The Committee on Children, Youth and Families (CYF) is pleased to invite nominations for service on the committee. CYF anticipates two membership vacancies and requests qualified candidates to serve three-year terms commencing January 1, 2026.

In addition, CYF the candidates should have research, teaching, or practice-based expertise in one or more of the following areas:

* Understudied and underserved culturally and linguistically diverse, understudied, underserved and diverse populations.
* Partnering with the community or other professional, governmental, and other types of organizations.

CYF welcomes psychologists of diverse backgrounds and considers various factors that are relevant to our mission when selecting members, such as age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, and socioeconomic status. In developing slates of nominees, the committee will also consider areas of expertise or specialization within psychology, stage of career (early, mid, late) and other aspects of diversity that are relevant to the committee’s mission.

CYF anticipates upcoming work in the areas of child custody, child bullying, immigration and children, child abuse and neglect and school dropout; we welcome applications from individuals with expertise in these areas.

**Committee Summary**

The Committee on Children, Youth and Families ensures that children, youth and families receive the full attention of APA. It functions as a catalyst, interacting with and making recommendations to the various parts of the APA's governing structure, to the APA's membership and to relevant divisions and other groups. Specifically, the committee’s goals are to:

* Identify and disseminate information concerning the psychological status of children, youth and families for psychologists, other professionals, policy makers and the public.
* Offer consultation to relevant APA boards and committees that are responsible for the educational standards for psychologists who conduct research and provide services for children, youth and families.
* Encourage psychological research on the factors that promote or inhibit the development of individual and family competence.
* Contribute to the formulation and support of policies that facilitate the optimal development of children and youth within families.
* Designate priorities for APA involvement in the issues affecting children, youth and families, including issues related to gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability.

**APA Strategic Plan**

APA is engaged in a process of transformation, placing a much greater emphasis on making an impact that clearly benefits society and improves lives. In February 2024 the Council of Representatives revised and adopted its 2019 [strategic plan](https://www.apa.org/about/apa/strategic-plan/apa-apasi-strategic-plan-2024.pdf) that sets APA’s organizational priorities for the next three to five years. APA groups actively collaborate across APA to align the work of elected and appointed leaders, staff, and the broader membership in service of advancing the strategic plan. Given the importance of this approach to the Association’s strategic priorities, APA encourages nominees to review the strategic plan to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.

**The committee shall consist of seven members. It shall report to council through the** [**Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest**](https://www.apa.org/pi/governance/bappi) **(BAPPI).**

**Position Requirements**

CYF members are required to attend one in-person meeting each year in Washington, D.C., with expenses reimbursed by APA. In 2026, the meeting is TBD. Committee members also work on CYF priorities between in-person meetings and will be expected to participate in monthly virtual meetings, a series of virtual meetings in the fall, and regular discussions via the Microsoft Teams Platform. In addition, CYF members are encouraged to attend CYF related symposia and events at the APA Annual Convention if possible, though expenses cannot be reimbursed.

Please note, a large amount of committee work is completed in Microsoft Teams. A proficiency or willingness to learn the platform is helpful in this position.

**How to Apply**

The nomination packet must include the following information:

* CV
* Letter of intent that includes:
  + Willingness to serve on the committee for the three-year term
  + Description of the nominee’s qualifications, specifically highlighting the nominee’s interests and how they see themselves contributing to the mission of CYF
* 2 letters of support

Nomination applications must be received in their entirety by January 31, 2025 and can be submitted [HERE](https://www.apa.org/about/governance/elections/call-for-nominations). All submissions must be completed by the individual who will sit on the committee, if accepted. If you wish to nominate someone else, please feel free to send them the application link above or this announcement, and they will be able to send any recommendation materials along with their submission.

An [APA member](https://www.apa.org/members)ship is not required for application, but is required to sit on the committee. If you are accepted for the role and not an APA member, you will be asked to start or renew your membership at that time.

For additional information about the application process, please contact [abasker@apa.org](mailto:abasker@apa.org).