



# Family Leader “Burning Issues”



As a member of the Family Leadership Institute, we encourage you to begin to use your experience and skills as a leader to “make a difference” in the systems that you use and see a need for improvement. The following questions will help you to begin planning for that work.

## Your Burning Issue

What problem would you like to be able to fix?



## Who else is affected?

Do other families have the same problem? Who are they? How are they affected?



## Who has the control/power?

Which system and/or agency has responsibility for this issue?  
Who has the ability to make the change?



## What would solve the problem?

Can you imagine a *better way to do things* that would solve the problem?  
Can you imagine *what the barriers might be* to your solution?  
How much *effort would it take* to influence the system to change?



### **Building Allies/Strength in Numbers**

Who can you identify as *possible allies*?

Are *others already working* on this problem?

Who could you *recruit* to work with you or you join with to work on this problem?



### **Know the Facts/Be Well Informed**

What *information do you need* to know about the problem?

Where can you *find information* to support your position?



### **Strategies to Influence Decision-Makers**

What strategies can you use to *make an impact*?

