

AIRPO (Alliance of Independent Regional Parkinson Organizations)

In the spring of 2014, the Parkinson's Foundation announced its support of the Alliance of Independent Regional Parkinson Organizations (AIRPO), a consortium with the shared goals of finding a cure for Parkinson's and providing support for those who live with it.

AIRPO was created to provide a forum and collective voice for regional Parkinson's organizations around the country. The creation of AIRPO formalizes a collaboration that began in 2009 between the Foundation and several independent regional nonprofit organizations, who have now become AIRPO's founding members.

The purpose of the Alliance is to encourage collaboration, to leverage organizational strengths and to maximize efficiency among the member organizations. By helping each group to capitalize on its unique expertise, the Parkinson's Foundation and the member organizations believe that they will be able to enrich programs available to the Parkinson's disease community and to build a support network for the leaders of the various organizations.

The Foundation's role in AIRPO is to offer administrative guidance and management support. Each regional organization retains its status as an independent nonprofit organization.

AIRPO Members

Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society

Dallas, TX

Houston Area Parkinson Society*

Houston, TX

Michigan Parkinson Foundation*

Bingham Farms, MI

Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's

Sarasota, FL

Northwest Parkinson's Foundation*

Seattle, WA

Parkinson Association of the Carolinas*

Charlotte, NC

Parkinson Association of the Rockies*

Denver, CO

**Indicates founding member*

To be accepted to AIRPO, members must be able to demonstrate their credentials as independent nonprofit organizations by offering programs and direct services to their local community that aim to improve quality of life and daily living to those living with Parkinson's or caring for a loved one with Parkinson's.

Nonprofit organizations that are interested in learning about AIRPO should contact helpline@parkinson.org.