

# Help shape the future of family engagement in research at Holland Bloorview

## Are you a...

- Youth with a disability or developmental difference
- Caregiver of a child/youth with a disability or developmental difference
- Holland Bloorview staff, student, or trainee
- Person interested in healthy futures for all children, youth and families

...with a passion for family engagement in research?

## We're inviting **YOU** to join a **Working Group**

The Research Family Engagement Committee (RFEC) leads Holland Bloorview's efforts to ensure families are meaningfully involved in research. After a broad consultation, RFEC developed key recommendations to strengthen research that benefits families of children with disabilities; both at Holland Bloorview and beyond. We're now forming working groups to bring these recommendations to life and are seeking **8–10 new members from diverse backgrounds, including those outside Holland Bloorview**, to join us.

### Working Group Themes

**Real World Impacts:** Advocate for policy change and supports national and international partnerships.

**Community & Reciprocity:** Build community for families in research and ensures meaningful recognition and support.

**Education & Training:** Provide families with accessible resources and opportunities to educate trainees and the public.

### Commitment

- 1-hour virtual meetings in November, February, April, and June (2025–2026)
- Meeting times will be based on member availability.

### Why Join?

Help shape how families and researchers work together, amplify family voices, and make a lasting impact on research culture.



### Interested?

Scan the QR code to sign up by  
**November 6, 2025**,  
or email Carla Southward  
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to learn more!

