



SSD's Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Program presents the

# ***2020 SSD Parent Leadership Institute***

*Wednesday Evenings  
Sept. 30 • Oct. 7 • Oct. 14*

**If you are a parent of a child with a disability, investing the time to attend these three Wednesday evening sessions will provide:**

- ***Vision*** for the future of your child.
- ***Knowledge*** to help you to effectively participate in your child's education.
- ***Leadership skills*** to improve the educational climate for all children.
- ***Access*** to new resources, friends and experts to help you on your journey.

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**Mission:** In collaboration with partner districts we provide technical education and a wide variety of individualized educational and support services designed for each student's successful contribution to our community. **Vision:** Partners for each student's success.

**Values:** student success • collaboration • integrity • stewardship • continuous improvement • equity • accountability

# We invite you to apply for the 2020/2021 Class of the SSD Parent Leadership Institute — *Wednesday Evenings, Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14*

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The Institute will be held on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 30, Oct. 7, and Oct. 14, 2020, at the SSD Central Office, 12110 Clayton Road, 63131.

Parents from across St. Louis County will be chosen through an application process. All parents whose children receive special education/504 services, First Steps and early childhood services are encouraged to apply. Transportation and respite care are not provided.

There is **no cost** to participate and dinner will be provided. We ask you to commit to:

- Attend each of the three sessions of the Institute
- Identify opportunities for school and community involvement

Just a few examples of community involvement from Parent Leadership Institute graduates to give you an idea of what you might want to accomplish are listed below:

Joined their district or SSD Parent Advisory Council

Developed a resource list of respite providers

Became active in their local PTO

Wrote a grant to support an after-school club

Initiated and supported ability awareness programs at their child's school or place of worship

Became a parent outreach ambassador

**Contact: Debra Fiasco, SSD Parent Education & Diversity Awareness**  
314-989-8108 or MO Relay (Deaf/HOH)711 • [dmfiasco@ssdmo.org](mailto:dmfiasco@ssdmo.org)

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# Parent Application for 2020 SSD Parent Leadership Institute

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Please complete all information and return by **May 1, 2020**. To submit via email, save the completed application to your computer and attach the file in an email to [dmfiasco@ssdmo.org](mailto:dmfiasco@ssdmo.org). You may also print and mail your completed application to Debra Fiasco, SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness, 900 Hornet Drive, Hazelwood, MO 63042.

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

***\* 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.**

***Are you able to:***

**Attend each of the three mandatory Parent Leadership Institute sessions?**

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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

1. What do you hope to gain from attending the SSD Parent Leadership Institute?

2. How did you hear about the SSD Parent Leadership Institute?