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## Family Member Position - Family Experience Council

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The Family Experience Council (FEC) at KidsInclusive includes a group of family caregivers of children receiving service at KidsInclusive who advise and act as a resource to the Leadership Team at KidsInclusive. This is done by providing valuable input to support highest quality care and supports in programs and services for young people and their families.

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### What is the Purpose of the Family Member Position?

- To act as a resource into decisions that affect the families served by KidsInclusive.
- To promote the principles of Family Centred Care (FCC) that are respect, information sharing, quality of care and partnership.
- To advocate and support the KidsInclusive Leadership team in strengthening mechanisms to understand and use the full diversity of family experiences, including socio-economic status, language, race, colour, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression.

### What exactly would you do?

- Virtually attend and participate in four council meetings per year for a minimum of one year but two year term preferred.
- Read meeting materials in preparation for the meetings.
- Provide input (verbally or written) from a family perspective into KidsInclusive's planning as appropriate and when requested by KidsInclusive Leadership team, Managers and Director within timeframe requested.
- Advise and share information with staff on Family Centred Care practices and diverse family perspectives as they relate to KidsInclusive programs and services.
- Contribute content as needed to KidsInclusive social media communications.
- As opportunities arise, advise on and support the development of family engagement, which may include additional time commitments to plan and support these initiatives.
- Support KidsInclusive initiatives such as fundraising and networking events by promoting within your own networks.

### What are the qualities needed for the Family Member?

- Is a family member of a child who is receiving KidsInclusive services or received them in the last 1-2 years.
- Is interested in collaborating with KidsInclusive staff and other parents to continue to improve our services for all children, youth and their families beyond the particular needs of their own child, or others like their child.
- Willingness, comfort and ability to participate in council meetings and discussions with other parents respecting differing opinions and a full diversity of family experience.
- General understanding of the broad range of client and families and diverse client needs served at KidsInclusive.
- Ability to maintain respect for privacy and confidentiality.