



Pediatric Outcomes Improvement through COordination of Research Networks
Plateforme d'amélioration des résultats Pédiatriques par la CoORDiNation des réseaux de recherche

POPCORN Patient Engagement Readiness Checklist

Partnering with youth and parents as research advisors in your work can provide unique perspectives and improve the outcomes of your research activities. Below is a checklist to help think about what you need to authentically engage with patients and families.

- ✓ Is there leadership buy-in and organizational culture that values insights of patients and families?
- ✓ Are there staff and budget to support the work and compensate research advisors? (*average rate of compensation is \$25/hour*)
- ✓ Is there a designated staff member to liaise with research advisors?
- ✓ Is there an estimate of how many research advisors you would like to partner with? (*ideal to have youth and parent representation from a diversity of perspectives*)
- ✓ Are there background documents (i.e. Terms of Reference) to share with research advisors to help them better understand the goals, roles, and expectations of the work?
- ✓ Is there a confidentiality agreement research advisors can sign before participating? (*Ask your institution for a template*)
- ✓ Do you have a plan for sharing back with your research advisors? How will you close the loop?
- ✓ What measures will you use to evaluate the engagement? (i.e., Did your research advisors feel heard? acknowledged? valued? What was something they 1) liked about the engagement 2) would change?)

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