



Foster Parent Advisory Council

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services is recruiting foster parent leaders and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin staff to serve as partners on the Foster Parent Advisory Council (FPAC) 2018. Children's is committed to a broad partnership of foster families and staff in shaping current and future services for foster families and the children and families that they serve.

Purpose: FPAC contributes feedback to CHWCS policy and procedures ensuring foster families receive the support and information they need to be a professional partner in working with children and families.

Collaboration: FPAC promotes respectful and effective partnerships among foster families, professionals, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services, and the community.

Integrity: Foster families and staff work together to ensure that foster families are treated as professionals, and both foster families and staff are treated with respect, dignity, and cultural competence.

Health: Foster parents and their families need to feel supported and heard to maintain a healthy family home life. FPAC will obtain information from all foster families on how to best accomplish this.

Innovation: FPAC is committed to finding breakthrough solutions and to continuously learning how to support both foster families and staff.

Participation: Members of FPAC are expected to participate in 1.5 hour in person and/or email meetings every 6 weeks and in small workgroups that *may* require additional time.

Membership Term: The intent of the FPAC policy is that individuals will serve at least one year.

Selection Process: FPAC will convene to review completed applications submitted by interested family and staff members. Diversity in culture, gender, and parenting experience will be considered.

Requirements of FPAC Members: Foster Parents and Children's staff are eligible to apply. Members do not need any specific experience or background to serve on the FPAC, but they should have the following qualities:

- ❖ A positive approach and ability to share and see many different points of view.
- ❖ Good listening skills.
- ❖ Ability to share both positive and negative experiences in a constructive way.
- ❖ Able to communicate and work with families and staff whose backgrounds, experiences and styles may be very different from their own.

Information

Questions, referrals or requests for applications: Contact Paulette Drankiewicz at 414-801-6637 or PDrankiewicz@chw.org