**WiFLI Leadership Project**

The purpose of the leadership project is to further your growth as a leader by applying the skills learned through WiFLI to impact on the lives of people with disabilities and special healthcare needs and their families. You will identify an issue that is important to you and your communities then develop a project that will impact that issue.

When you begin WiFLI some of you will have a clear idea of what you want to accomplish and how to go about it. Others will take advantage of support from classmates and leaders to further define your project. During each session there will opportunities to apply your learning from that session to your leadership project as well as opportunity to get feedback and support from classmates and WiFLI leaders. Group discussions, worksheets and templates will help you move your work along.

**Your project will:**

- Tap into your passions and impact others outside of your family.
- Involve work with others. You might join formal group or coalition, work with a local community organization or bring together a small group of families with similar interests.
- Capitalize on your strengths and capitalize on the assets of your community.
- Begin during WiFLI, but does not need to be completed by the end of the sessions.

**Examples of Issues:**

- Limited transportation opportunities in your area
- Need for improved family centered care in your local hospital
- State policies that limit the hours of personal care provided by families
- Limited inclusive afterschool opportunities

**Examples of Projects:**

Starting a new effort:

- Building an accessible playground
- Organizing a group of parents to advocate for quality special education services
- Hosting a heath and wellness fair at your community center

Joining an existing effort:

- Joining your PTO to advocate for inclusion in schools
- Serving on the Children’s Community Options Program Advisory Committee
- Joining the Para-Transit commission in your county