NEW!! WORKSHOP DATES 2019-2020
(2020 represents 25 years of COFI success with parent training and organizing! Join us this year.)

Orientation to Family Focused Organizing
2 days—October 22 and October 23, 2019

This 2-day hands-on and participatory session introduces COFI’s Family Focused Organizing model to staff and/or parent leaders from a range of organizations, including community organizing groups, advocacy organizations, schools, government and social service agencies. Participants will meet COFI parent leaders and will gain firsthand experience with the model.

Fee: $550/person, includes lunch each day and site visit
Registration & Payment Deadline: October 9, 2019

Phase 1: Self, Family & Team
Train-the-Trainer/ Organizer Program
(includes Orientation to Family Focused Organizing)
4 days—October 22–25, 2019

This 4-day session is for people who plan to incorporate the Family Focused Organizing model, or parts of it, in their own community groups, schools and agencies. This training teaches how to recruit parents, how to use COFI’s training curriculum for leadership development, in-depth exploration of the first year of COFI’s three-year organizing process and hands-on practice.

Topics Covered:
- Overview of the Family Focused Organizing Model
- Self, Family & Team Goals and Process
- Role of Facilitator/Role of Organizer
- How Adults Learn
- Recruiting Parents
- Hands-on Practice of Curriculum Pieces

Fee: $925/person, includes SFT manual and lunch
Registration & Payment Deadline: October 9, 2019

Phase 2: Community Outreach & Action
3.5 days—March 3-6, 2020

At the 3.5 day Phase 2 training, you will learn how to build a parent team and work with them to do one-on-one relationship building interviews, map a community, choose an issue campaign and win tangible victories in their schools and communities. It includes in-depth exploration of the second year of COFI’s three-year organizing process and a community field trip.

Topics covered:
- Community Outreach & Action Goals and Process
- One-on-one Relationship Building
- Community Mapping and Planning
- Supporting Parents in Winning Community Change
- Hands-on Practice of Curriculum Pieces

Fee: $825/person, includes COA manual, lunch each day (except Friday) and community field trip
Registration & Payment Deadline: February 18, 2020

Phase 3: Policy & Systems Change:
The COFI Way Dates TBD

Register for both trainings and receive a $100 discount. For registration and payment details, call COFI at 312-226-5141 or visit COFI’s website at http://www.cofionline.org/learn-how/