



FIRE

Families Invested in Reforming Education

Sparking educational change in communities across the country

FIRE, Families Invested in Reforming Education aims to bring together like-minded individuals to better the quality of education in their community and the state. The FIRE program is an 8-week parent empowerment training program. The goal of this program is to build a network of advocates across the country to move our education system into the future.

The first cohort will kick off on October 15th, 2024 and will end on December 10th, 2024. The training sessions will be held at 7 pm EST. Each session will be conducted virtually.

Requirements

- Have a child, grandchild or connection to a child (extended family) in the US education system in K-12 grades, regardless of school model or type.
- Attend at least seven out of the eight training sessions (each session will be a 1-hour to 1 ½ hour-long training session)
- Have a strong passion for advocacy and improving education

Training Schedule

October 15th

FIRE introduction and how to tell your story. Advocates will learn how to craft and build their personal stories when it comes to advocacy.

October 22nd

Advocacy 101. Advocates will learn the basics of advocacy and how to set up a strong campaign that wins every time.

October 29th

The Power of Relationship Building. During this training, participants will hear from parents and fellow advocates from across the country on the importance of relationship building.

November 5th

Organizing 101. Let's talk about how to build a movement. This session will give families a deep dive into community organizing.

November 12th

Deep Dive into Believe in Better. This training will focus on 50CAN's five promises to America's students and families.

(Sessions will be scheduled and conducted by state teams)

Local Education Policy 101. We will be joined by your local policy experts to share a little insight into the policy landscape.

School Data. Participants will have an opportunity to understand the importance of school data in their state and how they can use it to change their child's education.

December 10th

Graduation. We will celebrate the completion of the program.

What's next?

After completing the program graduates will continue to connect and engage with their local teams. The 50CAN team will continue to host monthly optional trainings and dialogues to help further the graduate's advocacy skills.

How to Apply

To be considered for this program, applicants must complete an application at 50CAN.org and complete a 15-minute virtual interview.

Once applied, you will receive an email within 48 hours to schedule a virtual interview with a 50CAN staff member.

The deadline to apply is October 1st, 2024

There is no stipend associated with this program. This program is volunteer-only.

If you have any questions about the training, please direct them to steven.quinn@gacan.org