

APPLICATION OPPORTUNITY: Family Partnership Team – Young Adult Panel

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
Building Capacity for Trauma-Informed Pediatric Care Project

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

The AAP is looking for 6 young adults to form a Young Adult Panel (YAP) on our Family Partnership Team (FPT). This group will inform AAP staff and experts on efforts to support pediatricians in providing trauma-informed care to children, teens, young adults, and families.

What does the Young Adult Panel (YAP) do?

- The YAP will help to make sure that project activities, tools, and resources reflect the young adult perspective.
 - These activities will help pediatricians to consider all the different things that teens and young adults might experience that could affect their health.
- The YAP will be made up of members with diverse backgrounds. Members will share input and ideas based on their own experiences.
- **The YAP will be true partners with the AAP in this work.** The YAP members 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 young adult (age 18 – 26 years).
- Someone who has experienced adversity or something traumatic.
- Someone who feels OK talking about experiences they have had with their doctor and the healthcare system.
- Someone who feels OK talking with other group members, parents and/or caregivers, 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.

YAP 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 participation 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.

Compensation & Time Commitment

- Members will receive up to \$1,000 for their participation.
 - Payment is based on meeting the 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 may vary depending on project activities.
 - Virtual 1-hour meetings will take place once every other month.

Interested? Please Apply!

If you are interested in joining the Family Partnership Team – Young Adult 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.