

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:

What supports does your child receive (e.g., education, respite, recreation) that help you in everyday life?

Describe an experience in which you had to advocate for your child or another child.

**Are you willing 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)

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

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Locate respite and transportation in order to attend?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Please note: Transportation and respite are not available through the Parent Leadership Institute. However, we can provide you with referrals to resources if needed.**

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

Questions? Contact Nancy Martin, SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness  
(314) 989-8194 or MO Relay (Deaf/HOH) 711, nmartin@ssdmo.org

# OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY

## *Parents & Schools Working Together*



### The Special Education Foundation Presents

## *The 2010 Fred Saigh Parent Leadership Institute*

Presented BY THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
AND SSD Parent Education & Diversity Awareness

## Opening Doors to Opportunity: Parents & Schools Working Together

### The 2010 Fred Saigh Parent Leadership Institute - Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6

The Fred Saigh Parent Leadership Institute offers information, training, resources, and skill building specific to the needs of parents of children with disabilities. Training will be held Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 11, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6, 2010 in the SSD Central Office Board Room. Kathie Snow, nationally known speaker and author of *Disability is Natural*, will present at the Sept. 11th session.

At least one parent from each St. Louis County school district and each SSD school will be chosen through an application process. All parents are welcome to apply. Parents of children receiving early childhood services and those with children in kindergarten through third grade will be given preference. Transportation and respite care will not be provided, but referrals to resources are available.

#### Participants in the program will:

- Learn to effectively participate in your child's education and improve the educational climate for all children.
- Learn to how to be a part of and conduct productive meetings.
- Learn how to positively interact and collaborate with other parents and school officials.
- Discover new resources and network with other parents, school officials, and community leaders.

#### Training is provided at no cost; however, participants must:

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

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## Parent Application for 2010 Fred Saigh Parent Leadership Institute

*Please complete all information and return to Nancy Martin, Special School District, Parent Education and Diversity Awareness, 12110 Clayton Rd., Town & Country, MO 63131. Applications due by March 31, 2010.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic/Racial Background (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a parent or guardian of a child with a disability? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Age of Child \_\_\_ Disability \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

1. Why are you interested in attending the Fred Saigh Parent Leadership Institute? What are you hoping to learn from this Institute?

2. What qualities would you bring as a participant to the Parent Leadership Institute? Describe your previous leadership experiences – volunteer or paid.