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FATHER ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE OVERVIEW

Parent to Parent USA's Father Engagement Task Force will work to develop ways to better serve fathers of individuals with disabilities and special health care needs. This group will gain insight into what parent support might look like for fathers, train them to be Support Parents to newly diagnosed families, and provide a comfortable space for them to share their experiences in the spirit of peer support.

Would you like to get involved with the Father Engagement Taskforce? If so, please complete this form: https://airtable.com/appFDULO0NZZ5tZif/shr4ngwInLRx8Tb1J?prefill_Committee=Father+Engagement

Father Engagement Task Force Member Expectations

The Father Engagement Taskforce strives to harness valuable lived experience of fathers (including male caregivers) to enhance the engagement, support, and success of other fathers on similar journeys. We recognize that fathers lead busy personal and professional lives and strive to bring value not just to fathers served and supported throughout the United States, but also to members of the taskforce.

Participation expectations for the taskforce includes:

- Regular attendance to bimonthly meetings
- Active engagement in meetings to provide invaluable insight, perspective, and experience to help guide the work of the taskforce, and foster meaningful and impactful resources, events, programs that enhance the engagement of and support for fathers of children with developmental disabilities and/or special healthcare needs.
- Regular contribution of resources and content applicable to Taskforce objectives and willingness to make introductions to fathers and professionals who could contribute to achieving successful outcomes for task force goals/activities. (For example- making recommendations and introductions to someone who would be suitable for participating on a Taskforce led panel, etc.)
- Maintain confidentiality of conversations and personal information shared during Taskforce conversations, unless provided specific permission to discuss outside of Taskforce discussions.
- Contribute to Taskforce outreach by sharing events, resources, and other Taskforce efforts within both personal and professional spheres of influence, as appropriate.
- Attend a Support Parent Training in their perspective state to learn about P2P USA best practices and our peer support model.