



## Great Ideas for Family Leaders

*Dear Family Leaders,*

*To avoid sending you emails that accumulate in your inbox, FREDLA is condensing our information into periodic bulletins with "Great Ideas for Family Leaders."*

*We receive lots of requests from family organizations asking for information - about programs, policies and personnel issues; we also receive requests to distribute information- sometimes job openings. We will put these all together for you so you can quickly scan and pull out information that is important to you and your organization.*

*FREDLA is always open for your comments and suggestions - so send along those too. If you find a nugget of information that could be helpful to family-run organizations across the country, send it along to us and we'll pass it on.*

*Welcome to the first edition of Great Ideas for Family Leaders! We hope you find it helpful in your very important work of supporting families caring for a child with behavioral needs.*

*Jane Walker*

*Executive Director*

*Family Run Executive Director Leadership Association (FREDLA)*



### WEBINARS

#### **The National Data Collection Project, Phase I**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2015 2:00PM EST - 3:30PM EST**

The National Data Collection Project was developed by the Family Run Executive Director Leadership Association (FREDLA) to create a platform of common data elements across family-run organizations. Researchers, family leaders, and policy makers have been engaged to inform this cutting edge work. This webinar will summarize Phase I of the Project, including survey results from family-run organizations across the nation.

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To register: [https://events-na11.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1120832267/en/events/event/shared/1159765005/event\\_landing.html?sco-id=1256867102](https://events-na11.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1120832267/en/events/event/shared/1159765005/event_landing.html?sco-id=1256867102)

## **CALLS WITH SAMHSA REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS (RAs)**

Regional Administrators are a part of SAMHSA's leadership team and work to advance SAMHSA's mission and to improve the delivery of behavioral health services in each of the 9 Health and Human Service Regions across the country. Throughout February, FREDLA will be facilitating calls with Regional Administrators and the family organizations in each of their regions. The purpose of the calls is to: 1) Introduce the RAs to the family-run organizations in their region, 2) Underscore the critical and unique role of family-run organizations, and 3) Identify ways that family-run organizations and the RAs can work collaboratively to support the work of each respective agency. We are excited about building this partnership with SAMHSA leadership and believe it is another way to promote family-run organizations and the important work that you do.

## **RESOURCES**

### **National Child Traumatic Stress Network**

Check out the **National Child Traumatic Stress Network** roster of organizational NCTSN members arranged by state. This list includes current grantees as well as affiliated members—former grantees who have maintained their ties to the Network.

<http://nctsn.org/about-us/network-members>

### **SAMHSA's Forecast for 2015 RFA's**

SAMHSA hopes that providing some advance notice of when RFA's may be released will be of benefit to the behavioral health field. Please review and disseminate this information. The forecast can be accessed on the SAMHSA website: [www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements-2015](http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements-2015).

### **ABLE Act**

On January 16, 2015, A Special Need Plan™ held an informational webinar about the ABLE Act. The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act is a recently passed piece of legislation that will allow individuals with disabilities to save funds in a specialized savings account without risk of being deemed ineligible for SSI, Medicaid or other publically funded services and supports. To access a recording of this webinar, visit: <http://aspecialneedsplan.com/resources/>

### **New Rules Governing Indirect Costs for Nonprofits**

Last month, the federal Office of Management and Budget formally recognized in [new rules called the Uniform Guidance](#) that when governments hire nonprofits to provide services, those nonprofits legitimately need to incur and be paid for their "indirect costs". OMB, which is responsible for overseeing how federal funds are spent, is ordering governments at all levels—local, state, and federal—to reimburse nonprofits for more of their direct costs plus their indirect costs when their work is funded in whole or in part with federal money. For more information:

<http://philanthropy.com/article/Nonprofits-Win-Key-Victory-in/151177/>

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## FAMILY VOICE

Lisa Lambert's blog titled, *The Imminent Demise of Parent Voice, Sort Of* is an important read for every family leader. If you have not read this blog, I encourage you to take a moment to read it. Lisa has done a great job articulating the issue for all of us.

<http://ppal.net/2015/01/blog-posts/4803>

### **Public Comment ~ FY 2016-2017 Block Grant**

*SAMHSA Accepting Public Comment on FY 2016-2017 Draft Block Grant Documents* -- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting public comment on its Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Draft Block Grant Application and Plan. Comments are due 60 days from January 8, 2015. For more information, please click: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants>.

### **Kaiser Family Foundation ~ Faces of Medicaid**

The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured at the Kaiser Family Foundation is embarking on a video project called "Faces of Medicaid" that seeks to put a face to some of the 68 million Medicaid beneficiaries in the United States. They are looking for Medicaid beneficiaries to participate in a short (60-90 second) video that describes the important role that Medicaid plays in their lives. They are specifically seeking individuals with the following types of stories:

Beneficiaries in ACA expansion states:

1. A newly eligible working adult with Medicaid coverage
2. A parent and child who both have Medicaid coverage - parent may be newly eligible
3. A person with a mental health diagnosis or other chronic condition with Medicaid coverage
4. Beneficiaries in non-ACA expansion states:
5. A working childless adult who is in the Medicaid coverage gap/without coverage
6. A parent who is uninsured/in the Medicaid coverage gap with a child who has Medicaid coverage
7. A person with a mental health diagnosis or other chronic condition without coverage/in the Medicaid coverage gap

Beneficiaries with disabilities - in any state:

1. A child with a significant disability (Katie Beckett) - (would feature parent and child)
2. A senior using long-term care services - (would feature senior and adult child who helps with care/accessing services)
3. A person with a disability using Medicaid to support his/her ability to work
  - Providers in ACA expansion AND non-expansion States
  - Hospital CEOs/Administrators and Physicians who can discuss the impact of Medicaid or lack of Medicaid expansion on their work, their patients, their bottom line, etc.

Filming is scheduled to begin in February. Contact: Melissa Majerol at [melissam@kff.org](mailto:melissam@kff.org)  
202.347.5270

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK IS COMING!

2015 marks the 10th anniversary of Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, the official observance is **Thursday, May 7, 2015**. The theme will be *Integration of Mental Health in Primary Care, Child Welfare and Education*.

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## SHARING YOUR EXPERTISE

### **Information Exchange**

FREDLA receives many requests and takes particular care to respond to these requests and to protect the ownership of materials developed by family organizations. Please let us know if you would be willing to share the following:

1. Job Descriptions
  - a. training director/coordinator
  - b. family outreach
2. Sustainability or business plans

If so, please email these to Malisa Pearson at [mpearson@fredla.org](mailto:mpearson@fredla.org)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **Family Partnership Coordinator**

Trillium Family Services is hiring. Trillium is located in Corvallis, Oregon, and serves children in residential and outpatient settings. <http://www.trilliumfamily.org/Careers/JobOpenings.aspx>.

## YOUTH INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Juvenile Justice Strategy Group-** The Juvenile Justice Strategy Group of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is establishing their first advisory council of young adults currently or formerly involved in the juvenile justice system. This council will work in partnership with the JJSG to not only strengthen our reform efforts, but also to support the development of council members as emerging leaders in juvenile justice reform. Deadline for application is February 13, 2015.

Contact:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1957822/Annie-E-Casey-Foundation-Juvenile-Justice-Strategy-Group-Youth-Advisory-Council-Application>

**The Trevor Project – Youth Advisory Council-** The Trevor Project provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention for LGBTQ youth. The application for the 2015 Youth Advisory Council is now available at the following link <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/pages/staff-board#yac>. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2015. Contact us at [info@TheTrevorProject.org](mailto:info@TheTrevorProject.org).

**NAMI Young Adult Advisory Group -** NAMI is forming its first national Young Adult Advisory Group to advise them on new and existing resources, projects and programs to ensure that they reach a diverse population in all that they do! Deadline for applications is February 10, 2015. Contact: <http://www.nami.org/youngadultadvisory>

***Thanks for reading Great Ideas for Family Leaders!  
Don't forget to send us your Great Ideas – they are always welcome!***

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