



# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH NEEDED

## WHAT IS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH?

### Definition:



Family engagement is used interchangeably with Patient Engagement. Therefore, it is defined in Canada's Strategy for Patient-Orientated Research (SPOR) as being an act of meaningful and active collaboration in governance, priority setting, conducting research and knowledge translation. This brings affected communities a collaborative voice.

## REASONS FOR RESEARCHERS



1. To improve quality of outcomes in research for children and youth.
2. To create more meaningful child health research.
3. More inclusive representation makes stronger research studies.
4. Leads to more appropriate child health interventions.
5. To address family-centred priorities to create positive changes in policy making and health practices.

## BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES



1. Increase parents' awareness of child health challenges.
2. Increase confidence and creates empowerment.
3. Builds connections and community.
4. To sustain and enhance the quality of pediatric health care.
5. Those who stand to benefit most are the end users.

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