

JDEI Committee Family Partner Volunteer

Client and Family Experience

Title: Family Partner – Justice, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (JDEI) Committee

Position Summary:

Five Counties Children's Centre is seeking two (2) **Family Partner Volunteers** to join our Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (JDEI) Committee. This committee works collaboratively, discussing initiatives to advance inclusion, respect, and equitable care for all children, youth, families and staff across our Five Counties Children's Centre region. The individuals selected for these roles will be supported by the Client and Family Experience Lead.

What Does this Role Involve?

- We ask family partners to commit to one year, with the option to continue for a second year if it's a good fit.
- The time commitment is about 1.5–2 hours per month, with no meetings in July or August.
- Family partners can join meetings in person at our Peterborough location or virtually through Teams.
- Meetings are held typically on the third Thursday of every month.
- All family partners are required to provide a current police check with vulnerable sector screening.

What Do Family Partners Do?

- Share their lived experience and family perspective to help guide the Centre's work
- Take part in regular meetings (about once a month for 1.5–2 hours)
- Offer ideas and feedback to help shape policies, staff training, and community programs, with attention to justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Help identify barriers and suggest improvements that support cultural safety, accessibility, and a sense of belonging
- Participate in collaborative and non-judgmental conversations about ways to improve inclusivity for clients, families and staff at Five Counties

Application Process:

Those interested in this role are encouraged to email hhodges@fivecounties.on.ca to apply.

At Five Counties Children's Centre, our team is focused on a single vision: Building Abilities for Life. We are striving for inclusiveness and belonging in all we do. We believe that a diverse workforce, including our volunteers, strengthens our ability to achieve our vision. That is why we actively encourage applications from individuals from all backgrounds, abilities, and experiences, especially those from equity-deserving groups.

We thank all applicants for their interest. Please note that submitting an application does not guarantee a volunteer position. We will be contacting only those applicants selected for an interview. If a suitable volunteer position is not available at the time your application is received, your application will be retained for a period of 1 year and will be reviewed periodically as volunteer positions become open.