

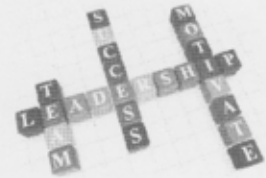


"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." - James Baldwin



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Learning Opportunity



### Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council (CDDC) Local Leadership Development Grant Leaders Empowering and Developing (LEAD) Training

**Purpose:** to train fifteen (15) individuals to become active civic leaders in the communities of Arapahoe, Adams, Boulder, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties.

<p><b>What?</b> Training Opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities and family members of children with developmental disabilities.</p>	<p><b>When?</b> The first meeting will take place on <b>Friday, October 12, 2012 5:30-9:00 pm (Dinner at 5:30, Session begins at 6:00pm)</b> Start-end dates: October 2012 – June 2013 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month) Special Legislative weekend in March – All day Friday and Saturday (Date to be announced)</p>	<p><b>Where?</b> Aurora Mental Health 11059 E. Bethany Drive Aurora, CO 80014 (Note New Location!)</p>
<p><b>Time:</b> A total of eight meetings and a Friday/Saturday weekend in March are required as well as interesting learning activities you will do between sessions. Attendance and participation are required for the success of the leadership development program.</p>		
<p><b>Learning topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Disability and civil rights movement/history</li> <li>❖ Government systems (federal and state agencies and programs, city and county government)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learning topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Community building (local boards, school districts, transition services, local housing, recreation and transportation entities, neighborhood associations, volunteer organizations)</li> <li>❖ Innovative use of Technology</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learning topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Skill building (communication skills, negotiating, project planning)</li> <li>❖ Self-determination</li> <li>❖ Systems of advocacy</li> <li>❖ Connections to local organizations and community leaders</li> </ul>
<p><b>Why?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The learning opportunities you will experience to support interest in becoming a life long learner are available through this on-going training opportunity.</li> <li>✓ Meet and join other individuals from culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse backgrounds and share talents and skills.</li> <li>✓ Find new ways to receive and provide support and have fun while you are doing it.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Required Skills and Qualifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Commitment to attend all sessions</li> <li>➢ Willingness to actively participate in group sharing and work</li> <li>➢ Open to new ways of learning and sharing</li> <li>➢ Willingness to complete short homework assignments to enrich learning opportunities</li> <li>➢ Willingness to use direct, open communication and listen to various points of view</li> <li>➢ Willingness to identify and work on a personal leadership project (guidance and support provided as needed)</li> <li>➢ Commitment to support self and others in the process</li> </ul>	

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