

# 16<sup>TH</sup> annual Family Leadership Conference

## Focusing on the Future: Empowering Families to Help Themselves

April 16-18, 2010      Canaan Valley Resort      Davis, West Virginia

Brought to you by:

**Family Leadership First**

And the following partners: Direct Action Welfare Group (DAWG), and Step by Step

### **Some topics that will be offered at the conference**

Perfect Board Member, Veterans Support, Veterans Family Deployment Support, IEPs, Internet Safety, Family Literacy, Coping with a Disability in the Family, Benefits for People with Disabilities and the Changes that Affect those benefits, Diversity Awareness, WV Family Leadership First and WV LINKS, How to Deal with Annoying People, Making Connections, Legal and Financial Issues for Community Based Groups, Changes in Health Care, Blending Families, Parents as Teachers, Financial Literacy (Budgeting and Credit Reporting).

Teen Workshops will include Mental Health issues, Protecting Yourself, Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Volunteer Opportunities, and Building Teen Leaders for Tomorrow.

We reserve the right to make changes to the above topics that will be offered.

Please visit website by April 12, 2010 for an updated list.

Child care will be provided by certified day care provider.

Reminder if your child needs one-on-one care, you must provide the caretaker and we will provide the space.

[www.familyleadershipfirstwv.org](http://www.familyleadershipfirstwv.org)

Applications must be postmarked by **February 28, 2010**

Please mail to Family Leadership First, Vanessa VanGilder, 226 Dutch Road, Charleston, WV 25302 or

Fax to (304) 766-4721 Attn: Vanessa VanGilder by **February 28, 2010**

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## Family Leadership Conference is:

- A free training conference to build a network of informed family members
- The first step in creating WV Family Links in counties and communities

## Why Family Leadership?

- Schools, programs, and projects are more successful
- Better use of our scarce resources
- Family needs better understood by the community and by policy makers
- Working together builds strong partnerships to solve problems

## What's in it for you?

- Meet new people in your state, region, and county
- Gain valuable training and experience
- Network with statewide organizations

## A legal guardian must accompany all teens.

For more information or if you have any questions please contact [VKVanGilder@yahoo.com](mailto:VKVanGilder@yahoo.com) or 304-421-0915.

The Family Leadership First conference committee selects participants. We apologize that we will be unable to respond individually on the progress of the review process or reasons for the selection decisions. We will be sending invitations to the selected applicants by the end of March, 2010.

*If your family is selected to attend, your food and lodging at Canaan Valley Resort are covered free of charge to you or your family.*

*A cash gas stipend will also be given on Sunday morning at the close of the conference*

## Conference Schedule

### Friday, April 16, 2010

3 p.m. – Registration Opens, Check into Rooms  
3 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Information Fair  
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Dinner  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Child Care  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Public Forums

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. – Workshop #3  
3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Break  
3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Workshop #4  
5 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Family Time  
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Dinner  
7 p.m. – 8 p.m. – Networking Sessions  
8 p.m. – 11 p.m. – Dance with DJ

### Saturday, April 17, 2010

7 a.m. – 8 a.m. – Breakfast  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Child Care  
8 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Welcome  
8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Workshop #1  
10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Break  
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon – Workshop #2  
12 noon – 12:45 p.m. – Lunch  
12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – Keynote Speaker  
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Break

### Sunday, April 18, 2010

7 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service  
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast  
8:45 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Child Care  
8:45 a.m. – 9 a.m. – Break  
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Workshop #5  
10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Check Out of Rooms  
11 a.m. – 12 noon – Closing session, door prizes, and distribution of gas stipends.

The Teen Track will have the same Workshops Schedule as stated above.

We reserve the right to make change to the above conference schedule.  
Please visit website by April 12, 2010 for an updated list

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**You**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did you hear about the conference? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you attended the family leadership conference previously?  Yes  No  
 If yes, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_ Last year?  Yes  No

**Your Family/Group**

List those attending with you *attach additional sheets if needed*). All attendees older than 13 must participate in workshops and trainings. Separate Child Care Form is required for each child under the age of 13 years that you will be bringing.

Name	Age	Child Care Needed	Email address
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**Accommodations and Meals**

Do you have special needs, requirements, or accommodations needs?  Yes  No

If yes, please list these needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Check which meals you will be attending

Friday  Dinner  
 Saturday  Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner  
 Sunday  Breakfast  Lunch

Check which nights you will need a room for

Friday Night  Saturday Night  
 How many rooms do you require? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many people per room? (4 per room) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for pictures at the conference of my family/group to be used by FLF and other partner organizations for newsletter and other print articles and website descriptions of the conference.

Please initial for approval: \_\_\_\_\_

I give authorizations for FLF and other partner organizations to send emails to the above emails.

Please initial for approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Child Care Information Sheet**

Parent's/caregiver's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child is called by this name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have a disability we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (including food allergies): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_ Time and dose: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Time and dose: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify additional medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Seizures: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**My child communicates/expresses his/her wants and needs by use of:**

- Verbal communications  Communication board  Sign language  Gestures

**My child's feeding needs:**

- Self feeds  Regular diet  Sippy cup  Bottle  
 Pureed foods  Finger foods  Soft foods diet  Adaptive equipment

**My child's toileting needs:**

- Toilet trained  Catheterization  Diapers  Adaptive potty chair

**My child uses the following special equipment:**

- Crutches  Walker  Power wheelchair  Manual wheelchair  
 Adaptive chair  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**My child has the following special behaviors and this is how you should deal with them:**

\_\_\_\_\_

These are some of my child's favorite things to do: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Other information that I think would be helpful to know about my child:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please complete a separate Child Care Information Sheet for each child.**