

Project Leadership Training-of-Trainers

Background of Project Leadership:

Family Voices of California's (FVCA) *Project Leadership* is designed to help family members develop the skills and tools they need to partner at all levels of decision making and engage in public policy advocacy activities in California on behalf of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). To date, nearly 90 facilitators from more than 60 agencies and organizations have trained nearly 300 family members throughout the state. *Project Leadership* includes:

- A seven-session comprehensive training program.
- Linkages to local and statewide committees, task forces, and opportunities for input.
- Ongoing assistance and mentorship for program graduates, including membership to a statewide online *Project Leadership* Advocacy community.
- Opportunities to participate in regional and statewide health policy forums.

The **Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health** funds the *Project Leadership* program. Read more at <http://www.lpfch.org/publication/project-leadership-effecting-change-one-parent-time>.

The Project Leadership Training of Trainers

FVCA conducts two-day Training-of-Trainers workshops, which are available to agencies and organizations serving or representing families of children with special needs. The workshop prepares participants to **implement the *Project Leadership* training and mentorship in their communities**. Participants learn best practices for implementing the training, and potential budgeting, and funding options.

2019 workshops will be conducted in California in Stockton (January), Orange County (Spring), and Fresno (TBD). A materials fee may be requested.

Training of Trainer Selection Process:

Participants are selected through an application or nomination process. Selection is based on level of interest and willingness and ability to further *Project Leadership* goals and objectives.

Expectations of Agencies/Organizations and Trainers

- Commit to developing an action plan to implement *Project Leadership*.
- Be responsible for obtaining funding for local training series.
- Commit to recruit and train family members of children with special health care needs within 12 months of completing a Training-of-Trainers workshop.
- Participate in the *Project Leadership* online Advocacy Community (i.e., private Facebook page).
- Participate in 1-2 calls annually.
- Share information and opportunities from FVCA with graduates.
- Provide tracking data about trainings (i.e., Dates and locations of trainings, numbers of participants, evaluations, etc.) to FVCA, upon completing each training series.
- Link *Project Leadership* graduates to the FVCA statewide network, including a graduate database, the *Project Leadership* online Advocacy Community, alumni gatherings, and future conferences.

Learn more

- An informational Webinar is available at familyvoicesofca.org in the Webinar archive.
- **Questions?** Contact Elaine Linn at elinn@familyvoicesofca.org.