

PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT AT THE DCRI

Guiding Principles

- **People** come first. Always.
- We recognize that people are embedded in **dynamic family and community frameworks** that we honor and respect across the continuum of life care.
- **People are our partners** in research; not our subjects. We believe in taking every opportunity to co-learn. We engage participants, families, and community members in our research design, conduct, oversight, and dissemination activities.
- We are transparent and trustworthy. We communicate to research participants how valuable their contributions are to science and medicine. **We take the time to thank research participants, update them on progress, and share our findings in language understandable to everyone.**
- We create value. **We work to return results in a responsible and meaningful manner and maximize what can be learned by sharing data with other researchers.**
We give back.
- We are not transactional in our approach. We encourage and incentivize collaborations with people and communities that look past the end of a project or last study visit. We create opportunities to continue **co-learning and working in partnership** with participants, families, and community members to improve health outcomes.

