



Autism Data Engagement and Partnership Team EDUCATOR & HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AUTISM RESEARCH FOCUS GROUP

Do you support youth with autism? Are you interested in sharing your expertise to help guide how autism research is planned, understood, and shared? The Autism Data Engagement and Partnership Team (ADEPT) is doing research on how to make sure that key information about individuals with autism is effectively communicated from the autism community to researchers **AND** from researchers back to the community. ADEPT is inviting educators and healthcare professionals that support youth with autism to join quarterly focus group meetings and collaborate to help make sure autism research is community-informed.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Age 18+
- Professional who supports youth (ages 2-26) with autism
- **Educators**, including teachers, para-professionals, counselors/therapists, and administrators
- **Boston Medical Center healthcare professional** including (*but not limited to*) doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, mental health professionals, patient navigators, and child life specialists
- Speak English

ABOUT THE ROLE:

- Attend quarterly (4) focus group meetings per year for up to 3 years on the Boston Medical Center Campus
- Share your feedback on autism-related research priorities and study approaches
- Receive \$100 Target Gift Card per meeting for your time and expertise and up to \$30.00 in parking/transportation costs

Interested in joining the Educator and Healthcare Professional Focus Group Meetings?

Scan the QR code and email us your interest in joining. We will contact you to ask you some question to determine if you are eligible to participate and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you! If you have questions you can contact Colleen Pearson by phone call at: **617.414.5133** or email at: **autismboard_interest@bmc.org**

