

Fulfilling the Promise Annual Conference

February 23-25, 2016

Invitation to Family Leaders to attend Wednesday February 24, 2016

The 2016 *Fulfilling the Promise* conference has a focus on Family Engagement, promoting the value of family engagement and providing strategies for success. The planning team would like to embed the family/parent perspective throughout the day on February 24, the day of the conference most suited for a targeted message. In order to meet this objective, we would like to invite you to join us for this one day of the conference free of charge, to participate in all aspects of the day to assure that the parent/family perspective is woven into the activities and conversations in a natural and partnership-based manner.

Below are the expectations for the Family Leader throughout the day, and the skills/competencies that are needed in order to assure a successful experience.

- Reflect on your lived experience as a family who has received services from systems such as early intervention, home visitation, child welfare, developmental disabilities, mental health, HeadStart, Medicaid, special education, etc. and be able to articulate successes as well as challenges.
- Offer solution-based insight to improve services for families across the state.
- Actively participate in the table conversations, offering a unique perspective of the “end user.”
- Offer meaningful insight during table conversations, in equal balance with the others at the table - knowing when to “step up” or “step back”
- Ability to discuss systems of care beyond just your personal experience, yet grounded in your personal knowledge.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the value of family engagement.
- Have fun and model authentic engagement!

If selected, your registration fee will be waived and you will receive a stipend to offset any costs you may have incurred as a result of your attendance. (Mileage, lodging, childcare, etc.) Unfortunately, the rest of the conference is “sold out” and we are not able to extend an invitation to you for attendance for any additional days of the conference.

Thank you for your consideration.