

CFCC Caregiver Advocates Program

The Cambridge Families of Color Coalition (CFCC) is a collective of families of color working to uplift, empower, celebrate, and nurture our students and each other, whose work is rooted in racial, social, and economic equity.

Cambridge families of color often talk about going into school meetings or trying to get district services without support or help. The information and resources that are needed to help us help our students is hard to find and we don't know who to ask and how to get what we need. This leaves many Cambridge families of color less able to positively impact our student's learning. It is this problem that the Cambridge Families of Color Coalition (CFCC) Caregiver Advocate Program will address.

Caregivers of color across the district will be able to rely on Caregiver Advocates to attend meetings alongside them with direct family advocacy training and experience. With the assistance of Caregiver Advocates, families of color will be able to shift systems of communication, resource sharing, and power dynamics within CPS to benefit their students. This program is a community asset by and for families of color that represents the strength, expertise, and collaboration within our community and encourages all family members to become advocates for their and their students' needs.

We are seeking caregivers of color interested in receiving advocacy training:

Advocacy training will be four sessions held on: May 15th & 16th and May 22nd & 23rd from 10-12pm

*Compensation for attending the full training is \$250.

These trainings have been co-designed with core organizers from CFCC and will be facilitated by <u>MAEC</u>, a fantastic education equity organization.

Over the summer, trained Caregiver Advocates will be a part of monthly community building activities. Then, Caregiver Advocates will be compensated to support families in their advocacy next school year.

If you're interested in CAP, please fill out this form: <u>https://forms.gle/s7zqtoQpDNV3edGA7</u>

Additionally, please find the CAP job description for CFCC Caregiver Advocates here.