



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE **STRONG START** PARENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Arc Families Connected is seeking local candidates to participate in a comprehensive “Strong Start” leadership training series for parents who are motivated to create change for local children, their families and communities.

This dynamic training introduces topics such as disability social justice efforts, person-centered planning, Life Course Framework, Asset Based Community Development, and navigating service systems. Through the Strong Start training sessions, participants will learn to communicate and advocate effectively; and to influence social and systems change. It is our goal that parents will be both prepared and inspired to increase their engagement in local and state level groups and committees as a result of their participation in Strong Start.

Requirements:

- Applicants must reside in or adjacent to the following counties: Lane County
- Applicants must be the parent of a child with developmental disabilities age 10 or younger.
- By submitting an application, candidates commit to complete the following activities, if selected:
 - ✓ Complete preliminary assignments which will include a presentation about their family, a reading assignment, selecting an online video on a relevant social issue, and scheduling of visits with community leaders by Jan. 26, 2018.
 - ✓ Actively participate in a four-day leadership training on Jan. 27-28, 2018 and Feb. 10-11, 2018 in Springfield.
 - ✓ Attend a leadership program graduation event at the State Capitol in Salem on March 6, 2018.

Considerations: Catering and lodging will be provided during the training. Accommodation needs should be communicated in writing at least two weeks prior to training dates. Upon completion of the preliminary assignments and required program activities Strong Start training participants will receive a Certificate of Completion and a \$50 stipend to offset participation costs such as transportation and child care.

Space is limited. To apply, send the following information to laura.dahill@arclane.org by Dec. 15, 2017:

- Name ○ Address ○ Email Address ○ Phone Number ○ Educational History ○ Employment History
- Child’s Age and Disability ○ List any disability and/or other groups or activities you involved in
 - Indicate one or two specific issues that are of greatest concern to you
 - Reason you are applying to the Strong Start Parent Leadership Program
 - Reference (Name, phone number and email address)



If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please contact Laura Dahill via laura.dahill@arclane.org or 541-343-5256 ext. 113.



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