



Maryland Coalition of Families Seeks Members for Board of Directors

Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF) is a growing and expanding statewide agency with an active and engaged Board of Directors. MCF intends to grow the number as well as the diversity of Board members in 2021.

MCF Overview

Maryland Coalition of Families is a statewide organization that helps families who care for someone with behavioral health needs. Using personal experience as parents, caregivers, youth and other loved ones, we connect, support and empower Maryland's families. Our staff provide one-to-one support to parents and caregivers of young people with mental health issues and to any loved one who cares for someone with a substance use or gambling issue.

MCF empowers parents, caregivers, youth and other loved ones by:

- Helping them navigate services and systems
- Providing them with tools to advocate
- Connecting parents, caregivers, young people and other loved ones to each other
- Ensuring their voice and perspective is heard
- Raising public awareness and fighting stigma

MCF Mission

Using our personal experience caring for loved ones with behavioral health needs, we connect, support and empower Maryland's families and advocate to improve systems that impact individuals with behavioral health challenges.

MCF Vision

For children, youth and adults with behavioral health challenges we envision wellness and a stigma-free community that values the perspective of loved ones.

Criteria and Preferred Attributes for New Board Members

The Board Development Committee is looking for Board candidates who are interested in using their networks to help galvanize MCF's mission across the state of Maryland. The Committee has assessed current Board membership, and is looking for nominees with the following skills, experience and/or attributes:

- Individuals who are primary caregivers for children, adolescents, or young adults with mental health or substance use issues.
- Individuals who are caregivers for an adult loved one of any age with substance use or problem gambling issues.
- Individuals who have experience with various systems that serve youth, adolescent, and young adults. This may include social services (including foster care), and the juvenile or adult criminal justice systems.
- Educators, researchers, policy makers, and other individuals who can make significant contributions toward advancing MCF's mission across the state of Maryland.

- Professionals who are familiar with substance abuse and/or problem gambling, including those working within the public system.
- Individuals who will broaden our racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity; currently, we have no representation from the Latinx population or those who reside in Western MD, Southern MD, the Eastern Shore and Baltimore City.
- Finance professionals,
- Individuals with professional or personal nonprofit fundraising experience,

To Apply or Nominate Someone

Interested candidates should forward their contact information to Darlene Collins at dcollins@mdcoalition.org.

Please feel free to share this with others who might be interested in MCF's mission and who meet the qualifications for new Board members.