**Inviting Family Leaders with Experience Participating in Home Visiting or Other Parenting Education Programs**

NC’s Home Visiting and Parenting Education (HVPE) System Collaborative Board is seeking eight to ten family leaders to participate on the Family Advisory Group (Advisory Group). The purpose of this Advisory Group and Board is to partner to provide strategic guidance for building a statewide approach and infrastructure to assure ***All families have access to a range of parenting education supports, from the prenatal period to age 8, within a coordinated delivery system, which will positively impact parent-child relationship and family and child well-being.*** Family perspective is critical to making wise recommendations about statewide system changes and investments of current and future parenting support resources that are responsive to the diverse assets and needs of families and communities in NC. We seek a diverse group in terms of race and ethnicity, gender, age, geography, and varied perspectives from having experienced immigration, parenting a child with special needs, housing instability, working with child welfare or the prison system, as well as experience with home visiting or parenting education.

**Stipend**

Family Leaders will receive a $50 stipend per meeting for attending six two-hour meetings.

**Commitments**

**What Family Leaders can expect from the HVPE Collaborative Board:**

* Center family voice and racial equity and exhibit respect for people with different points of view.
* Ensure responsive relationships and a welcoming meeting environment.
* Value parent input as the experts they are and offer opportunity to have meaningful input.
* Ensure an active feedback loop between the Family Advisory Group and the Collaborative Board by scheduling Advisory Group meetings two weeks before Collaborative Board meetings to discuss recommendations to take to the Board meetings, questions from the Board, as well as actions taken at the previous meeting.
* Provide staffing support for the Family Advisory Group to ensure effective meetings and timely communications including meeting agendas, meeting notes, and other materials.
* Initial individual welcome meeting and group orientation.
* Offer a point person to communicate with and support Family Leaders’ participation between meetings including monthly individual check-in discussions on an on-going basis to answer any questions, discuss concerns and suggestions.
* Provide a one - two page document with background information explaining the HVPE System work in layman’s terms.
* Schedule meetings by Zoom at a time convenient for Family Leaders and use Zoom language interpretation.

**What we expect from Family Leaders:**

* Center family voice and racial equity and exhibit respect for people with different points of view.
* Attend virtual Advisory Group meetings , beginning Late Spring/Summer 2021 with two-hour meetings held every other month thereafter.
* Independent work as needed between meetings to prepare for meetings, add input, and react to emerging recommendations.  Participation in a Collaborative Board committee is welcomed, though not required. Committees include: Finance, Programs, Assessment and Planning, and Communications.
* There are no established term limits, however, a multi-year commitment will support the effectiveness of the Advisory Group.
* Interested parents will have the opportunity to be selected by the Advisory Group to represent them as members of the Collaborative Board. Additional stipends will be provided for up to three parents selected to join the Board.

**To learn more about the NC Home Visiting and Parenting Education System work thus far, click** [here](https://www.smartstart.org/home-visiting-parental-education-system-building/).

**Know Family Leaders to recommend? Contact:** Donna White, Interim HVPE System Director, [Donna@riverstreetconsult.com](mailto:Donna@riverstreetconsult.com) to coordinate inviting them and share a different role description that is targeted to families Thank you!