

Become a Family Advisor

Want to be a family advisor? Please contact us at FamilyAdvisorPartnerships@seattlechildrens.org

What is a family advisor?

Family advisors use their family's experiences to influence decisions and help shape programs and policies at Seattle Children's. We value the unique perspectives and expertise of families. Families have much to offer, teach and share.

Family advisors may serve as consultants or educators or as members of the Family Advisory Council or a department's own advisory board.

You would make a good family advisor if:

- Your child is a current or former patient at Children's
 - You are a former patient at Children's
 - You like to work on a team
 - You care about making Children's better
 - You are willing to reflect on your experiences
 - You are open to learning about yourself
 - You can speak up honestly and thoughtfully
 - You have time and interest to work on behalf of all families.
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Opportunities for family advisors

Give focused feedback as a consultant

Team with hospital staff to make improvements in the family and patient care experience. Share your perspective in **quality improvement workshops** or one-time **focus groups**. Or **serve on an ongoing hospital committee**, one-on-one **interviews**, **serious event reviews** or through **review of patient and family education materials**.

Share your story to educate staff

Your family's journey can help others better understand the impact of illness on children and their families. Through panel or individual presentations, role-play, or discussions with care providers, you will help educate staff about diverse family perspectives.

Become a member of a council or board

Join a group of other family advisors who meet regularly as a part of the hospital-wide Family Advisory Council or a department-specific board.

To Learn More

Patient and Family Partnerships
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Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line, 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.



Seattle Children's offers interpreter services for Deaf, hard of hearing or non-English speaking patients, family members and legal representatives free of charge. Seattle Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 206-987-2201. This handout has been reviewed by clinical staff at Seattle Children's. However, your child's needs are unique. Before you act or rely upon this information, please talk with your child's healthcare provider.

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