



**AMCHP**  
ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (COP)

*Are you looking for ideas and insights on engaging families more in the work of your Title V program?*

**THIS MAY BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!**



**What:** A CoP is a **group of people who share expertise and passion** about a topic and interact on an ongoing basis to further their learning and advance the field.

**Who:** CoP members are **those working with families and on family engagement initiatives** across Title V & MCH. This includes MCH/Title V Directors, CYSHCN Directors, and Family Leaders.

**Why:** The goal of the AMCHP Family Engagement CoP is to **increase Title V capacity** to engage families in their work. The CoP provides a platform to share ideas, innovations, lessons learned, successes, and best practices from subject matter experts.

## CoP members give:

- ♦ Commit to active participation in monthly discussions
- ♦ Take a turn as a facilitator
- ♦ Share materials and resources with cohort
- ♦ Complete a “year-end” evaluation

## CoP members get:

- ♦ Help with challenges
- ♦ Access to expertise
- ♦ Confidence in your approach to family engagement
- ♦ Support of ‘being’ with colleagues
- ♦ Network for keeping abreast of the field
- ♦ Forum for expanding skills and expertise
- ♦ Diverse perspectives on problems

**When:** The CoP is an eight-month commitment with meetings once per month from **September – April**.  
(*There will not be a meeting in December*)

**How:** Express **your interest in joining** by **COB Friday, August 29**. (*There is limited space for this opportunity. We may not have space to accommodate everyone who expresses an interest in joining.*)

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**Important Note:** *The CoP is a cohort experience made up of individual applicants, as opposed to state teams. Participation in cohort calls is exclusive to the individual applicant selected to participate. It is expected that applicants, if accepted as a cohort member, commit to participation as described above under CoP members give. Cohort members are not able to invite colleagues to join calls or “swap out” their spot with colleagues when they are not able to attend a call. We do encourage cohort members to share back key information, resources, and guidance with their colleagues.*