



2024 Call for Nominations:
Parent/Family Leaders to serve as Advisors on the
FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention
Parent Advisory Council

The FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) is seeking nominations of **parent/family members who are willing to share their lived experience as a parent voice** representing specific CBCAP target populations and priority areas for the FRIENDS **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**. Parents/family members may self-nominate or be recommended by a CBCAP State Lead Agency or local child abuse prevention program. Nominations will be open from October 1 – October 31, 2024.

The FRIENDS PAC is comprised of parent/family leaders who actively advise FRIENDS and the CBCAP community by developing/reviewing FRIENDS materials, producing a Parents & Practitioners newsletter, and providing the FRIENDS staff and partners with consultation and guidance from their parent/family leader perspective.

Successful Parent/Family Leader Candidates MUST:

- Have participant experience as a parent/family member in community-based family strengthening or child abuse prevention, parent education, kinship care, or home visiting programs.
- Expand the geographic reach of the current PAC by serving as a parent/family member on behalf of an unrepresented state or underrepresented region. For information, a map, and biographies of current PAC members, please refer to the FRIENDS website: <https://friendsnrc.org/parent-leadership/parent-advisory-council/>
- Possess a minimum of 1 year of leadership experience as a parent/family member at the local, state, or national level including examples serving as a change agent.
- Identify as and be willing to share lived experience as a parent/family member of one or more of the CBCAP target populations, priority areas, and other underserved communities such as:
 - **LGBTQIA2S+ families,**
 - **Multigenerational / co-parenting families,**
 - **Families experiencing the justice system or incarceration,**
 - **Parenting with a disability (for example: physical or intellectual),**
 - **Families identifying as Tribal/Migrant, Immigrant or Refugee**
 - **Blended families (for example: 2 gen, multiracial, or divorced/stepparents)**

For more information on CBCAP and the priority areas please refer to: <https://friendsnrc.org/cbcap/what-is-cbcap/>

- Have a commitment to family strengthening and child abuse prevention through a lens of diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism.
- Participate in the Parent/Practitioner Newsletter as a contributor, workgroup member or catalyst for articles.
- Navigate solo travel (planes, taxis, hotel check-in) with little assistance. *Travel arrangements are provided and funded by FRIENDS
- Be able to travel by airplane
- Have daily access to a working computer, internet, email, and printer.
- Participate in all required calls and meetings including:
 - Monthly virtual PAC meetings via Zoom

- Serving on a minimum of 1 workgroup or committee per year
- Traveling, at FRIENDS' expense, to 1 annual PAC retreat and CBCAP Grantee Meeting (date TBD annually)

Selected Nominees will be EXPECTED to:

- Exhibit proficiency or awareness of family strengthening and child abuse prevention as it relates to:
 - Governmental entities and legislation supporting family strengthening and child abuse prevention
 - Advocacy, education, and prevention awareness at the local, state, or national levels.
- Demonstrate good written and verbal communication skills.
- Represent the perspectives of other parents and family caregivers.
- Commit to serve a three (3) year term as an active member.
- Participate in annual opportunities to communicate with their CBCAP State Lead facilitated by FRIENDS staff, the PAC member, the State Lead Agency, or other prevention partners.
- Assist FRIENDS staff and partners with the development, review, or implementation of Training/Technical Assistance resources.
- Occasionally cover small travel expenses (such as ground transportation or parking) upfront while awaiting reimbursement.

Fillable nomination forms are available on the FRIENDS website [FRIENDS PAC Call for Nominations | Friends NRC](#) or may be completed manually using the attached documents and emailed to MaryJo Alimena Caruso at mjcaruso@friendsnrc.org through **October 31, 2024.**

- ⇒ ALL Parent/family caregivers must complete the Parent/Family Leader Nomination Form *which may* (if applicable*) be accompanied by an Agency Recommendation Form completed by a CBCAP State Lead Agency or local prevention program as a reference for the parent.
- ⇒ An organization nominating a parent must complete the Agency Recommendation form AND be accompanied by a Parent/Family Nomination Form completed by the nominee.
- ⇒ Nominations will be reviewed, and candidates will be interviewed by the FRIENDS Parent Advisory Council. Potential candidates will be recommended to the FRIENDS Director and the CBCAP Federal Project Officers.

Completed applications include

- One (1) completed Parent/Family Nomination form per nominee (required) and,
- If applicable*, One (1) completed Agency Recommendation form.

*Parent/family leaders may self-nominate and are highly encouraged but not required to have an agency recommendation.

Those needing an extension to the nomination deadline should express their interest in writing to MaryJo Alimena Caruso at mjcaruso@friendsnrc.org before October 31, 2024.

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Interested parties should contact MaryJo Alimena Caruso at mjcaruso@friendsnrc.org or 724.591.5448 with questions. For more information about the FRIENDS NC for CBCAP www.friendsnrc.org