**Early Childhood Leadership Institute Application**

The Early Childhood Leadership Institute was initiated in 2014 and seeks to stimulate enthusiasm for and effective participation in efforts to improve early childhood work in Vermont. A group of diverse participants will come together, each year for twelve seminar days over six months, to gain leadership skills and a deeper knowledge and understanding of the science and landscape of early childhood issues in Vermont. ECLI will give participants the information, tools and inspiration to make greater contributions in their organizations, their communities and Vermont toward early childhood issues.ECLI Associates will join a professional network of over 700 Vermont Leadership Network Alumni, with a projected 100 early childhood leadership institute associates.

Through this application process, we want to get to know you, your ideas, and your vision for improving your community and Vermont. If you need additional space beyond that provided in this application, please send them separately (please try not to exceed two extra pages).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 11, 2016**

As part of the selection process, you may be asked to participate in an interview. Interviews are held in February. We select a majority, if not all of the class in March and if needed will fill the remaining slots on a rolling basis.

**Please complete the application as soon as you can.**

**Thank you!**

First and Last Name:

Home Address:

Work Address:

Title:

Preferred Email:

Work Email:

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Briefly describe your job responsibilities and the nature of your work. If you are not employed outside the home, tell us how you spend your time:

What do you consider your most significant contribution(s) and/or achievement(s) related to your work?

Please share (in order of importance to you) civic, political, religious, professional, social or other activities in which you have been involved. List, in this order: organization, nature of organization, your role or position, dates.

Why did you become involved with the organizations that you listed above?

What did you learn from your involvement?

If you have not previously been involved in community life, what has changed to allow more involvement now?

Please describe your professional path; descriptive and/or list employers, titles, key responsibilities, highlights and challenges:

Please list all the schools you've attended, beginning with high school. Please include any graduate or specialized programs. List institution, degree, major/specialty and year completed.

What do you think are the three most pressing issues facing early childhood work in Vermont over the next ten years? Please share a paragraph about each.

Issue 1:

Issue 2:

Issue 3:

What are your future civic and professional goals?

What do you hope to gain from your Early Childhood Leadership Institute experience?

What contributions will you make to the Early Childhood Leadership Institute experience?

What do you envision as your key challenges to dedicating the time, energy and attention required for full participation in this program? How do you intend to address these challenges?

Please share the names and contact info for two people\* aware of your leadership potential and

who we may contact regarding your qualifications.

\*Please have each of your references send a letter of support to Suzanne Trahey, c/o The Snelling Center for Government, PO Box 698, Shelburne, VT 05482 OR Suzanne@snellingcenter.org. Applications cannot be considered until letters of support are received.

How did you learn about the Early Childhood Leadership Institute? \*

**ECLI Contract**

The Vermont Early Childhood Leadership Institute requires a genuine commitment of energy, time, patience and heart. Associates are expected to be on time and come prepared to each session. Applicants are assumed to value genuine dialogue and inquiry, curiosity about the issues facing Vermont, and to be committed to the state, to learning and to their own personal growth. The program design acknowledges that growth and learning can be uncomfortable. We strive to create a safe place for Associates to stretch their thinking, challenge their beliefs, and try on new ideas. The ECLI 2016 program involves twelve days, six overnight sessions, between May to October 2016. Associates are expected to participate fully and should have the support and commitment of their employers.

**I understand the purpose of the Early Childhood Leadership Institute.**

**I agree to participate fully. \*please review the dates to make sure you can commit to this.**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A non-refundable application fee of $25 must accompany this application. Applicants are encouraged to email the application to <suzanne@snellingcenter.org>. If you are submitting by Word Document via email or mail, please send a check to: Snelling Center for Government, C/O Early Childhood Leadership Institute, PO Box 698, Shelburne, VT 05482

The tuition for the 2016 year is $200.00 (double occupancy) or $700.00 (single occupancy).

**Program Tuition:**$6,200  
**Program Subsidy:**$6,000  
**Total Program Fees Double Occupancy:**$200  
Total Program Fees Single Occupancy: $700

**Participants are responsible for $200 of the $6,200 program fee.** The state of Vermont will subsidize $6,000 for each participant.

If program associates wish to reserve a single occupancy room for the 6 overnight sessions, participants are responsible or the additional $500 fee, with single occupancy tuition at $700.

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE.

We suggest you print and keep a copy of your application before submitting.