




Family Advisory Council

A chance to bring about positive change



The mission of the Family Advisory Council is to advise and advocate for children and their families, using experiences, wisdom, and diverse points of view, so that positive changes are made to Children's and the community.

Who we are

The Family Advisory Council is made up of families whose children are present or past patients of Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. We are a diverse group who represent both inpatient and outpatient experiences.

In addition to families, the council is supported by the chief nurse executive and staff from many departments.

What we do

The Family Advisory Council enhances the quality of child and family care experiences by helping with:

- service and facility development, implementation, and evaluation.
- policy review.
- educational opportunities that influence nurses, medical students, managers, executive leadership, and all new employees.
- recommendations and concerns expressed by parents, family members, parent associations, and others.
- promoting family-centered care.

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How we do it

The Family Advisory Council meets the first Tuesday evening of every month, alternating between the hospital campuses in Minneapolis and St. Paul. During the two-hour meetings, activities may include:

- providing input about programs, services, or facilities.
- receiving updates about input the council provided during policy development.
- addressing concerns voiced from families or staff.

In addition to monthly meetings, council members are encouraged to be actively involved at Children's in other ways. Additional activities may include:

- reviewing patient education materials.
- attending meetings to provide a family point of view.
- recounting your family's health care experience to new employees or students.
- writing for the family newsletter.

How to become involved

The Family Advisory Council seeks members who are interested in creating positive change. New members are recruited June through October and voted onto the council in November. Terms for new members begin in January.

For more information about the council or to submit your application for membership, please call (612) 813-7696 or e-mail familyadvisorycouncil@childrensmn.org.