

Child & Family Leadership Exchange

Class XXIX 2024-2025



Mission

The mission of the Child & Family Leadership Exchange (CFLE) is to promote collaboration and excellence in leadership among Summit County professionals serving children and families. Participants in CFLE will gain an in-depth understanding of Summit County's services for families and children. CFLE incorporates a detailed examination of the system's strengths and weaknesses as well as techniques for impacting and advocating for improved services. The hands-on approach to learning facilitates communication between service providers and enhances the effectiveness of leaders committed to strengthening family life in this community.

Application

Child & Family Leadership Exchange participants will be identified by the program's Selection Committee based on leadership potential, community service, ability to comply with the time commitment required, and clarity in response to application questions.

An important selection factor is the applicant's ability to utilize the leadership skills gained through the program on a long-term basis to benefit the community. Participants selected for CFLE will represent the diversity of the professionals serving Summit County children and families. Appointments to CFLE are limited; applicants not selected may reapply in subsequent years. Once selected, participants are required to attend monthly day-long sessions, in addition to completing monthly pre-class assignments and a possible overnight trip. Participants who fail to fulfill attendance requirements must withdraw from the program. Tuition is non-refundable. Applicants must have full, written support of the organization they represent.

Tuition

If selected to participate in the Child & Family Leadership Exchange Program, you or your sponsoring organization agree to pay a **non-refundable tuition fee**. By submitting an application, you commit to ensuring the tuition is paid in full. Tuition fees cover program costs, including room and board at the overnight retreat. A limited number of scholarships may be available depending on available funding. **Tuition is due by August 30th**.

Attendance

Once selected, participants are required to attend monthly day-long sessions, in addition to completing monthly pre-class assignments. To be eligible for graduation from the Child & Family Leadership Exchange program, participants must attend all CFLE class sessions and events during the class year. This includes the Orientation and all monthly class sessions, including traveling with the class when needed. A graduation ceremony and dinner will be held in May. In addition, participants are required to complete additional, pre-class activities each month. Though emergencies do arise, class members missing more than two sessions, for whatever reason, will not be eligible for graduation unless they complete equivalent make-up work/activities as approved by the CFLE Session Chairs and Advisory Committee.