



## **Project ADAM Affiliate Program**

Project ADAM is a community outreach program supporting the implementation of Heart Safe initiatives to prevent sudden cardiac death. Affiliate 'host' organizations appoint a Project ADAM Medical Director and Program Coordinator team support cardiac emergency response programs in schools and communities. Consider having your healthcare institution apply to become a Project ADAM Affiliate if:

- ✓ Your region does not have an existing Project ADAM Affiliate. You can find a list of current programs [here](#).
- ✓ You have the leadership support of your local pediatric cardiology or pediatrics program.
- ✓ Your group has a passion for cardiac emergency preparedness in schools.
- ✓ Your group has a passion advocating for legislation that promotes public health approaches to preventing sudden cardiac death.
- ✓ Your group has a passion for research in establishing best practices for secondary prevention of sudden cardiac death.

### **Criteria**

#### **1. Affiliate Organization**

- You represent a healthcare organization, children's hospital, medical school or academic medical center that has a pediatric focus or has direct partnership with a pediatric center.
- You have the passion to provide a sustainable program to guide schools and communities to prepare for a sudden cardiac arrest.

#### **2. Administration/Leadership Support**

- You have the leadership support of your local pediatric cardiology or pediatrics program.
- You have the administrative support from your healthcare institution.

#### **3. Program Leadership**

- You have an assigned medical director who will champion the cause of Project ADAM locally and connect with other Project ADAM affiliates to further the national goals.
  - It is encouraged that the medical director is a pediatric physician whose role involves management of sudden cardiac arrest in children (e.g., a pediatric cardiologist). Other options can be explored based on expertise and passion around prevention of sudden cardiac arrest.
- You have a designated program coordinator, who will serve as the lead contact for schools and other organizations interested in implementing Project ADAM programming. A program coordinator is critical to the success of a Project ADAM affiliate. There are several models nationwide to consider when filling the role of the program coordinator.

#### **4. National Involvement**

- Regular participation is expected at the monthly program leader meetings.
- Regular attendance is expected at the annual Project ADAM National Conference to share ideas and learn best practices.
- Once established there should be involvement with national working committees: Education, Advocacy, Publications & Growth.