



Father and Male Role Model Initiative Participant Application

Michigan Family Voices is a grassroots collaborative supported by The Arc Michigan. Its mission is to ensure family- and person-centered care for all children and youth with disabilities. We are seeking fathers and other male role models for children and youth with special needs and/or disabilities to participate in our Fathers and Male Role Model Initiative, a project funded by the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council and administered by The Arc Michigan.

Michigan Family Voices is recruiting fathers and other male role models who have previously participated in leadership training and are interested in increasing their leadership and advocacy skills, with the goal of collaborating with policymakers and effecting positive change in systems of care. We will be coordinating with other leadership training initiatives and other policy organizations to offer participants best-practice learning opportunities and real-life advocacy experiences.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all project activities will take place online, so participants must have internet access and a computer or other device with which to participate. Participants who complete the training will receive a stipend of \$450 at the completion of the project's first year, September 30, 2021.

If you are interested, please complete and submit this application form via email to Salli Christenson at The Arc Michigan. salli.c@arcmi.org by 12/31/20.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you a:

Parent ___ Grandparent ___ Sibling ___ Youth ___ Other ___



Do you have a child with a disability or are you a role model for one?

Yes _____ No _____

What type of disability? _____

Training

Have you ever participated in training related to supporting or advocating for individuals with disabilities or partnering with policymakers?

Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please identify when, where, and describe your training experience

Background Experience

Have you ever personally been involved in educating and informing policymakers on issues important to individuals with disabilities?

Yes _____ No _____

Organizational Relationships

Do you have relationships with other family and/or father or male role model organizations in your community or in the state that you could interact with through this initiative?

Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please identify organization(s)

Area of Expertise

Please identify your area of expertise Please check all that apply:

_____ Education/Special Education _____ Early Intervention

_____ Health Care _____ Social Services



Passions and Interests

What are your passions and interests? Please explain:

Would you be interested in any of the following?

Check all that apply

- a.) Being a resource that decision makers can rely upon to share your story, provide factual information and assist with policy development
- b.) Increasing family and community stakeholder knowledge and connections to policymaking tables, networks and organizations
- c.) Helping families with young children learn about available resources
- d.) Engaging in systems and policy change efforts

Is there anything else you would like to share?

References you would like to include:

1. Name _____ Contact Information _____
2. Name _____ Contact Information _____
3. Name _____ Contact Information _____

If you have any questions or need help completing this application, please contact Salli Christenson at The Arc Michigan at 800 292-7851, ext. 130 or at salli.c@arcmi.org