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APPLICATIONS FOR THE

STRONG

START 2020

PARENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Bridging Communities 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: [Jackson and Josephine County](#)
- Applicants must be the parent of a child with developmental disabilities age [10 or younger](#). If your child is over the age of 10, please contact us.
- By submitting an application, candidates commit to the following dates and activities, if selected:
 - Three full weekends of training held [March 21 & 22, April 4 & 5, and April 18 & 19](#) in Medford (*lodging will be provided and is encouraged to foster reflection and community building between participants*)
 - Light homework in-between weekend trainings
 - A graduation event held [April 25](#)

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, please complete the following application and send to stacy@bcoregon.org by March 10:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Employment History: _____

Child's Age and Disability: _____

List any disability and/or other groups or activities you are involved in:

Indicate one or two specific issues that concern 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 Stacy Fields via stacy@bcoregon.org or 541-690-8542.

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