

APPLICATION OPPORTUNITY: Family Partnership Team – Caregiver Panel

American Academy of Pediatrics *Building Capacity for Trauma-Informed Pediatric Care Project*

Sometimes violent, very scary, or upsetting things can happen to us, our children, or our families. Pediatricians can provide support and resources to improve health care for children and families who have experienced trauma. And we need your help!

The AAP is looking for 6 parents or caregivers to form a Caregiver Panel on our Family Partnership Team. This group will inform AAP staff and experts on efforts to support pediatricians in providing trauma-informed care to children and families.

What does the Family Partnership Team (FPT) do?

- The Family Partnership Team (FPT) will help to make sure that project activities, tools, and resources reflect the family perspective.
 - These activities will help pediatricians to consider all the different things a family could experience that might affect their children's health.
- The FPT will be made up of members with diverse backgrounds. Members will share input and ideas based on their own experiences.
- **The FPT will be true partners with the AAP in this work.** The FPT will work with AAP staff to decide the group's role, talk about how the group functions, and make decisions on activities.



[What is trauma-informed care?](#)
[Click here to learn more!](#)

An ideal member is:

- A **parent or caregiver** with a child or teen 18 years or younger.
- Someone who has experienced adversity or something traumatic (either themselves, their children, or their family).
- Someone who feels OK talking about experiences they have had with their child's doctor and the health care system.
- Someone who feels OK talking with other group members, AAP staff, and possibly doctors who work on the project.
 - This may include talking about personal details.

We are looking for members with a variety of life experiences and backgrounds.

FPT members will:

- Serve as a member of the group through July 31, 2024. There may be an option to continue after July 31, 2024.
- Take part in virtual meetings every other month. Meetings will last around 1 hour.
- Communicate via email with project staff and partners.
- Actively take part through:
 - Sharing your thoughts and experiences.
 - *This could include participating in a small discussion group.*
 - Providing input on project activities.
 - Reviewing project resources.
 - Contributing to (or writing) content for families and providers.
- **Note:** We welcome all interested applicants, including those who work with national organizations. However, members will be participating as individuals – not as representatives of an organization.

Payment & Time Commitment

- Members will receive up to \$1,000 for their participation.
 - Payment is based on meeting the minimum requirements for active participation in the group.
 - *More details will be available once members are selected.*
- The estimated time commitment is 2-5 hours per month.
 - This will vary depending on project activities.
 - Virtual 1-hour meetings will take place every other month.

Interested? Please apply!

If you are interested in joining the Family Partnership Team – Caregiver Panel, [click here to complete an application](#). If you require any accommodation to complete the application, please email Lauren Geary (lgeary@aap.org).

Applications are due Friday, October 6, 2023, at 11:59pm CT.
