

About F.A.C.E Family Voice Council Interest Form

The mission of the **About F.A.C.E. (Families and Communities Engaged) Family Voice Council** is to improve the quality of life for families by providing a forum/space for families to share their experiences and concerns, and to advocate for policies and programs that support families. The Family Voice Council will achieve their mission by:

1. Providing a forum for families to share their experiences and concerns (using their lived experience).
2. Advocating for policies and programs that support their families.
3. Building partnerships with other organizations that work with families.
4. Raising awareness of the needs of families.

The About F.A.C.E. Family Voice Council believes that families are the experts on their own lives, and their voices should be heard in the decision-making process. The Family Voice Council is committed to working with and improving the quality of life for all families. If you are interested in being a part of this work, we encourage you to complete this interest form and return it to the About F.A.C.E. Family Voice Coordinator.

If you have any questions or would like to apply, please contact About F.A.C.E. Family Voice Coordinator, Sharon Mauch at: sharon.mauch2@gmail.com or 719-688-3234

Purpose of the Family Voice Council:

- To provide consistent access to family voice to guide the development and improvement of agency services and systems and to advocate for adequate resource distribution and access to effective services when and where they are needed.
- To promote full inclusion of all peoples/communities across our counties to ensure broad representation of ideas and strategies as well as identification of what is not working.
- To adhere to a Continuous Quality Improvement approach for constant evaluation, learning and improvement using multiple avenues of input from families, service providers, agencies, and systems.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Children in the Household:

Name: _____ Age: ____ Name: _____ Age: ____

Name: _____ Age: ____ Name: _____ Age: ____

Name: _____ Age: ____ Name: _____ Age: ____

2. Languages spoken/understood: _____

	Fluent		Somewhat		Not at All
English	5	4	3	2	1
Spanish	5	4	3	2	1
Other: _____	5	4	3	2	1

3. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the About F.A.C.E. Family Voice Council?
Please share ***at least*** two reasons.

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4. Which best describes you? (Please select all that apply.)

Family/Caregiver with lived experience accessing supportive programs/services.

Youth with lived experience accessing supportive programs/services.

Representative of a family run service organization

Other: _____

5. Describe your experience being a member of a parent of community group, and/or helping to plan a community event or activity.

6. What kinds of skills would you like to develop as a committee member? (E.g. communication skills, leadership skills, unity building and teamwork skills, evaluation skills etc.)

7. The Family Voice Council currently meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. At this time do you think you can commit to engaging in council meetings for one year with this schedule in mind? ___Yes ___No

8. If not, there are other vital roles you could play, such as providing information/feedback to the council and participating in Family Council Networks? Would you like more information on how to get involved? ___Yes ___No

Thank you for your interest in the Family Voice Council!