

The purpose of the Office of Children's Services (OCS) Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is to ensure that parent voices help shape OCS services, programs, and strategies. The PAC will advise OCS based on the parent perspective and provide input into agency policy development and practice improvements. The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) has two levels of membership: Parent Leaders and Parent Voices.

PARENT LEADERS

Parent Leaders are the decision-making body of the PAC and are responsible for meeting monthly and providing feedback to OCS. Each Parent Leader also represents up to five Parent Voices from their region.

Duties:

- Represent up to five Parent Voices.
- Make decisions at monthly PAC meetings.

Time Commitment: 4 hours per month

Compensation: \$200/month Participation Support Payment

Meetings Required: Monthly Meetings

Interacting with OCS: Required

PARENT VOICES

Parent Voices bring an added layer of depth to the group by contributing their unique perspectives, creating a large pool of expertise that the PAC can access when needed. Parent Voices do not have any meeting requirements and are able to contribute when available by providing input to their assigned Parent Leader.

Duties:

- Provide input to assigned Parent Leader.

Time Commitment: As available

Compensation: Entry into monthly gift card drawing

Meetings Required: None

Interacting with OCS: None Required

Please note that as part of the eligibility review, OCS and public records will be checked.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____

Maiden / Other Names Used: _____

Preferred Pronouns:

- He/him/his They/them/theirs
 She/her/hers Other:

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Years lived in Alaska: _____

Address: _____

A stable address is not required. If you do not have a stable address, enter the city you are currently residing in.

Race/Ethnicity:

This question is asked to ensure that the Parent Advisory Committee is reflective of the diverse group of stakeholders served by the Office of Children's Services, with the specific goal to reflect the demographics of the children in out-of-home care.

- Alaska Native/American Indian
 Asian
 Black/African American
 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 White
 Other
 Prefer Not to Answer

ELIGIBILITY

Which role are you interested in? Parent Leader Parent Voice Either

Please check if you meet the eligibility criteria, listed below:

- Must have lived experience as a parent who was investigated by the child welfare system. (Note: Foster parent perspectives are represented by a different group – the Resource Family Advisory Board.)

Year of OCS Involvement: _____ Location: _____

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- Must have been in recovery for a minimum of one year when concerns over substance abuse were present. How long have you been in recovery (if applicable)? _____
- Must have been at least one year since children were in out-of-home placement in an ongoing OCS case.
- Must not have an active OCS case at the time of application. If a case opens during service on the PAC, the parent must disclose this to the PAC Facilitator or they could be removed from PAC service.
- Must not have any significant criminal issues within the last six months. Past criminal offenses are not a barrier unless they pose current safety issues for PAC members or represent a pattern of serious concerns that have not been addressed.
- Must be able to effectively work with people of diverse backgrounds and experiences, including other parents and OCS staff.
- Must not be involved, or planning to be involved, in a lawsuit with the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services.
- Only one member of a household is allowed to be on the PAC at one time. This includes previous households when the two individuals were in a relationship, parenting a child together, or had any issues between them relating to violence.

The Parent Advisory Committee will put you in close contact with people of many different perspectives and experiences. Are you able to effectively work with multiple populations of people, to include parents who may have been perpetrators of abuse and neglect, or OCS employees who may have removed children?

- Yes No I'm not sure or I need more information to decide

Please share a few sentences about why you want to join the Parent Advisory Committee.