

Family Leadership Project



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The Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council sponsors the Family Leadership Project annually to provide education and information to parents. The program's primary goal is to assist graduates to effectively participate in the development of policies, programs and services that directly impact their lives and the lives of their family members.

Topics covered include:

- ◆ 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

With sessions beginning in January and ending in July, 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 individuals with developmental disabilities, training sessions are conducted on Fridays and Saturdays in the Little Rock area. Individuals selected to participate in the project are reimbursed according to state policies for costs associated with attending the program. These include mileage, food, respite care and lodging.

Selection for participation in the training program requires a commitment to attend seven to eight monthly sessions. Because of space and financial considerations, the number of participants will be limited. Interested individuals must 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 additional information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone Number (____) _____ Home Phone Number: (____) _____

Please clip and return to DD Council, Freeway Medical Tower, 5800 W. 10th Street, Little Rock, AR 72204