



THE WOMEN'S FUND
OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM

Collaboration Institute 3.0

Family Expertise Council: Member Description

The Family Expertise Council, made up of six women who have participated in 2-generation programs funded by The Women's Fund, is a critical part of Collaboration Institute 3.0. Council members will share their experiences with post-secondary education, accessing quality childcare and pre-K, connecting with community services and government agencies, and financial education. The voices, opinions, and expertise of these families will help inform and guide the three collaborative teams as they develop 2-Generation Hubs to better serve families.

Expectations of Council Members

- Past participation in a 2-generation post-secondary and/or collaborative program funded by The Women's Fund.
- Ability to attend three CI convenings over the next 15 months, with the first convening scheduled for Nov. 29, 2017, and subsequent convenings to be scheduled at six-month intervals. Members should be able to devote a minimum of one full day to these two-day meetings. Notice of the exact dates will be provided at least six weeks in advance by staff of TWF.
- Willingness to speak openly about life experiences, including hurdles and barriers experienced while trying to access education, jobs, childcare, housing, government services such as SNAP and childcare subsidies, and other economic assets.
- Willingness to provide opinions and advice about opportunities and services that increased their economic security. What community services worked well for them? What services did not work well?
- Availability for occasional phone calls or short meetings with Hub Team members, as may be needed to assist in Hub program development. No more than one call or meeting every three months will be expected, and scheduling any calls or meetings will take into account committee members' job and family responsibilities.

Commitment from The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham

- Provide total stipend per family of \$3,000 (\$1,000 in 2017; \$2,000 in 2018).
- Provide at least six weeks of advance notice of convening dates in which attendance is expected.
- Ensure Council members are provided with a comfortable, supportive, and respectful environment in which to share their experiences.
- Host the convenings within the 5-county Greater Birmingham area, so extensive travel will not be required.