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To People interested in improving services for families of children who have a disability:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the Policy Council for Children and Families. The council, created in accordance with Texas Government Code § 531.012, works to improve the coordination, quality, efficiency and outcomes of services provided to children with disabilities and their families through the state's health, education and human services systems.

The HHS executive commissioner will appoint a member to the council to fill one vacant position with an unexpired term that ends on Dec. 31, 2020. The selected member will be from a family with a child under the age of 26 with a disability. A family member or the person with a disability himself or herself may apply to be on the council. A "family member" may be the parent, spouse, guardian, grandparent or adult sibling of the person with a disability.

A council member must regularly participate in council meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects and presentations. Council meetings will be held in Austin or another location at the call of the presiding officer elected by the members. Council members receive no compensation for participation on the council; however, as a family representative, the appointed member may be reimbursed for travel to and from meetings if funds are available.

If you would like to serve on the council, please complete and return the attached application no later than **Jan. 12, 2018**. You may submit the application by email, mail or fax. Here are the addresses:

Email:
ChildrensPolicyCouncil@hhsc.state.tx.us
Attn: Jimmy M. Blanton

Mail

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6330 East Highway 290, Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78723
Attn: Jimmy M. Blanton*

Fax:

*(512) 380-4380
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HHSC will notify applicants in March 2018 if they have been selected to serve as a member of the council.

In selecting members to serve on the council, HHSC considers the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the committee. HHSC also tries to choose members who, as a whole, represent the diversity of all Texas citizens. For that reason, HHSC considers applicants' ethnicity, gender and geographic location.

For more information, please contact
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