

The Family Assessment and Planning Team is a part of the Virginia Children's Services System of Care that provides services used by all child serving agencies across Virginia specifically the Department of Social Services, Juvenile Justice, Manassas City Public Schools, Community Services and the PW Health Department. This is central to our decision making process and our interaction with youth and their families.

Our goal is to continuously improve services for children and families with their safety and well-being as the center of this team's working foundation. The purpose of this team is to provide high quality, child centered, family focused, cost effective community based services to youth and their families.

A team member is needed to serve as a Parent Representative to assist in implementing available services needed. The new member would be required to meet each Thursday of each month for the Family Assessment and Planning Team. This timeframe is adjusted to accommodate holidays.

Requirements: Be a resident of the City of Manassas and a parent who has some experience with youth that are considered at risk.

Goal

Provide a parent perspective when addressing and assessing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and families who are approved for referral to that team and for the purpose of identifying and determine the compliment of services required to meet those specific needs.

Duties

- Attend scheduled FAPT meetings.
- Take an active role in the development of individualized service plans for families.

Qualifications

- Preference should be given to a parent of a consumer or former consumer of services from a public child serving agency.
- Must be a resident of the City of Manassas.
- Must have strong communications skills, well-versed and experienced in various issues as it relates to mental or physical special needs of a child or is willing to learn.
- Be confident and willing to speak out in large groups consisting of experts reviewing the cases to represent for the families of communities.
- Must be mature, compassionate, dependable, and empathetic and possess the ability to be a team member.
- Must be capable of remaining objective in emotionally charged situations. Must respect the beliefs and traditions of individuals coming from a wide variety of cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds.

Time Commitment

The FAPT meets weekly on Thursday afternoons.

Training

- Orientation-Local FAPT.
- Communication and confidentiality.
- Team Roles and responsibilities.
- Comprehensive Services Act (CSA).
- One FAPT observation.
- Terms and terminology.
- (Localities are free to add training elements).

Parents interested in being considered for appointment to the FAPT, are requested to submit an application and a brief summary of their qualifications, particularly as they relate to the criteria above. FAPT representatives are appointed by the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT). Please go to (insert link) to complete and submit an application for consideration for this important position. You can include a short narrative of your experiences and capabilities in dealing with similar groups or community programs. For more information contact Tanya Robinson, CSA Coordinator, or LaTanya Buckhalter, Finance Manager at 703-361-8277.