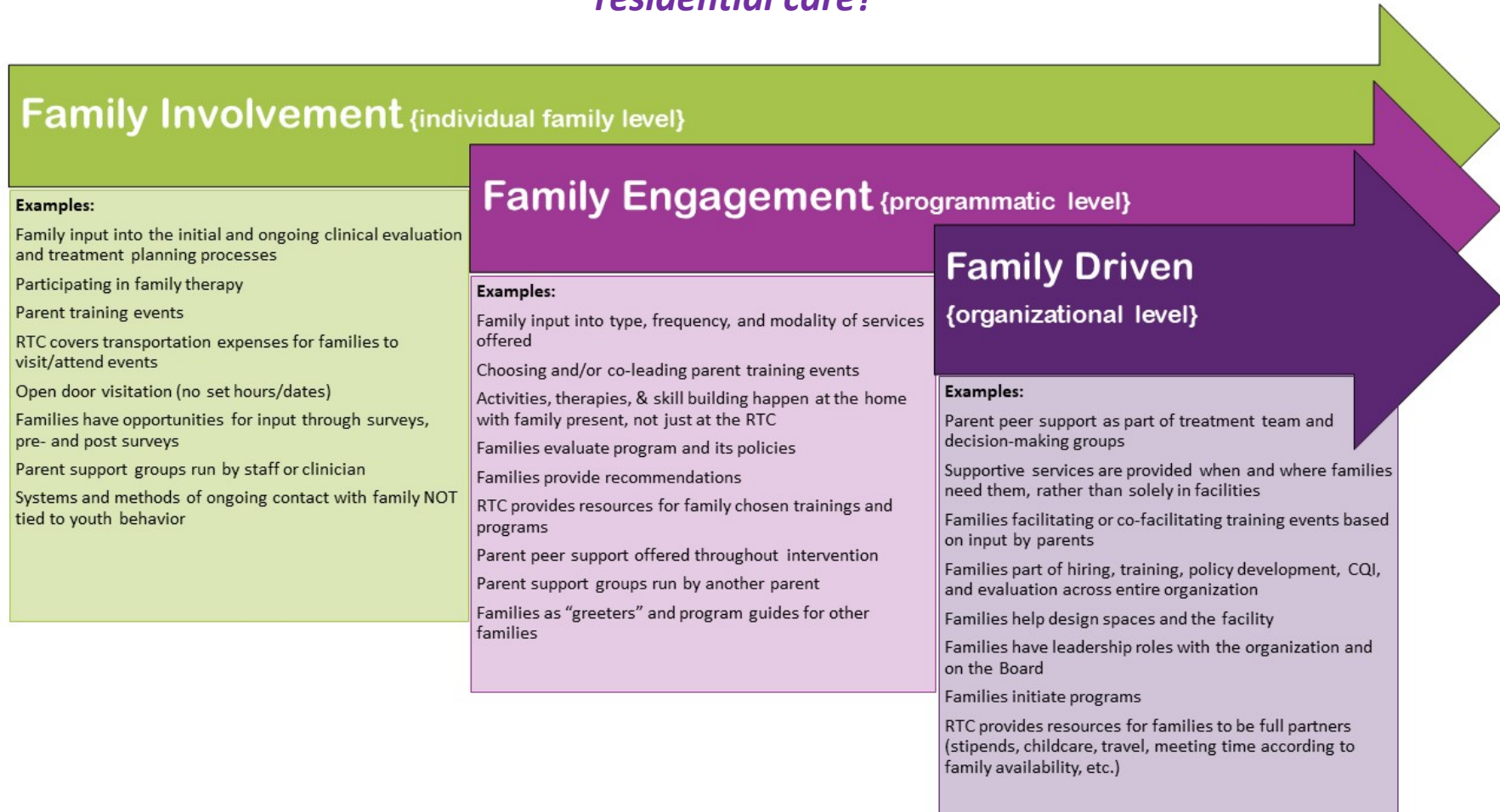


## Continuum of Family Partnership: *What does it look like in residential care?*



Integrating family voice and expertise into residential treatment for children and youth is crucial for achieving positive outcomes. There is a continuum of family partnership in treatment programs and facilities that differs in intensity and authenticity. **Family Involvement** occurs at the individual family level. Families are an important and essential source of information in developing treatment goals and approaches; they know the needs of their child, the effectiveness of past treatment, and the supports they need to be involved in treatment. **Family Engagement** builds on *family involvement* to incorporate family experience and expertise at the programmatic level. Family perspective in program design, delivery and evaluation helps programs become more effective. **Family Driven** (i.e., *FULL family partnership*) refers to full integration and support of family perspective and partnership approaches at the organizational level. This includes family representation in executive groups, in paid positions within the program/facility, and into operational functions including hiring decisions, organizational development, and continuous quality improvement processes.