How to Start a FRAXA Chapter

Starting a FRAXA chapter is easy:

1. ***Become a FRAXA member, if you are not one already***

You will received our newsletters to update you on the latest research and FRAXA activites and get connected with other members in your area. Membership is a $25 annual donation. Membership options.

2. ***Browse FRAXA.org***

Take a look through the website to learn more about our goal and how we work.

3. ***Set a plan for raising awareness and raising funds for research***.

FRAXA chapters offer support and information to local families affected by fragile X and help raise awareness of fragile X in general. Chapters play a vital role in raising money for FRAXA Research Grants. Every chapter is different -- there are no hard and fast requirements for being a chapter. We ask only that you organize some sort of event or initiative each year to help FRAXA fund research to find a cure for Fragile X. This might be selling wristbands, holding a fundraiser, writing a letter to family and friends at holiday time, selling gift items like tshirts or jewelry, or approaching a business contact for a grant. We have ideas to get you started.

4. ***Get listed***

We post a list of chapter leaders at http://www.fraxa.org/getinvolved_resources.aspx. Email your information to Melissa Budek at mbudek@fraxa.org as you'd like it to appear on the website, or call her (see below). You can expect to receive some calls or emails from newly diagnosed families in the area as time goes on, which will help to build your chapter.

5. ***Get materials***

Let us know what you would like. We can send you a supply of information for people who might contact you -- - newsletters, brochures, articles, FRAXA CDs, etc. Keep us posted when you run out and we'll send you more. FRAXA also has wristbands, logo tshirts and umbrellas, jewelry, and more.

6. ***We will help!***

Whatever plan you'd like to try, we will help. We can provide materials, contacts, suggestions. We'll brainstorm and put you in touch with other families. We are considering the idea of a special FRAXA CHAPTERS email group so let us know if that interests you.

7. ***Contact FRAXA***. Call or email to discuss your ideas.

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