

Leading Together: Convening of Family-Led and Family Supporting Organizations

An Invitation to Families to Attend: *Families as Partners with Professionals in Decision Making: Honoring Cultural Differences*

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Country Springs Hotel, Waukesha, WI

Who are the *Leading Together* members?

There are currently 32 member organizations and agencies that are either led by families or support families so they can be healthy and thrive. This includes state agencies and large and small non-profit organizations, most of whom have state-wide reach and services. ([Link to member list](#))

How can families participate?

In this second year of *Leading Together*, we've encouraged members to invite families to attend the April 20th meeting to help guide our work.

What are the goals of *Leading Together*?

- Bringing together family-led and family supporting organizations and programs for shared learning about the resources and activities our agencies provide for families.
- Identifying areas where we can work together to coordinate activities across programs to better support families and their children.
- Assuring that the diverse voices of families are integrated into decision making through strengthened family engagement and leadership.

What are the goals of the April Meeting?

Families and participating organizations will:

- Share statewide opportunities to build family leadership and engagement.
- Share the experiences of diverse family leaders.
- Explore together how to identify and connect diverse family leaders.
- Share how to support and sustain diverse family leaders.
- Learn about the resources and strategies of partner organizations.

Who funds and supports *Leading Together*?

Funding and organizational support for *Leading Together* is provided through the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and Division of Public Health, which supports:

- The Wisconsin Medical Home Initiative at the Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin, and
- The Family Leadership Hub of Family Voices of Wisconsin.

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The *Leading Together* meetings and priorities are guided by members participating in planning meetings and workgroups who provide support through in-kind contributions.

Leading Together organizations are encouraged to invite and support family member attendance. There is NO COST to attend and lunch will be provided. Support for family participation, travel and overnight costs may be available through our partner organizations. For further information, please contact Susan Latton at 608-267-3861, susan.latton@wisconsin.gov

This meeting is one day prior to the *Circles of Life Conference*, an annual conference for parents and family members who have children with disabilities and professionals who support them. To register for *Circles* follow this link: <http://www.circlesoflifeconference.com/>. Scholarships supporting family attendance are available. For more information, contact john@elsieshaw.org.