

SONC Local Committee Family Chair



The Family Chair is an individual that is responsible for working to increase year-round family involvement with the local program, thereby expanding resources, strengthening family ties, promoting awareness in communities of the needs and attributes of people with intellectual disabilities, assuring the continued quality of the program. As with all management volunteers, a volunteer screening form and background check must be completed.

Minimum responsibilities:

- Recruit, screen and train new members of the Families Committee
- Adhere to SONC specific and SOI policies
- Communicate regularly with committee members, Local Program Coordinator and families
- Ensure that an annual Families participation plan is developed, approved by the Local Program Coordinator, and that it is implemented
- Ensure the recommended duties of the Families Committee are delegated to its members
- Evaluate committee members' service annually to determine if continued membership is recommended, and if increased responsibility should be given, or if they should be removed from the committee or re-routed to another position
- Must have good communications skills
- Evaluate competition plans, goals and objectives annually
- Submit a final report to the local coordinator to assist with the completion of the local accreditation document

Additional potential responsibilities:

- Motivate families to become more involved
- Educate parents and siblings of the many ways they can become involved
- Attend training, competition and fundraising events
- Become knowledgeable about and teach others about various types of intellectual disabilities
- Work in the community to fight the stigma often associated with intellectual disabilities