

We believe

All society gains from full participation of a wide variety of people.

All individuals have the right to live, work, play, learn, worship and experience life as they choose.

All individuals have a right to dignity and respect.

All individuals have the right to set their own goals, take risks in the pursuit of those goals and enjoy their achievements.

The Developmental Disabilities Council

The Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council is a 26-member, governor-appointed body consisting of individuals with developmental disabilities, family members, state government agency directors and people representing other groups concerned with supporting and providing services to individuals with disabilities.

Operating under the "Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act" (as amended), the Council works to improve the independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in the community

In addition to the Family Leadership Project, the Council sponsors and/or coordinates a number of other activities, including:

- ◆ An annual state conference designed to provide information on model programs and present innovative approaches in the provision of services and support;
- ◆ Cooperative ventures with other state agencies and organizations, and
- ◆ Grant projects designed to enhance and further the Council's primary objectives.

How to Contact Us

Write, telephone or fax the DD Council at:

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Family Leadership Project



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sponsored by the Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council, the Family Leadership Project is designed to provide education and in-

formation to parents of children with disabilities. The program's primary goal is to assist graduates in effectively participating in the development of policies, programs and services that directly impact their lives and the lives of family members.

Among the topics covered are:

- ◆ History of Developmental Disabilities
- ◆ Advocacy at Federal and State Levels
- ◆ Employment and Community Living
- ◆ Information on Available Services
- ◆ Organizational and Leadership Skills
- ◆ Effective Communications Skills
- ◆ Community Organizing
- ◆ Services Coordination
- ◆ Legislative Issues
- ◆ Educational Issues

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The Family Leadership Project's primary objectives are to:

- ◆ Equip individuals with developmental disabilities and parents to effectively participate in the development and implementation of policies, programs and services that directly impact their lives;
- ◆ Provide participants with increased knowledge and information concerning services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities;
- ◆ Assist participants in understanding strategies to affect systems change, including legislation and governmental rules and regulations;
- ◆ Help participants understand how to work more effectively with local and state service agencies, and
- ◆ Assist participants in understanding their role in the influencing systems change.

Program Eligibility

Limited to parents of or individuals with developmental disabilities, training sessions are conducted on Fridays and Saturdays in the Little Rock area. Persons selected to participate are reimbursed according to state policies for costs associated with attending the program. These costs include mileage, meals and respite care. Lodging is provided on a case-by-case basis.

Selection for participation in the training program requires a commitment to attend scheduled sessions. Because of space and financial considerations, the number of participants will be limited. Anyone interested in taking part in this program should complete the form to the right and return it to the address provided.



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I am interested in participating in the Family Leadership Project. Please send me an application form or contact me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone Number: () _____

Home Phone Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

FAX Number: () _____

Please tear off and return to DD Council, 5800 W. 10th St., Suite 805, Little Rock, AR 72204