



Expression of Interest; SSPA Parent Peer Support Representative

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SSPA Parent Representatives provide important positive early intervention for families of short statured children of any age group.

The new parents are referred to the SSPA by the Genetics Clinics attached to Children’s Hospitals in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane and Hobart. Parent Representatives may act as the first contact for parents of newly-born short-statured children. Support to the parents is provided either face to face, over the phone or online.

Between them, our parent reps around the country have a wealth of experience, practical knowledge and good humour, having raised at least one child with short stature. Some of our parent reps are short statured themselves.

SSPA Parent Peer network will be supported through the PAB Liaison Officer by SSPA Professional Advisory Board (PAB) health professionals; Genetic counsellors and psychologists who will meet quarterly online with the Parent Representatives to support them in the role, provide advice, information, resources etc.

Parent Peer Support Volunteers will need to commit to at least 2 hrs quarterly for online meetings and be willing to take calls/messages from parents of a short statured child (whether newly diagnosed or older), in order to connect and communicate with them.

Name: _____

Female

Male

Other/undisclosed

Age: _____

Condition of Short Stature your child has: _____

Feel free to tell us any strengths you have that would complement the role.

Do you have any previous peer support experience?

Email contact: _____

Phone contact: _____

If you are interested to be part of the Parent Peer Support Network, please fill out the attached form and email to Maree at pab@sspa.org.au