January 22, 2024

The Department of Family and Protective Services is accepting applications for the Partners for Children and Families Committee (PCFC). PCFC is a steering committee that advises the Department and Family Protective Services on innovative practices that affect the Texas Child Protection system. The Committee also advises DFPS on the evolution of the child protection system to its model of Community-Based Care and the impact on the child protection system at large. Find out more about Community-Based Care here.

The DFPS Commissioner will appoint members to the Core committee to serve a term beginning May 1, 2024. Subcommittee members will be selected by subcommittee chairs at a later date. Potential members interested in participating on a PCFC subcommittee should fill out the application and indicate subcommittee preference.

 Currently, DFPS is seeking Texans with the following qualifications:

1. Members must have demonstrated a commitment to the children, youth, and families of Texas.
2. Knowledge and experience with the Texas child protection system.
3. Members from a diverse cultural background.
4. Members who may fall into the following categories:

    i. Providers and provider associations

    ii. Youth formerly in foster care

    iii. Members of the judiciary and legal system

    iv. Child welfare advocacy groups

    v. Foster parents and kinship families

    vi. Other child welfare stakeholders

5. Core Members should attend and participate in quarterly meetings. Members may be removed for excessive absences as determined by the Commissioner.

6. Except as may be necessary to stagger terms, a member serves for a four-year term and may be appointed for additional terms at the Commissioner's discretion.

A committee member must regularly participate in committee meetings and may also have to participate in projects and presentations. Committee meetings will be held throughout the state or virtually about once every four months or at the call of the presiding officer. ***Travel expenses to advisory committee meetings are not reimbursed.***

If you would like to apply to serve on the Core committee or a subcommittee, please complete the attached application and DFPS Form 0250 Volunteer Application to authorize a background check and return them by **February 26, 2024**. It is preferred that you submit your application electronically, but you may submit the application by email or mail. Here are the addresses:

Email: DFPScouncil@dfps.texas.gov
Attn: PCFC

Mail:
Department of Family and Protective Services
4900 North Lamar Blvd.
Mail Code E654
Austin, TX 78751
Attn: Megan Wilkinson (PCFC)

DFPS will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a core committee member of PCFC. In selecting members to serve on the board, DFPS considers the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the board. DFPS also chooses committee members who represent the diversity of all Texans. For that reason, DFPS considers applicants' ethnicity, gender and geographic location.

For more information about the committee, visit the board website or contact Megan Wilkinson at DFPScouncil@dfps.texas.gov. For more information about applying to be on the board, or for Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, email Megan Wilkinson.

All applicants will be required to complete DFPS Form 0250 Volunteer Application to authorize a background check. Applicants can request for Personal Information from Form 0250 be kept confidential (such as home address, telephone number, social security number, date of birth, and driver's license information), but information gathered on the form is otherwise subject to the Public Information Act (PIA). Results of the background check are not subject to the PIA.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact Megan Wilkinson at DFPScouncil@dfps.texas.gov.

Thank you,

Megan Wilkinson

DFPS Advisory Committee and Council Liaison