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## 2023 Family Homelessness Coalition Housing Policy Fellowship

The [Family Homelessness Coalition](https://fhcnyc.org/)—a coalition comprised of service providers, housing providers, children’s organizations, and advocacy organizations—focuses on three main areas:

- Strengthening prevention and post-shelter services for at-risk families;
- Promoting child and family well-being when shelter is unavoidable; and
- Creating more permanent housing resources for homeless children and their families

### Housing Policy Fellowship

The Family Homelessness Coalition’s Housing Policy Fellowship seeks to give equity to a group of individuals who have lived through the challenges of housing instability. One of the key components to our approach to opening the doors for this historically marginalized group entails weekly closed group debriefing/planning/strategy meetings. We are seeking to strengthen the partnership and collaboration between the coalition and people with lived experience. FHC will engage fellows to build on the work of the existing fellowship while fostering greater participation from the community of families with experiences of homelessness.

### The Housing Policy Fellow

We are looking to include an additional fellow for The Housing Policy Fellowship to build on the work of the existing fellowship and provide support on expanding reach to Spanish-speaking families.

The Fellows will engage in key projects including:

- [Hear Our Voices Podcast](#) – share stories of people with lived experience of homelessness and increase information and access to resources for those at risk or currently experiencing homelessness or housing stability.
- **Peer Navigation** – build bridges between families and service providers/advocates as well as other resources.
- **Advisory Board of Lived Experts** – engage greater numbers of families with children with experiences of homelessness.

The Housing Policy Fellows will participate in meetings with various community-based organizations, city agencies, elected officials, and other groups to advocate for and promote policy change related to families with children experiencing homelessness. The Fellows will be involved in decision-making processes and provide a more holistic picture of family homelessness in order for FHC and others to have a deeper understanding about the families’ experiences and increase accountability to better address the needs of families experiencing homelessness.

The Fellows will work approximately 12 hours a week from September 2023 through July 2024 to:

- Continue the podcast and increase its reach via digital and social media strategies, engaging other lived experts, direct service providers, and elected officials, with special attention to expanding reach to Spanish-speaking families.

- Co-create a business plan for a peer navigator position within family shelters that leverages the voice of peers and fellow advocates to develop a plan and secure public financial support and implementation strategy.
- Inform the development of a council or advisory board through which to engage greater numbers of lived experts with family homelessness experience in collaboration with the Citizens' Committee for Children's civic engagement team.
- Take part in CCC's Community Leadership Course as well as other trainings such as media training and strategies for advocacy.
- Work with community-based organizations and government agencies, using coalition building, media, and advocacy to inform policy.
- Strategize, implement, and support efforts to design and improve programs and policies.
- Work collaboratively with each other, the Citizens' Committee for Children, and other FHC members to achieve the goals outlined above as well as other programmatic and policy goals that emerge throughout the year.
- Be active participants in advocacy and communications/PR efforts and actively engage with other people with lived experience to bring a broader perspective of those with lived expertise to the FHC.
- Participate in meetings with the Family Homelessness Coalition steering committee and co-conveners, including meetings/events with partners and agencies as needed.

Fellows will receive:

- Compensation: \$35/hour at 12 hours/week
- MetroCard (as needed)
- Laptop

### Qualifications

We are seeking individuals 18 years or older who are in families with children who are either currently experiencing homelessness, have experiences of homelessness, and/or have been at risk of homelessness. Adults 18 years or older who have prior experience of homelessness as a child or youth may also apply. Must be able to commit at least 12 hours/week, though the schedule may vary, including evening hours and fieldwork. Must be bilingual in English and Spanish both verbal and written.

### Experience & Skills

- Strong organizational skills
- Fluency in English and Spanish both verbal and written
- Ability to see project through from beginning to end
- Social media management (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube)
- Presenting information, addressing groups of people
- Team player with ability to work independently

### Application Instructions

Applications will be due **Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** with interviews anticipated during the weeks of September 25<sup>th</sup> And October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

To apply, please submit your resume and answers to the following questions to [akim@fhcnyc.org](mailto:akim@fhcnyc.org).

1. Full Name, Location, Age of child(ren), Employment/Student Status
2. Describe your experience with the homeless system or housing instability.
3. What do you think about the homeless system (including eviction prevention resources, shelter, and services)?