**Early intervention Leadership**

**“Discovering Your Leadership Qualities”**

In your role as a parent you are an advocate and leader in the everyday life of your family. This survey asks you to think about what you already do and any additional skills you would like to develop. There are no right or wrong answers. Check what most represents you.

1. What are your skills and interests:

\_\_\_ I am comfortable asking questions

\_\_\_ I am willing to share ideas and information

\_\_\_ I am able to find resources and information

\_\_\_ I am a good listener

\_\_\_ I am flexible

\_\_\_ I am positive

\_\_\_ I am a creative thinker

\_\_\_ I am a planner

\_\_\_ I am organized

\_\_\_ I like making phone calls

\_\_\_ I like learning

\_\_\_ I am good at using social media

\_\_\_ Whatever I start I follow through

\_\_\_ I know how to work with others to find agreement /negotiate

\_\_\_ I can motivate others

\_\_\_ I am willing to help others

\_\_\_ I am comfortable speaking up in groups

\_\_\_ I am willing to listen to different points of view

\_\_\_ I enjoy working in groups

\_\_\_ I can deal with conflict

\_\_\_ Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Check leadership opportunities you would be interested in:

\_\_\_ Responding to surveys

\_\_\_ Reviewing survey/ data results with staff

\_\_\_ Participating on local and state groups

\_\_\_ Leading a family group

\_\_\_ Sharing your family story

\_\_\_ Mentoring support for families

\_\_\_ Co-leading a workshop

\_\_\_ Parent to Parent Sharing

\_\_\_ Training Staff from the parent perspective

\_\_\_ Participating in a focus group

\_\_\_ Reviewing materials created for families

\_\_\_ Representing families in the development of policy and legislation

\_\_\_ Participating in parent meetings, advisory committees, parent committees, policy councils, or other governing bodies as well as community or state coalitions

\_\_\_ Other opportunities:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **What are the barriers to family leadership:**

\_\_\_ I do not understand the role of family leaders

\_\_\_ I have not received training to participate in leadership opportunities

\_\_\_ I do not have the time to participate

\_\_\_ I have not been given the opportunity to participate

\_\_\_ I do not wish to become a family leader

**\_\_\_** I do not havechildcare

\_\_\_ I do not have transportation

\_\_\_ Lack of language interpretation and translation

\_\_\_ I do not have access to internet / technology

\_\_\_ Other barriers: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **What skills would you like to develop further or to learn?**

\_\_\_ Public Speaking

\_\_\_ Organizational Skills

\_\_\_ Communicating your ideas / points

\_\_\_ Working with others

\_\_\_ Maintaining balance within your family

\_\_\_ Other skills: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Please feel free to add any comments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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