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It is the policy of the Department of Mental Retardation to recognize the importance of families in the lives of persons with mental retardation. To further this policy, each Local Service Center must have a Family Support Advisory Committee comprised of at least 50% family members of persons with mental retardation in order to guide the development of the family support system.