Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital Family Advisory Council

Membership Responsibilities

Term of Membership: Two years

Objective of Membership:
To facilitate the responsibilities of the Family Advisory Council as detailed in the Council Bylaws.

Responsibilities:

1. Read and be knowledgeable on all aspects of the Council.
2. Attendance at a minimum of one Children’s Hospital kickoff meeting/orientation.
3. Active participation in general monthly meetings. Scheduled meetings to be announced. Annual schedules are available.
4. Provide service to the community and Children’s Hospital by participation in one or more events sponsored by Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital every year.
5. Be dependable and notify appropriate individuals if unable to fulfill commitment and/or attend meeting by the Friday before a Monday meeting.

Qualifications:

1. Members must be a parent or guardian of a child who is or has been a patient at Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital.
2. Members must subscribe to the principles of family-centered care. Elements of Family-Centered Care* include:
   - Recognition that the family is the constant in the child’s life while the service systems and personnel within those systems fluctuate.
   - Facilitation of parent/professional collaboration at all levels of health care
     o Care of an individual child;
     o program development, implementation and evaluation; and
policy formation

- Sharing of unbiased and complete information with parents about their child’s care on an ongoing basis in an appropriate and supportive manner.
- Implementation of appropriate policies and programs that are comprehensive and provide emotional and financial support to meet the needs of families.
- Recognition of family strengths and individuality and respect for different methods of coping.
- Understanding and incorporating the developmental needs of infants, children, and adolescents and their families into health care delivery systems.
- Encouragement and facilitation of parent-to-parent support.
- Assurance that the design of health care delivery systems is flexible, accessible and responsive to family needs.


3. Be willing to commit the time and energy to fulfill the responsibilities of membership.

**Annual Expectation of Service:**

Three-hour orientation  
24 hours monthly meetings  
**Eight hours service projects and/or fund-raising**  
36 hours total service

4. Have the ability to work harmoniously with professionals and other parents/guardian.