

Frequently Asked Questions: Federal Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CICC) Lived Expert Consultants Opportunity



The newly formed federal Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CICC) is charged with fostering greater coordination and transparency on child policy across federal agencies. The CICC will also examine and periodically report on a broad array of cross-cutting issues affecting child poverty and child well-being. The scope of this work is focused on children between ages 0-17 in the United States.

On behalf of the CICC, the American Institutes for Research (AIR) is recruiting a diverse group of **up to 20 individuals with lived experience (Lived Expert Consultants)** to inform and support the work of the council. Candidates ages 18 years or older across the U.S. are welcome to apply.

Please review responses to the frequently asked questions below to learn more about this opportunity.

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility Requirements

- **Do applicants need to *currently* receive social services and/or have lived experience with child poverty to be eligible? Are applicants eligible if their lived experience is only in the past?**
 - To be eligible, you must have **direct, first-hand experience living in poverty at some time in your life, either when you were a child and/or when you were a parent or caregiver**. If you are an adult now and experienced poverty as a child, you are eligible. If you have experienced poverty as an adult while parenting or acting as caregiver for a child, you are eligible. You do *not* need to be currently receiving social services to be eligible, nor do you have to be a former social service recipient (e.g., housing vouchers/assistance, child care subsidies, SNAP, TANF, Medicaid). We expect that candidates will explain in their application why they believe they are qualified.
- **Are there any eligibility restrictions for this role related to employer type or status?**
 - Applicants should check with their employer to determine whether this opportunity would be a conflict of interest. Federal employees are not eligible but can contact the CICC team at HHS/ASPE (cicc@hhs.gov) directly for more information on other opportunities to get involved.
 - If your only experience with poverty is *working with or caring for people who are in poverty* and you do not have personal lived experience living in poverty, you are not eligible. Individuals without direct lived experience with poverty are encouraged to subscribe to the CICC newsletter for future updates and announcements.

- **Do applicants need a specific degree or educational/professional background to apply for the role?**
 - No, you do not need to have a degree or specific educational/professional background.
- **Can individuals with limited English proficiency participate?**
 - Yes, we welcome individuals with varying levels of English proficiency.
- **Are there be any computer, software, or technological requirements?**
 - No. While there are no technological requirements for this opportunity, access to Zoom and Microsoft products (e.g. Word, Excel) are recommended.

Accommodations

- **Will accommodations be offered for people with disabilities who are selected for this opportunity?**
 - Yes. Please list any accommodations you require in the dedicated short answer question of the application.
- **Is the application available in any other languages besides English?**
 - We are not able to translate the application in multiple languages at this time but we encourage folks to use the available in-browser translation feature. If individuals are selected for an interview, we will be able to conduct the interview in Spanish and provide translation services to support ongoing consultative work. Here's one resource:
<https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/173424?hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop>

Compensation

- **Is this a paid position?**
 - Yes, those that are selected as Lived Expert Consultants will be compensated at an hourly rate consistent with other federal lived expert opportunities (approximately \$40-100 per hour). Specific compensation amount will be determined later in the selection process. Participants have the option to decline compensation for any reason. Please note that this is NOT a salaried position.
- **If applicants are currently receiving social services or other benefits, could the compensation for the Lived Expert Consultant opportunity affect their eligibility for those benefits?**
 - Yes, the compensation for this role could potentially impact any benefits you receive, so we encourage applicants to consider this. Applicants are welcome to decline compensation and still participate in the opportunity.

Application Process

- **What can I expect from the application process?**
 - The deadline to apply was 2/23/24. Individuals cannot edit their submitted applications but are welcome to re-submit an application with appropriate materials if additions are needed. Please note that applications without a resume will be considered incomplete. All applicants will receive email confirmation once their application is received - please check your SPAM folder to ensure you receive this message.
 - The CICC team is reviewing every application in detail, but not all applicants will be interviewed. You will be notified via email if you were not selected. Applicants can opt-in to receive communications about future engagement opportunities if they are not selected for this role.

What to Expect if Selected

- **What is the time commitment for this work (e.g., meeting schedule, location, travel requirements, work load)?**
 - Lived Expert Consultants will work a maximum **20 hours total** through December 2024. All work will be conducted virtually and there are no travel requirements for participation. We will work with the selected candidates across all U.S. time zones to determine the frequency, time, and day of meetings.
 - Engagement will be project-based, with some projects requiring minimal time commitment (e.g., 1 hour document review) and other projects requiring more extensive time commitments and collaboration with fellow Lived Expert Consultants. Project involvement will be dependent on participants' interest and availability.
- **Is there an opportunity to engage in policy work through this role?**
 - Yes, this is an opportunity to inform and engage in both the policy and research spaces.
- **Can this opportunity lead to full-time employment?**
 - No. You may learn of other full-time opportunities that you can apply for during your time as a Lived Expert Consultant, but this position will not lead to a full-time or part-time position.

Other Logistical Considerations

- **Will informational session slides be accessible after the session?**
 - The slide deck and recording are available online. Review the materials at [this link](#).
- **Where can I learn more about this opportunity and other CICC activities or events?**
 - To learn more about this opportunity, please watch the recording of the informational session (<https://youth.gov/feature-article/newly-formed-childrens-interagency-coordinating-council-seeks-lived-expert>). To receive future CICC-related updates, please [subscribe to the public newsletter](#). Candidates who are selected for this opportunity will receive additional information about the types of projects that are available in the coming weeks and months.