



## **Family Advisory Council Member Volunteer Application**

The Family Advisory Council (FAC) is a group of individuals with lived experience in homelessness who advise Family Promise of Spokane (FPS) and the community on ways to create more effective solutions to end family homelessness. The FAC meets once per month for 90-minutes. FPS will reasonably assist members to cover costs that may be a barrier to participation (i.e., transportation, childcare).

### **FAC's Strategies to Assist Guests in Ending the Cycle of Homelessness**

#### **Effective Communication:**

Effective communication is one of the most critical skills FAC members can have. Effective communication is clear, concise, and honest. It provides a level of understanding that guarantees a productive exchange of lived experiences and conversations that are geared to offer ways to help families navigate out of homelessness with confidence and support.

#### **Learned Experience:**

FAC members will engage with each FPS guest to build a healthy relationship of trust and support by sharing their personal lived experience with homelessness, their journey to stability through FPS, and advice as asked for from guests. The FAC will help families focus on ways to end the cycle.

#### **Discussion & Participation:**

Discussion is an immediate form of participation. The most significant impact comes through the ability to participate in big conversations. FAC members will be given the ability to foster self-awareness, build positive life skills, explore future possibilities, and realize the importance of their participation in leadership and decision-making.

#### **Encouragement & Personal Growth:**

To ensure all guest voices are heard and community conversations remain productive, FAC members will encourage guests to share their empowering stories and highlight their personal growth to help others.

#### **Collaboration:**

FAC members will collaborate with guests, FPS, and the community to build a safe, secure environment where families are provided with direction, support, and the framework to disrupt the status quo and end the cycle of homelessness.

This brief application is intended to be completed by those interested in a volunteer position on FPS's Family Advisory Council (FAC).

### Section I - General Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Morning: Afternoon: Evening:

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time: 8:30-11:30 am 12:00-4:30pm 5-8 pm

**FPS Staff Reference:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in joining Family Promise of Spokane's Family Advisory Council!  
Please submit your completed application to: [dannetta3@gmail.com](mailto:dannetta3@gmail.com) or complete a digital application through the Guest Portal at [www.familypromiseofspokane.org](http://www.familypromiseofspokane.org).

The FAC Chair will connect with you at their earliest convenience.

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## Section II - Application: Questions & Answers

**Please explain how you heard about FPS's Family Advisory Council?**

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**Why do you want to join the FAC? How do you hope to help, and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

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**What are three (3) accomplishments you are most proud of in your life?**

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**Please list one (1) other reference besides the staff member you mentioned in Section I.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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