



Here is an opportunity for eastern OK families to learn about leadership and developing advocacy – please share this with civic leaders, schools and other families if you are in the Muskogee area.

Muskogee Regional Leadership Institute
Muskogee Public Library
May 15, 2013
Proposed Agenda

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. -- Registration & Coffee with snack

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. -- Welcome and opening session Local members welcome

The Importance of Family Leadership and How to get Connected - You will learn why effective family leadership and building relationships with other families and professionals can make a difference in the life of your loved ones with special needs and how you can ensure that they are receiving the services they need

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. -- Session 2 (speaker could do a "stand up and stretch" before starting)

Your Experience is Important - Learn to Share on Boards & Committees - Have you ever asked yourself, "Am I ready to serve on a board or committee?" In this session you will learn the basics about the different types of boards and committees, the "does" and "don'ts" of serving and more importantly, why your voice of experience is needed.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. -- Break

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. -- Session 3

Telling Your Story Specific to Your Audience - Do you have an important meeting coming up? Maybe it's an IEP meeting or an appointment with your loved one's doctor, or an agency case manager. This session is designed to help you organize and share personal information in a format that promotes awareness about your family member so that he or she is receiving the services that best meet his or her needs.

12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. -- Break and pick up boxed lunch

12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. -- Session 4

Building Relationships with Policy Makers - Whether it is your loved one's principal or a legislator, building relationships takes time. The presenters will talk about the importance of getting to know the people who have the power to make and change policy at the local and state level.

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. -- Wrap up and evaluations

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