



King County

PUBLIC HEALTH – SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY ANNOUNCES A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN THE LEARNER USING PROMOTING FIRST RELATIONSHIPS CURRICULUM

Public Health – Seattle and King County, on behalf of the Veterans & Human Service Levy Oversight Board, is pleased to announce an opportunity for agency staff to participate in the Promoting First Relationships (PFR) Train the Learner series.

Funding is available to cover agency expenses related to this training. This includes staff salary, training, equipment, training materials, travel expenses, and other appropriate costs.

Eligible agencies must serve a target population of families with children 0-3 who live in environments where stressors are particularly high. Examples include families who are living in poverty, families of active duty, Guard and Reservists that have/are/will serve our country, families where one or both parents are unemployed or under-employed, families with domestic violence involvement, families experiencing homelessness, and families struggling with substance abuse or mental health problems. Additionally, for some families, limited English proficiency or being new immigrants/refugees can lead to stresses that interfere with healthy child development. Families must reside in King County.

PFR Train the Learner series involves intensive training. Time commitment for the agency staff member being trained is approximately 76 hours over a six month period (approximately 3 hours a week plus a three day workshop). Agencies are allowed to nominate between 2 to 6 staff members to receive training. Applicants must work in pairs. Single applicants will not be accepted, for more information on PFR please visit the PFR website at <http://www.pfrprogram.org>.

The steps to access training funds does not require an extensive written application. The following steps outline the process:

STEP ONE Attend an informational meeting on PFR on November 17, 2012, 3PM, at the Chinook Building, 401 5th Ave, 13th Floor, Room 1310, Seattle, WA 98104. If you are not able to attend the meeting you may contact Jim Ott, Program Manager, at 206-205-8766 or jim.ott@kingcounty.gov with questions.

Submit a letter (up to four pages in length) that includes a brief description of the agency, target population served, programs provided, and the name of staff members who will participate in the training. Include how the agency and staff members meet the criteria listed below in the criteria for selection section.

Letters must be received by Public Health no later than December 9th, at 12:00PM (Noon). Late letters will not be accepted. Letters may be sent via e-mail or US mail. See below for details.

STEP TWO Applicants that demonstrate their readiness and qualifications to participate in the program will be invited to meet with members of Public Health and representatives from the University of Washington, PFR Program, for interviews that will be held on the afternoon of December 16th, at the Chinook Building, 401 5th Ave, Room 126, Seattle.

- STEP THREE Based on the results of the written application and interview, up to 16 individuals, from two to six agencies will be selected for training.
- STEP FOUR Contracts and budgets will be finalized soon after the announcement of those selected to participate in the training.

The selection process is anticipated to be completed by December 19th.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION – ADDRESS THESE ITEMS IN YOUR LETTER

- Work for a non profit human service agency in King County
- BA in social work, Psychology, or related fields (Master's degree preferred).
- Two years of direct practice with clients/families/children.
- Experience working with families in the field in the role of therapist, case manager, home visitor or similar roles.
- Willingness to recruit families to participate in the training.
- Past experience with the client population of interest served by the applicant agency.
- Experience supervising preferred, but not required.
- Dedication to improving services to families and children. Willingness to embrace "strengths" based model of service provision.
- Desire to change and enhance ones current practice.
- Flexibility in scheduling (during the training the trainee will need to work around three or more schedules, including that of the trainee, trainer, parent, and child).
- Travel is required. Use of own car will be needed. Mileage reimbursement is available.
- Staff selected to be trained by the agency, and their supervisor, must commit to attend the PFR three day orientation held on March 5th, 6th and 7th in Seattle.
- PFR will begin training selected Agency staff beginning January 16th.—Training will be completed by mid-year 2012.

DETAIL ON WHEN AND WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR LETTERS;

Submit your letter to:

Public Health - Seattle and King County
James Ott, Program Manager
401 5th Avenue, Suite 1300
Seattle, WA. 98104
Or via email at
jim.ott@kingcounty.gov

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December 9, 2012, at 12:00PM (Noon).**

PFR Participant Quotes

"In my nine years of experience working with homeless families, the Promoting First Relationships project has been the most relevant technique I have learned to help parents promote their child's development."
Social Worker

"I went into this training thinking this was more work and very stressful. In the end, this bonding with my daughter and being able to interact with her relieved my stress. It was comforting and safe. It was just invaluable — and it's lasted."
Parent

"Promoting First Relationships training is the best opportunity I've had in my career. It has changed the way that I work with families."
Public Health Nurse