FAMILIES AS PARTNERS

Families as Partners promotes, coordinates, and supports family involvement throughout Children's organization. Opportunities include the Family-to-Family program, Family Advisory Council, Family Advocates, and Family Advisors, and the Youth Advisory Council.

Family Advisory Council

The Family Advisory Council is a diverse group of parents whose children have received care at one of Children's facilities. They represent inpatient and outpatient experiences working collaboratively with staff to promote and enhance familycentered care and to improve the family and patient experiences.

Family Advocates

Family Advocates play a role in advocating on behalf of Children's patients and on the behalf of the health of children. Families receive specific training and are informed of advocacy opportunities in regard to public policy issues affecting the health of children.

Family-to-Family Program

Families use their experiences to mentor, provide encouragement, emotional support and non-medical information to other families in a variety of ways, including one-to-one matches between families and family volunteers with similar experiences.

Family Advisors

Family Advisors are designated family representatives involved in committees, design teams, unit advisory councils, experience teams, policy groups, family panels, family focus groups and family testimonial events.

Youth Advisory Council

The Youth Advisory
Council is a group of
patients and siblings
who provide
feedback on issues
related to healthcare
experiences that are
important to
children and teens.
They work in
partnership with
Child Life staff.