



**EASA Center for Excellence**



**SCHOOL OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH**

## **Opportunities to Get Involved and Connect with Others**

**Young Adult Leadership Council (YALC):** The Young Adult Leadership Council is a group of young people with lived experience and their allies who join together to shape the direction of EASA programs statewide. Members of YALC work with peers on specific projects, network with other advisory groups, and volunteer in their communities. YALC meets in-person or virtually depending on the county. An hourly stipend and travel reimbursement (if applicable) is provided for participation.

**Family and Friends Leadership Council (FFLC):** The Family and Friends Leadership Council is a group of family members and supports who have been helped by the unique approach that EASA brings. FFLC activities include recommending improvements to EASA, supporting families and friends in EASA, and advocating for EASA statewide. While FFLC is not primarily a support group, it provides the opportunity for family members and friends of EASA participants and graduates to meet, hear each other's stories, and find out how other families are navigating their journey. FFLC meets virtually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month and also occasionally offers in-person meetings. An hourly stipend and travel reimbursement (if applicable) is provided for participation.

**Community Education and Outreach:** EASA programs reach out routinely to a wide variety of audiences in communities throughout Oregon to provide education and outreach. EASA participants, graduates, and family members and supports are invited to join EASA teams in their local communities for presentations that center their lived experience in EASA. There are also opportunities to participate in national events through the EASA Center for Excellence that include compensation for participation.

**Participation on Boards, Committees and Research Studies:** EASA includes participants, graduates, and their family members and supports in efforts to improve EASA. This includes finding out about successes and challenges that they have experienced after graduation from EASA. Hearing information about what worked well and how EASA services could have better prepared them for post-EASA challenges is core to EASA program development and improvement. The EASA Center for Excellence may reach out to invite individuals to fill out surveys, questionnaires, or to participate in research studies to find out about their experiences and use this information to improve care. Any participation in research studies will have a separate consent process and compensation will be provided for participation.