



SSD's Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Program presents the

2019 SSD Parent Leadership Institute

Sept. 7 • Oct. 5 • Nov. 2

If you are a parent of a child with a disability, investing the time to attend these three Saturday sessions will provide:

- ***Vision*** for the future of your child.
- ***Knowledge*** to help you to effectively participate in your child's education.
- ***Leadership skills*** to improve the educational climate for all children.
- ***Access*** to new resources, friends and experts to help you on your journey.

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Mission: In collaboration with partner districts we provide technical education and a wide variety of individualized educational and support services designed for each student's successful contribution to our community. **Vision:** Partners for each student's success.

Values: student success • collaboration • integrity • stewardship • continuous improvement • equity • accountability

We invite you to apply for the 2019/2020 Class of the SSD Parent Leadership Institute – Sept. 7, Oct. 5 and Nov. 2

The Institute will be held on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 7, Oct. 5, and Nov. 2, 2019, at the SSD Central Office, 12110 Clayton Road, 63131.

Parents from across St. Louis County will be chosen through an application process. All parents whose children receive special education/504 services, First Steps and early childhood services are encouraged to apply. Transportation and respite care are not provided.

There is no cost to participate. We ask you to commit to:

- Attend each of the three Institute dates
- Attend one Fall meeting of the SSD Parent Advisory Council (SSD PAC)
- Identify and develop a project that could benefit your school community
- Agree to provide service leadership within your school district and/or community following the Institute

Just a few completed projects from Parent Leadership Institute graduates to give you an idea of what you might want to accomplish:

Joined their district or SSD Parent Advisory Council

Developed a resource list of respite providers

Became active in their local PTO

Wrote a grant to support an after-school club

Initiated and supported ability awareness programs at their child's school or place of worship

Became a parent outreach ambassador

Contact: Debra Fiasco, SSD Parent Education & Diversity Awareness
314-989-8108 or MO Relay (Deaf/HOH)711 • dmfiasco@ssdmo.org

Parent Application for 2019 SSD Parent Leadership Institute

Please complete all information and return by **May 1, 2019**. To submit via email, save the completed application to your computer and attach the file in an email to dmfiasco@ssdmo.org. You may also print and mail your completed application to Debra Fiasco, SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness, 12110 Clayton Road, Town & Country, MO 63131.

Name of parent/guardian: _____

School: _____

District: _____

Age of Child: _____

Disability: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Ethnic/Racial Background (optional): _____

**** Please note, this program is designed for parents of children with disabilities.***

Please write legibly or use word processing for responses below.

Feel free to attach additional information as needed.

Are you able to:

Attend each of the three mandatory Parent Leadership Institute sessions?

Yes No

Attend at least one meeting of the Special School District Parent Advisory Council?

Yes No *(Monthly meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at the SSD Central Office at Clayton and Ballas Road)*

Provide service within your school or community using the skills you acquire at the Institute?

Yes No

Identify and develop a project that could benefit your school community?

Yes No

Do you need any other accommodations in order to attend the Institute?

- 1.** Please tell us about your child/children with a disability, and describe how your child's (children's) disability affects their life at school and in the community:
- 2.** What supports does your child receive (e.g., education, respite, recreation) that help you in everyday life?
- 3.** What are your hopes and dreams for your child?
- 4.** What do you hope to gain from attending the SSD Parent Leadership Institute?
- 5.** How did you hear about the SSD Parent Leadership Institute?