

West Virginia Partners in Policymaking Application

The purpose of Partners in Policymaking is to train West Virginians with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities to become effective advocates for policies and programs affecting people with developmental disabilities. The following questions will help the Selection Committee to choose a group of participants who will reflect the diversity of our state's citizens with developmental disabilities.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

E-mail _____

A developmental disability is defined as a severe, chronic disability is attributable to a mental or physical impairment, or combination of both; manifested before the age 22; is likely to continue indefinitely; results in substantial functional limitations in **three or more** of the following areas of major life activity: (1) Self-care; (2) Receptive and expressive language; (3) Learning; (4) Mobility; (5) Self-direction; (6) Capacity for independent living; (7) Economic self-sufficiency; and reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated. A child from **birth through age nine** inclusive, who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting 3 or more of the criteria described in (D) (a) through (g) if the child, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

1. Are you a person with a developmental Disability? Yes No If yes, age of onset? _____ **If no, proceed to question #4.**

2. Please provide information about how your disability affects your daily life:

3. What kinds of supports, services, or technology services/devices do you use or do you receive? _____

4. Are you a parent/guardian of a child with a developmental disability?

Yes No (If no proceed to question # 10).

Age of onset? _____ Current age of son/daughter? _____

5. Please specify by child his/her disability and provide information about how their disability affects his/her daily life and that of your family. _____

6. Is your son/daughter receiving special education or 504 services?

Yes No

7. Does your son/daughter live at home? Yes No

8. What non-school services are you or your child currently receiving (birth to three, employment, respite, case management, personal assistance service, waiver, etc.)? _____

9. Identify one or two specific problems or issues that are of greatest concern to you. _____

Partners in Policymaking sessions are held on Friday and Saturday each month beginning in September and running through April. Sessions will be held by a virtual platform with the possibility that later in the program that there may be an in-person option available.

10. Do you have internet capacity to participate? Yes No

11. Will you make a commitment to attend the eight 2-day sessions?
Yes No

12. Will you make a commitment to complete homework assignments between sessions? Yes No

13. Please list any membership in advocacy organizations and indicate any office held. (Membership in organizations is not a requirement.) _____

14. What would make life better for you or your family member with a disability? _____

15.How did you hear about Partners in Policymaking? _____

16.Who are two people we may contact for references?

1. Name:_____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone:_____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

If you need this application in an alternative format or you have any questions, please contact the WV DD Council. Please return the application by mail or email to the address below by June 30, 2021.

For more information about Partners in Policymaking and other training events offered by the WV Developmental Disabilities Council, visit our website: <https://ddc.wv.gov>

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING PROGRAM, APPLICANTS MUST ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION!

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