

## Families Community Liaison Team

The FCL team's role is to ensure all families are engaged within SOTX and encourage the development of independent groups (outside of the school districts) for those too young or who age out of the education system.

Additionally, the vision is to assist and work to open doors of opportunity within their community for both families and SOTX by sharing community connections, resources, and educational activities and opportunities.

The overarching goal will be to ensure that informative information to all families. News to share includes does not list all opportunities:

- Opportunities with Special Olympics Texas
- Healthy Athletes Program
- Unified Champion Schools/Unified Sports
- Coaching Opportunities
- Delegation/Team Development

Additional information to include but not limited to:

- Network and Support Systems
- Employment Opportunities for Athletes
- Healthcare
- Advocacy

FCL members will also assist in or with the establishment of:

- Families' Receptions or Activities within their area/region.
- Support Information Centers at or during competitions and activities.
- Encourage families to become Volunteer A, Games Management Team Members, or Unified Partners.
- Assist with introducing new families to current community-based teams or programs.
- Encourage families to become coaches utilizing current training opportunities.
- Promote the establishment of Young Athletes Programs Ages - 7 Unified.
- Promote the establishment of Developmental Sports Programs for Ages 6 - 12.
- Mentor new delegation family members and promote growth throughout the year.
- Share and inspire coaches and volunteers with positive examples, success stories, and ideas.'

FCL members should also possess the following attributes:

- Positive individual, supportive of SOTX vision
- Have good organizational and communication skills
- Possess the ability to relate to and inspire other families and volunteers
- Represent athletes and SOTX at events and within the community as a positive role model
- Assist in the development of Employee Matching Community Grants and Sponsorship Opportunities to develop and grow new delegations/teams
- Serve in a mentorship role for a maximum of 3 years
- Assist in the recruitment and training of new FCL team leaders

The FCL member's role will be to ensure development and connectivity within both SOTX and the community.

When new families and community members become engaged, doors of understanding, opportunities, and support open, which change insight into athletes' abilities, needs, and opportunities for those with Intellectual Disabilities.

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