Age of child: _________________________

Special Needs: _______________________
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Describe how you will use the skills learned at this workshop:
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Where did you hear about this workshop?
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Questions??

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APPLICATION DEADLINE:
YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL
Did you know when college students hear directly from families, they become better teachers, social workers and health professionals?

You are invited to apply for “Parents as Presenters.” The workshop will teach and demonstrate the skills you need to effectively share your story with college students and community providers. You will be learning and working with other parents who have children with disabilities during the workshop.

There will be no registration costs for attending the workshop. Participants will be selected through an application process. The applicants selected to attend the workshop will receive a stipend of $365.00 per family to assist with some of the expenses incurred by attending the workshop. For example: hotel, meals, costs for travel or childcare. Apply by May 30, 2012.

TELLING YOUR FAMILY STORY
Because of the workshop, you will understand the multiple purposes of being able to tell your family story to an audience in a positive way. We will work together to understand presentation strategies and you will formulate creative ideas for your personal presentations. During the workshop, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate and receive feedback from other participants as you present a sample “Telling Your Story” presentation. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to network with other families - and help establish a network of family

PROMOTE SENSITIVITY AND AWARENESS
Your story is a way to let current and future service providers know how they can be sensitive to families. Most service providers have little or no opportunity to interact with families of children with disabilities before they begin working in the field. Your story will contribute to their education and preparation to work with families and to include children with disabilities with other children.

ABOUT FAMILY CENTERED SERVICES
Children with disabilities are a part of a family. As you speak about your family, they will see that you focus on other family members, as well as your child with disabilities. Service providers will understand that their own expertise is enhanced when they consider the family as a valuable resource.

OUR KIDS ARE KIDS FIRST
By telling your stories, you can show children with disabilities are kids first and have the same hopes and dreams as other children. Our stories help teach others about the importance and the benefit of children with disabilities having their place in our communities now and as adults.

“Parents as Presenters” Workshop
Application
September 21 & 22, 2012

Apply online by May 30, 2012 at: http://tinyurl.com/2012PasP-Reg

OR fill out this written application and return in the mail.

*The following information will be used to select the participants. Please complete the entire form!

Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________

Zip Code: ____________________________

Home Phone: ____________________________

Work Phone: ____________________________

E-mail: ____________________________

AEA/Region (if known): ______________

Giving a presentation in a safe place first.

The activities that play out during the course of a typical day, teach us!