



Autism Data Engagement and Partnership Team **RESEARCH FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS FOR CAREGIVERS AND FAMILY OF AUTISTIC INDIVIDUALS**

Do you have a family member or are you a caregiver of someone 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 conducting research focus groups to make sure that key information about individuals with autism from a caregiver perspective is effectively communicated to researchers studying autism **AND** from researchers back to the autism community. ADEPT is inviting Boston Medical Center family members/caregivers of youth with autism to join focus group meetings and collaborate to help make sure autism research is community-informed.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Age 18+
- Family members /caregivers of children with autism and adolescents (ages 2-26), including parents/caregivers, grandparents and siblings
- Parent/caregiver of a Boston Medical Center patient
- Ability to speak and communicate in English

ABOUT THE ROLE:

- Attend quarterly (4) focus group meetings each year for up to three 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 attended and up to \$30 for parking /transportation expenses for your time and expertise

Interested in joining the Family Focus Group Meetings?

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

