

Why should I do it as a researcher or as a parent?

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After hearing the research experience of some families, I was left wondering how often the research experience is poor for families and the impact a negative experience has when parents are already experiencing incredible stress. This, for me, is why I feel families must be partners in research. Researchers need family partners to help identify which questions to ask, inform how to ask those questions in a safe and supportive manner, and to ensure the results reach families. Utilizing the lived experience of families in setting research priorities and research design can ensure research is relevant and impactful.