

Leadership Institute planned for August

This year's Family Leadership Institute will be held August 6-8 in Edgeley.

All families of children with special health care needs are invited and encouraged to attend. Each year this event is host to 25-30 individuals.

If you plan to attend this event with your spouse or significant other, please indicate this on your application. Travel and lodging are provided for this event, but child care accommodations are not available.

The Family Leadership Institute partners with a variety of organizations to construct a fun and informational weekend. Event partners include Pathfinder Family Center, Designer Genes, Children's Special Health Services, North Dakota Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, DD Council, and P&A.

Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/65JH5Z to complete the application.

Following application review you will be contacted directly to help prepare your weekend. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the FVND office at 888-522-9654

Event Learning Objectives

1. State leadership — increase capacity and knowledge for family leaders regarding health policy in order to strengthen partnerships and policy development.
2. Individual families — increase awareness and understanding of impact of health issues and services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Additionally, there is ample opportunity to network with other families.
3. Promote and support family/professional partnerships.
4. Increase the families' ability to navigate the complex service system and access needed services.
5. Provide families with access to information and the opportunities for training.
6. Provide skills necessary for family support and leadership development by bringing together community resources based upon identified family needs.
7. All accepted applicants will be matched with a Leadership Mentor, this is a family who has attended the Leadership Institute in years past. This is to help prepare you for the weekend, and assist you in the days ahead.

We hope you will complete the application to attend. Please complete all questions to the best of your ability, any application with questions incomplete will not be considered. The planning committee consisting of the partners above review all applications.

North Dakota "Bridge to Benefits" (nd.bridgetobenefits.org) is an online screening tool designed to help families and individuals understand if they may be eligible for public support programs such as Food Stamp Program, Fuel Assistance Program, Medical Assistance Program, Child Care Assistance Program, and School Meal Programs. This screening tool does not ask for any personal information that could identify you – privacy is protected. At the end of the screening process, a person will be able to tell which programs they may be eligible to receive and where to call or go to access the programs. This program was developed by the Children's Defense Fund and the ND Kids 5 Count.

