

**LEADERSHIP
EDUCATION
& ADVOCACY
DEVELOPMENT**

LEAD TRAINING

What is LEAD?

The LEAD training program is an initiative of the Council on Developmental Disabilities' Family Outreach & Support Program. This free advocacy training program is designed to help families and professionals foster a culture of collaboration and partnership. LEAD encourages and supports families, schools and communities to enable successful educational outcomes, productive transitions and quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Following completion of LEAD training, The Council offers ongoing monthly enrichment sessions to empower our LEAD graduates.

Who should participate in LEAD?

LEAD is designed to educate and support parents, caregivers, advocates, education professionals and service providers. Participants receive training in special education law, leadership, collaborative communication and advocacy techniques. Topics covered in this training include meeting preparation, educational assessments/IEPs, school-to-work transitions and planning for the future.

Why participate in LEAD?

For families with school-age children, LEAD is particularly helpful in training and empowering parents to advocate and communicate effectively on behalf of their children's educational needs. Participants receive the tools needed to be active participants on their child's IEP/ARC team and to make informed decisions beyond school. For education professionals, advocates and service providers, LEAD provides important guidance on working together with other stakeholders to support and address the needs of individuals with disabilities. LEAD graduates commit to working with other parents and advocates on an ongoing basis as trainers and advocates, creating a network of ongoing support.

When is LEAD training offered?

The Council typically offers LEAD training in short sessions in the spring and fall at The Council office at 1151 South Fourth Street in Old Louisville. Starting in Fall 2014, The Council will offer this free training in a shorter, more streamlined format, making it possible to complete the training in a two-day intensive session. The Council can also offer special sessions of this training as a fee-based service to agencies and providers to meet the needs of the families they serve.

How can I learn more?

Visit www.councilondd.org
or contact Shawna Dellecave to learn more about the LEAD training program.
Email shawna@councilondd.org or call The Council at 502.584.1239.

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