**F2FC Phase 2**

**FAMILY-to-FAMILY COMMUNITIES (F2FC)**

***Connecting Families of Children with Deaf-Blindness***

**Family-to-Family Communities is a collaborative project sponsored by State Deaf-Blind Projects, the National Center on Deaf-Blindness, and the National Family Association for Deaf-Blind.**

**This opportunity is open to all, regardless of the age of your family member with deaf-blindness**

**Timeline for F2FC Phase 2**

August-September 2016 Families interested in participating complete registration

<https://gsap.wufoo.com/forms/family-2-family-communities/>

August-September 2016 Potential Facilitators contact Carol Darrah cdarrah@uga.edu

September 2016 Facilitators participate in NFADB Leadership Training

October 2016 – May 2017 F2FC groups meet once per month for 90 minutes

Oct 2016/Jan 2017/May 2017 Participants complete online surveys

February 2017 Representative from each F2FC participates in Focus Group

Format of Family-to-Family Communities

* Each F2FC will be comprised of 8-10 families with shared commonalities (age of child, diagnoses, topics of interest, availability, etc.).
* F2FC groups will meet once per month for 90 minutes, via phone and/or video conference (group preference).
* These are not drop-in calls; your regular participation is vital to the group.
* Topics are chosen by the group and will include a combination of structured conversation and open sharing.
* F2FC groups will be open to new members during October and November; then they will be closed to allow members to build relationships.
* F2FC members are encouraged to connect outside of the calls via phone, email, or social media.
* We will take a break during Summer, which will allow us to evaluate feedback, add new members as desired, and determine next steps for F2FC in Fall 2017.

Your SDBP information, logo, etc.

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