



Affiliate Program Criteria

Readiness Checklist

Project ADAM is a community outreach program that helps schools and communities implement Heart Safe initiatives to prevent sudden cardiac death. Affiliate organizations appoint a Medical Director and Program Coordinator who lead and support cardiac emergency response programs across their region. Your healthcare institution may be a strong candidate for affiliation if the following apply:

✓ Regional Need

- ✓ No existing Project ADAM Affiliate serves your region. You can find a list of current programs [here](#).

✓ Clinical Leadership Support

- Your pediatric cardiology or pediatrics program supports establishing an affiliate.

✓ Commitment to Cardiac Emergency Preparedness

- Your team is passionate about improving cardiac emergency response in schools and communities.

✓ Advocacy Alignment

- Your organization supports public health legislation that advances sudden cardiac death prevention.

✓ Interest in Research & Best Practices

- Your team is engaged in or supportive of research that strengthens secondary prevention of sudden cardiac death.

Criteria

1. Affiliate Organization

- A healthcare organization, children's hospital, medical school, or academic medical center with a pediatric focus or partnership.
- Demonstrates commitment to sustaining a program that guides schools and communities in preparing for sudden cardiac arrest.

2. Administration & Leadership Support

- Leadership support from pediatric cardiology or pediatrics.
- Administrative support from the healthcare institution to operate and grow the program.

3. Program Leadership

- A designated Medical Director who champions Project ADAM locally and collaborates with national peers.
 - Ideally a pediatric physician involved in managing sudden cardiac arrest (e.g., pediatric cardiologist), though other qualified leaders may be considered.
- A designated Program Coordinator who serves as the primary contact for schools and organizations.
 - This role is essential to affiliate success, and staffing models vary nationwide.

4. National Involvement

- Regular participation in monthly national program leader meetings.
- Attendance at the annual Project ADAM National Conference to share ideas and learn best practices.
- Engagement in national working committees (Education, Advocacy, Publications, Growth) once the affiliate is established.