

Family Leadership Institute: Erie and Northwestern PA



You're invited to apply to participate in a Family Leadership Institute (FLI), offered at **no cost to families** by the PEAL Center and our partners.

- **Participation is by application only**
- Make sure to complete the application and submit by **September 1st, 2023**

In-person sessions will be held in the **Erie** area on **September 29-30, October 20-21, and November 3-4 of 2023.**

Participants **MUST COMMIT** to attending all sessions, in addition to completing "Learning On Your Own" (LOYO) assignments in between.

Complete the online application at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ErieNWPA

If you have been selected for this FLI, we will let you know by September 8th, 2023.

Contact PEAL with any questions:

- Call: 866-950-1040
- Email: [skillmeyer@pealcenter.org](mailto:sillmeyer@pealcenter.org)

Based on interest, **Youth Leadership Trainings** may be offered! Ideal for 13 to 21 years old. Please indicate interest on the application.

FAQs

1. What is a Family Leadership Institute (FLI)?

- A multi-session, in-depth training for families to build knowledge and leadership skills related to inclusive special education and health care

2. Who should attend?

- Parents, family members, and other caregivers of children and youth who have disabilities and/or special health care needs

3. Why should families attend?

- To increase their knowledge and understanding of educational systems and services
- To learn new communication, leadership, and advocacy skills for working with your child's school team
- To become part of a network of families and professionals that share a common focus

4. What topics will be covered?

- History of Disability and Special Education Rights
- Special Education Process and Building a Strong IEP
- Navigating the Maze of Health Care Services
- Advocacy and Organizing for Change



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