CICC Lived Expert Consultant Recruitment Information Session

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Agenda

• Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CICC) Background
• Role of the Lived Expert Consultant
• Other Opportunities for Lived Experts at ASPE
• Support for the Role
• Tips for Preparing Your Application, Resume, and Interview
• Next Steps
CICC Background

- In December 2022, Congress charged HHS with establishing the Children’s Interagency Coordinating Council (CICC).
- Within HHS, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), Office of Human Services Policy (HSP) is leading the effort to stand up and support the CICC.
- Congress stated that the CICC will:
  - foster greater coordination and transparency on child policy across agencies and
  - examine and periodically report on a broad array of cross-cutting issues affecting child well-being.
- Congress also instructed HHS to contract with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to analyze federal policies that have affected child poverty.
Context Setting

• Lived experience, in this context, is defined as individuals who have direct, first-hand experience with poverty and have accessed and/or are eligible for programs and services for children, youth, and families experiencing poverty.

• Poverty, in this context, is defined as not having enough resources to meet basic needs.

Lived Expert Recruitment Criteria

• Minimum Requirement
  ◦ Possess direct, first-hand lived experience with poverty as a child, parent, and/or caregiver
  ◦ At least 18 years of age
  ◦ Able to commit up to 20 hours through December 2024
  ◦ Interested in efforts related to child poverty and well-being
  ◦ Able to successfully interact with people from diverse backgrounds
Relevant Background/Experience

- Programs and services
- Peer support/navigator
- Research activities
- Policy activities
- Workforce training/development
- Engaging/partnering with cross systems agencies
- Efforts related to diversity, equity, and/or inclusion

Potential Lived Expert Engagement Opportunities

- Inform strategies and research projects
- Identify relevant and innovative state and community policies, programs, and practices
- Participate in listening sessions, key informant interviews, and technical working groups
- Present at events and meetings
- Review and provide feedback on draft materials
- Support the dissemination of research
- Contribute to the quarterly council newsletters
Other Opportunities for Lived Experts at ASPE

ASPE’s Mission

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) advises the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on policy development in health, disability, human services, data, and science; and provides advice and analysis on economic policy.

ASPE leads special initiatives; coordinates the Department's evaluation, research, and demonstration activities; manages cross-Department planning activities; conducts research and evaluation studies; and develops policy analyses.
ASPE’s Office Human Service Policy

RES AND CAPACITIES — Not Just Nerds!

Small but diverse staff
A broad cross-cutting perspective on how individual programs interact
Ability to coordinate across the department and the federal government
Close working relationships with program leadership and staff, and across the federal government

Conduct quick and medium-term policy research ourselves and through contracts
Robust analytic capabilities to help determine how different policy options could work best
Known in HHS and across the federal government as a go-to office for analysis of poverty trends and measurement issues

Office of Human Services Policy Priorities

- Enhancing equity, inclusion, diversity, and access.
  - Centering work in the experiences and needs of individuals, families, and communities.
  - Identifying root causes

- Amplifying evidence around prevention of social welfare challenges and crisis.

- Identifying aligned well-being metrics for program adoption.
  - Multiple dimensions of person/family/community strengths and needs to prompt data-informed dialogue, alignment, and coordination

- Highlighting actionable information.
Support for Lived Expert Consultants

The American Institutes for Research® (AIR) is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization that conducts behavioral and social science research and delivers technical assistance. Our mission is to generate and use rigorous evidence that contributes to a better, more equitable world.

- Training and Skill Development (Capacity Building)
- Navigating Potential CICC Activities
- Preparing for CICC Activities
- Providing Attentive and Supportive Communication

Preparing Your Resume, Application, & Interview

Personal Experience
Lived expertise is the knowledge and understanding that comes from personal experience. Carefully review the application instructions to make sure you understand the role and tailor your application.

The Context
This is an opportunity to assist in identifying relevant and innovative federal, state, and community policies, programs, and practices. Highlight your motivations, goals, and why you are the ideal candidate for the role.

You as the Expert
People with lived experience have unique perspectives that cannot be replicated and is valuable to inform and improve systems, research, policies, practices, and programs. Articulate your skills, experiences, and achievements that make you a strong candidate. Use specific examples.

Be Honest and Authentic
Stories are powerful ways of sharing lived experiences that can often be difficult to quantify or list on a resume. Be authentic in your application and demonstrate your enthusiasm for the opportunity.
Next Steps

1. Consider **applying** for the Lived Expert Consulting role and/or **share the opportunity** with your networks, applications due **February 23, 2024**
2. Finalists notified of selection for interviews, **Early March**
3. Virtual interviews for finalists, **Mid - Late March**
4. Announcement of selected class and Welcome call(s), **Early April**
5. **Stay connected** to the CICC, subscribe to the newsletter and follow youth.gov on social media

Contact Us

- If you have additional questions, you can reach out to Gislene Tasayco, gtasayco@air.org.

Thank you for joining us today!