

INFORMATION NOTICE

WORKFORCE SERVICES

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: THE FAMILY PARTICIPATION FUND

The purpose of this Information Notice is to inform the Workforce Development Community of the California Department of Education's Family Participation Fund. The Family Participation Fund was established to help family members voice their opinions about education policy. The fund provides financial assistance to families, who do not have any other agency support, to become active members of decision-making committees, task forces and other education policy-making bodies. Since its inception, the program has helped families attend over 12,000 meetings.

Who qualifies for funding?

- Any family that has a child with disabilities
- Adult students under the age of 26 with disabilities that attended a California school

What is the stipend amount?

- Full/Multiple Day Meeting - \$100 per full day (all inclusive)
- 1/2 Day meeting - \$50 per day (all inclusive)

What kind of meetings would be eligible for Family Participation Fund support?

- School Board meetings, Parent Empowerment meetings, Community Advisory Councils, District Advisory Councils, English Learner Advisory Councils, Compensatory Education Advisory Councils, Special Education Multicultural Advisory Committees, Interagency Coordinating Councils, Regional Coordinating Councils, State Special Education Advisory Committees, Advisory Commissions on Special Education, and Task Force Committees.

For additional details and limitations regarding the Family Participation Fund, or to request stipend forms in English and/or Spanish, please visit www.calfedc.org/family-participation-fund.html. You may also contact Laura Ramero at (916) 492-4018 or lromero@wested.org.

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