



Family/Youth Leadership Institute

Family/Youth Leadership Institute (F/YLI) is now accepting applications from family members of children (ages 4 – 18) AND transitional youth (ages 16 – 25) who desire information and skills in order to improve Oklahoma's behavioral health system. Transitional youth may be living at home with family or live independently.

F/YLI will accept applications from Oklahoma residents who have a variety of experiences with behavioral health** child/youth serving systems including:

- Special educational services due to behavioral health issues;
- Inpatient or outpatient (community-based) behavioral health services; or
- Child welfare (foster care) or juvenile justice services.

Participant Eligibility and Recruitment

The program can accommodate twenty-five families or transitional age youth. Participants are recruited through multiple sources including, but not limited to:

- Community coalitions
- Oklahoma Federation of Families
- Oklahoma Family Network
- Oklahoma Systems of Care
- Community and statewide behavioral health agencies
- Oklahoma state agencies, including Oklahoma Juvenile Authority and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services
- Therapeutic foster care agencies
- Other child/youth and family serving agencies

Criteria for Acceptance

- Application and letters of reference must be received by the **deadline of April 15, 2011**.
- Applicants must be family members of a child (ages 4 – 18) who has experienced behavioral health challenges OR a transitional youth (ages 16 – 25) who has experienced behavioral health challenges.
- Special consideration will be given to families and youth who are current local or state Oklahoma Systems of Care (OSOC) Community Team members.
- Special consideration will be given to current OSOC family/youth group members.
- Transitional age youth must have spent time in and out of home placement. This can include residential treatment facilities, foster care, detention, etc.
- The 2011 class of the *F/YLI* will represent many geographic areas in Oklahoma.
- The 2011 class will be diverse in terms of race, ethnicity, culture, and gender.

- Special situations, such as adoptive family, foster family, sibling, grandparent or other care-giving situations will be considered.
- The adult family member of the child will have demonstrated an interest in becoming involved with helping others and improving Oklahoma Systems of Care for children and youth.
- The applicant must be committed to attend six training sessions in the Oklahoma City area within a 12 month period.
- The applicant must be committed to participate at their local social services level and to work with local community partners.
- At the conclusion of the year long program, the applicant must make a commitment to contribute their skills and knowledge gained through the *F/YLI*.

Application Process

The Family/Youth Leadership Institute application process consists of three steps:

1. The adult family member or transitional age youth submits a completed application form (See Appendix).
2. The applicant submits 2 letters of recommendation from two different people who can testify to his/her level of commitment to the program, such as:
 - school administrators or teachers,
 - service providers,
 - support group members,
 - Community Team members,
 - OSOC Project Directors who have consulted with the CC and FSP, or
 - Referral Team or Executive Team members
3. After submitting the application paperwork, the *F/YLI* planning team member will have a brief telephone conversation with the applicant.

** For the benefit of this application **behavioral health** means a wide range of diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitative services used in the treatment of behavioral illness, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders.



Oklahoma Systems of Care Family/Youth Leadership Institute Application

Nominee Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Home Phone: ()

Work Phone:

Best way to be contacted:

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth if Born After 1990

Are you an adult family member of a child with behavioral health challenges? YES NO

Will you require Child Care YES NO

Are you between the ages of 16-25? YES NO

Gender: Male Female

Are you affiliated with any family organizations or groups YES NO

If yes, please name the group

Race and Ethnic Background (mark all that apply)

Black/African American

White/Caucasian

Hispanic

Asian

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

American Indian

/Alaska Native

Other:

References

Please list two professional or personal references: Every applicant must have a nomination from a Community, Executive or Referral team and/or the local site Project Director with consultation of CC/FSP

Full Name of Reference: _____ Email address: _____

Organization: _____ Phone: ()
 Relationship to the Applicant: _____

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Briefly discuss an issue that concerns you most about children, youth and/or family behavioral health.

What skills would you like to learn from the Family Leadership Institute? What are your goals for the Institute? How would you utilize those skills?

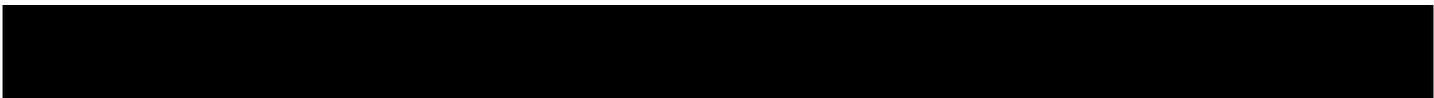
Are there any challenges you foresee that may prevent you from completing the year long commitment?

How did you hear about the Family Youth Leadership Institute?

Based on the need and resources of your community, what is one concrete action you could take to improve your community if you had more support? This action would need to be completed in 6-8months.

Action Idea:

Goal:



Please complete the following questions. Circle the response that most closely is you answer:

Please honestly rate yourself	A-Always	M-Most of the time	S-Sometimes	V-Very Little	N-Never	
I set a great example of leadership among families and/or youth in my community						
I am patient when working with others who don't understand my point of view						
I try my best to understand others' point of view, and not just focus on other's understanding of my point of view						
I understand how my life experiences positively impact my opinions about the world around me						
I understand how my life experiences negatively impact my opinions about the world around me						
I understand and practice talking with others to resolve conflicts respectfully						
I understand that there are personal characteristics and behaviors I should work on to become a better person and work better with others						

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to selection to attend the Family/Youth Leadership Institute, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____