

December 2017



Dear Family Leaders

During the past year, it has been a privilege for FREDLA staff to work with many of you across the country. The passion and dedication you each bring to the work of supporting families is astounding. We have said many times that family-run organizations are unique in what they do – and so are the family leaders. At this season of giving, FREDLA honors all family leaders for all that you give to your families, your staff and your organizations. May you have a joyful and peaceful holiday.

The FREDLA Board of Directors and Staff

2017 SURVEY REPORT

Do you know the top three reasons why families contact a family-run organization? Check out FREDLA's 2017 Survey of Family-Run Organizations to find the answer. The full report summarizing the March 2017 survey of 65 family-run organizations is available on FREDLA's website, [Click here](#). The survey provides information on everything from budgets to screening tools to number of employees. We know you will find it valuable reading. If need a snapshot of the survey results, check out the infographic [here](#).

HEARTFELT THANKS FOR #GIVING TUESDAY



To our donors and supporters, **thank you** for helping us surpass our goal of \$3,000 for #Giving Tuesday to reach **\$4,000**. We value the trust you have placed in our work and support for our mission to strengthen leadership and organizational capacity of family-run organizations.

FAMILIES AS ALLIES MISSISSIPPI PRESENTS AWARD TO FREDLA

FREDLA is honored to have been awarded the **Rusty Turner Memorial Award for Excellence** by Mississippi Families as Allies during their 4th Annual Community Partnership Celebration in November.

Families as Allies, Executive Director Joy Hogge stated that FREDLA's training materials, online learning communities and wise and thoughtful Technical Assistance, all based on the best practices for this work, have helped families in Mississippi grow into new leadership roles and mentor and encourage even more families. We are honored and thankful for this recognition!



SFN GRANTS!

SAMHSA released its 2018 grant forecast and it contains information about a new funding opportunity for **6 Statewide Family Networks grants**. The Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is projected to be posted on **February 13, 2018**. According to the description in the SAMHSA forecast, eligibility is limited to:

Family-controlled domestic public and private non-profit organizations in states, territories, and tribes. A family-controlled organization is an independent, free-standing organization (not acting under an umbrella organization) that has a board of directors made up of more than 50 percent family members who have primary daily responsibility for the raising of a child, youth, adolescent, or young adult with a serious emotional disturbance up to age 18, or 21 if the adolescent is being served by an Individual Educational Plan (IEP), or age 26 if the young adult is being served by an Individual Service Plan (ISP) in transition to the adult mental health system. Eligibility is also limited to entities that do not have an existing SFN grant.

Those current grantees whose grants end in 2018 are eligible to apply for a new grant. Family-run organizations that previously had a grant but do not currently have one and those who have never had a grant are also eligible to apply.

SAMHSA's application procedures have changed. All applicants must register with NIH's eRA Commons in order to submit an application. This process takes up to six weeks. If you believe you are interested in applying for this opportunity, you **MUST** start the registration process immediately. Do not wait to start this process. If your organization is not registered and you do not have an active eRA Commons PI account by the deadline, the application will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made. Applicants also must register with the System for Award Management (SAM) and Grants.gov

SAMHSA will be hosting an applicant webinar on Friday, December 15, 2017 from 2-3pm ET. The webinar will provide information on how to submit applications to SAMHSA using NIH's eRA System, including application and registration processes, requirements and validations, and the post-submission process.

LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR FAMILY LEADERS

If you missed FREDLA's Learning Community call in November on Supporting Grandparents, you can access the recording at <https://youtu.be/dlvs5COV9z0>. Jaia Lent from Generations United presented a powerful presentation on the growing numbers of grandparents raising grandchildren in part due to the opioid crisis. Ruth Fox, Executive Director of Allegheny Family Network in Pittsburgh, shared an emotional story of her son and two grandchildren she is now raising. Hats off to all these grandparent heroes!

The next Learning Community on **January 25, 2018 at 3 pm** is geared to assisting family-run organizations address Participant Protections. This is a requirement for submitting Statewide Family Network grants. Liz Sweet from SAMHSA will join us on the call along with Peggy Nikkel from FREDLA

who will review the different components of participant protections that must be considered. Save the date and look for a link to register shortly.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND 2018 TRAINING INSTITUTES CALL FOR PAPERS

The University of Maryland at Baltimore is hosting the Training Institutes this summer on July 25-28, 2018 in Washington, D.C. This is **THE** event for children's behavioral health systems of care. The call for papers is out and we encourage family-run organizations to submit proposals to present at the conference. Some ideas to consider are:

- Family-run organizations working cross-system with juvenile justice or child welfare
- Family-run organizations partnering with managed care
- Family-run organizations responding to the substance abuse/opioid crisis
- The role of family-run organizations in early onset psychosis services
- Family-run organizations working with early childhood programs or youth of transition age programs

The deadline for submitting proposals is **January 8, 2018**. Below is the call for proposals link to submit a proposal electronically. <http://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/traininginstitutes/call-for-proposals/>

FREDLA is available to assist organizations develop a proposal or to assist in identifying another family-run organization to partner with on a proposal. We want family-run organizations to be visible in every aspect of the Institutes so we hope you will flood the call for papers site with proposals!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TRACK AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA RESEARCH AND POLICY CONFERENCE

We heard your voices and we listened! This year, FREDLA has partnered with the 31st Annual Research & Policy Conference to bring you the first-ever **Family Engagement Track**! There will be sessions on how family-run organizations can prepare to be involved in research, how families and family-run organizations can lead data and evaluation efforts, strategies for how family members can play meaningful roles in evaluation efforts, and much more!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn the latest research and evaluation findings related to children, adolescent, and young adult behavioral health and plan to attend the Family Engagement Track sessions. Space at the hotel is filling up quickly so don't delay – get registered today!

To register, [click here](#).