Phase 3: Policy & Systems Change:
The COFI Way

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Learn The COFI Way — at the COFI Center for Action and Learning

NEW!! WORKSHOP DATES
In-Person*—Chicago—2022-2023

Orientation to The COFI Way of Family Focused Organizing
2 days—October 25 and October 26, 2022

This 2-day hands-on and participatory session introduces The COFI Way of 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: $600/person, includes lunch each day and site visit
Registration & Payment Deadline: October 11, 2022

Phase 1: Self, Family & Team
Train-the-Trainer/Organizer Program
(includes Orientation to The COFI Way of Family Focused Organizing)
4 days—October 25–28, 2022

This 4-day session is for people who plan to incorporate the The COFI Way of 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 The COFI Way of 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: $975/person, includes SFT manual and lunch
Registration & Payment Deadline: October 11, 2022

Phase 2: Community Outreach & Action
3.5 days—April 11-14, 2023

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: $875/person, includes COA manual, lunch each day (except Friday) and community field trip.
Registration & Payment Deadline: March 28, 2023

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

*Please note that COVID mitigations are in place for these sessions including mandatory vaccination, negative test before arrival, air filtration, masking and social distancing.