**Parent and Caregiver Application**

**Ohio’s Statewide Family Engagement Center Advisory Council**

The Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center is recruiting members for our State Advisory Council. We are seeking a diverse group of parents and caregivers of children birth to Grade 12 from all regions of Ohio. You are invited to apply to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to share your ideas about how Ohio families and schools can work together to support the education of all children. Applications are limited to parents and caregivers who are not professional educators or administrators.

**Council Purpose:**

The purpose of the Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Advisory Council is to provide strategic advice and support for the activities of the Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center. More specifically, the Advisory Council is a group of family and organizational representatives who are responsible for helping the Center develop and beta-test resources for families and educational professionals*.*

**Members:**

There are 50-60 council members, the majority of which are family representatives. The council also includes leaders of Ohio’s Statewide Family Engagement Center, middle and high school students, school and organizational representatives, and Ohio Department of Education representatives.

**Council Member Expectations:**

* Participate in the council for 2 years (January 1-December 31).
* Attend four meetings each year either virtually or in-person in Columbus, Ohio. Typical meeting times are from 9:00 AM to NOON (Virtual), or 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (In-Person).
* All 2021 meetings are planned to be virtual; any changes will be announced well in advance.

**2021 Meeting Dates**

**January 15, April 16, September 10, and November 5**

**Compensation**:

* Parent and Caregiver members are compensated with a stipend of $60 for each meeting.
* In addition, if we can conduct in person meetings in 2021 at The Ohio State University, lunch will be provided, and your mileage will be reimbursed.

All applications are **due by November 26, 2020**

**Application**

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**County:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbe**r: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What is the best way to contact you?** By Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_ By Email \_\_\_\_\_\_

We are seeking a diverse group of parents and caregivers of children from age and grade level birth through Grade 12.

**Please tell us about your child or children below:**

**Age/s:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level/s:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Your Relationship to Child or Children:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(e.g., Grandmother, Father, Mother, Uncle, Foster parent, etc.)

**School/s your child or children attend** **(School Name, City):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Middle school and high school students bring important perspectives to the council. As a member of the council, students engage in leadership and learning activities that incorporate their unique views and skills. We are committed to ensuring that student voices are a part of all council activities. Students will have the opportunity to guide and plan activities that may include talking with other students and speaking on behalf of the council. Students participating in council activities will be eligible to receive service hours and letters to explain their absence from school.

**Do you have a middle or high school child interested in being a member of the Council who can attend meetings with you?** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No **\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Child’s Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Current Grade**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Application Questions**

**Directions:** Please write responses after each question below.

1. Please tell us about yourself. Limit to 1 paragraph.
2. We are seeking a diverse group of Ohio families. What perspective(s) would you bring as a member of this council? For example, I am a: Single Father of twins in elementary school; a Mother of a high school student and a Refugee from Somalia; a Surrogate Parent, a Bilingual Mother, a Grandfather taking care of two children, a Foster Parent with a child with a disability, etc. (limit to 1 paragraph)
3. Why are you interested in being on this Council? (limit to 1 paragraph)
4. What questions do you have about this opportunity?
5. What interpretation, translation, or other supports can we provide you (and/or your interested child) to fully participate on the council? Do you have access to a device to participate in virtual meetings?

Email application to: [OhioSFEC@osu.edu](mailto:OhioSFEC@osu.edu) with subject line “Application for Advisory Council”

**OR** Mail to Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center, 1900 Kenny Road Suite 1036, Columbus, Ohio 43210 (Attention: Kristin Meek-Hennon)

Thank you for your interest in being on Ohio’s Statewide Family Engagement Center Advisory Council. We appreciate the time you are taking to apply for this opportunity. We plan to notify applicants of our decision via phone or email by December 24, 2020. If you have any questions, please email us at [OhioSFEC@osu.edu](mailto:OhioSFEC@osu.edu). Visit our website to learn more about the Center and resources available for families and schools at ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu.