



## For More Information

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Family Leadership Series,  
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# Family Leadership Series



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## What is the Family Leadership Series?

It's a unique training opportunity for families who have a member with a developmental disability. The series is fully funded by the Department of Developmental Services and recognizes the contributions of families in shaping the support and services provided in the Commonwealth.

## Why is the Family Leadership Series Important?

It helps participants become more informed, more secure and more connected to other families who share similar hopes and dreams for their family member.

It helps create a vision for the possibilities and opportunities that the future holds for their family member.

It helps develop family leaders who will join with other families across our state to create change in the way support is provided to individuals with disabilities and their families.

## What Our Graduates Are Saying

*"The Family Leadership Series instills constant hope in us as parents. It has truly helped me look to the future and inspired me to become more involved with my child and my community."*

*"In the eighteen years of living with our daughter with disabilities and coping with the ups and downs of raising her, this was the first time we were "treated" to a time to learn, relax, and regroup."*

*"We can only affect a small corner of our world, but we feel motivated and strengthened to do so after attending your Family Leadership Series. Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity."*

*"I used to feel very helpless, but since attending the series I now know I have a voice to help make a difference."*



*"I really enjoyed getting to know other families with a true understanding of what life is like as a parent of a disabled person, the challenges and the rewards."*

## How Does A Leadership Series Work?

The Family Leadership Series consists of three two-day workshops for a group of twenty to thirty parents/family members of a person(s) with disabilities.

Expenses are covered and include hotel lodging, all meals and stipends for transportation and respite care if needed.

Session Topics include:

- Exploring Leadership Styles
- Vision: Shaping Your Child's Future
- How Do We Influence Public Policy and Disability Legislation?
- Families As Experts
- Staying Connected

