

Family Advisory Council (FAC) – Recruitment Application

We're looking for new members to join the Family Navigation Council (FNP) Family Advisory Council!

FNP's Family Advisory Council (FAC) is comprised of family members with first-hand experience in supporting youth in accessing mental health and/or addiction care. FNP was started by families with lived experience, and their knowledge and expertise remain crucially embedded in every aspect of our program. The FAC members are meaningfully engaged in all of FNP's activities, including strategic planning, research and program evaluation, interviewing for staff positions, community outreach, fundraising, and service provider site visits. FAC members also offer guidance and advice based on their lived experiences to FNP management, ensuring our current and new services align with the needs of the diverse communities we serve.



To learn more about the history of the FNP and the FAC, please visit:

familynavigationproject.ca/ourstory

Qualifications

- You have lived and/or living experience as a family member supporting a youth in accessing care for mental health and/or addiction concerns in the GTA. Your journey has typically involved addressing multiple and complex needs for your youth that are not easily addressed in our current mental health and addictions system.
- You are interested in openly sharing insights, experiences and challenges about their experiences and your experience in ways that others can learn from. Our FAC members have a range of diverse and unique the experiences that they bring to the FAC.
- Live in the Greater Toronto Area (Includes Durham, Halton, Peel & York and Toronto Regions).
Please note: At FNP, we define **family broadly - anyone that is a support or ally to the youth. This can be biological or non-biological, immediate or extended family, friends, or others of importance to the youth; in other words, "family of choice".*

Member Commitment

- Two-year term, with potential for renewal
- Monthly meetings:
 - Currently virtual/in-person meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:30pm
 - Meetings to be held September – June (Virtual + in-person options available)
- Attend and participate in meetings, project teams and other activities as identified

FNP FAC members will be provided:

- Orientation & onboarding
- Training and skills development opportunities
- An opportunity to share your experience and voice to enhance the experience of others
- Involvement in FNP activities and events
- A supportive community of wonderfully kind council members who have first-hand experience in supporting youth in accessing mental health and/or addiction care .
- We value your time so there is compensation for council meetings and other selected projects
- Expense reimbursement (i.e. parking, Presto)

How to Apply

Please see application portal below, no resume or cover letter is required.

The application includes a short series of questions to help us get to know you better. Feel free to be honest and open in your responses. All personal information will be kept confidential. We are looking for members who are passionate and eager to bring their voice to help guide the work we do at FNP!

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Next Steps!

Once you apply and submit your application, our team will review and contact candidates via email to arrange an interview. It may take a few weeks but if you have any questions in the meantime – we are happy to chat!

Contact Info:

If you have questions regarding the FAC or this application, please contact:

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