

## Our Commitment

Provide best practice information from national and state experts in the developmental disabilities field.

Reimburse participants for travel costs, respite services, personal assistance services, and child care services.

Provide lodging and meals during all training sessions.

## Your Commitment

Attend and participate in all eight two-day training sessions in Charleston, WV.

Advocate for policies, services, and supports that enable people with developmental disabilities to be independent, productive, and included in the communities of their choice.

Motivate others to participate in the training to become more effective advocates.

*"I can honestly say being part of this group has changed my life and the life of my daughter and for that I am eternally grateful."*  
Kelly Miller

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## Partners in Policymaking



A Leadership  
Training  
Program For  
Adults With  
Developmental  
Disabilities  
and Parents of  
Children With  
Developmental  
Disabilities

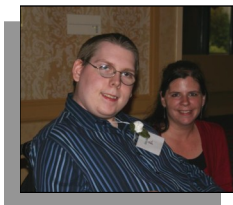


# *Partners in Policymaking is designed for*



*Parents of children with developmental disabilities*

*Adults with developmental disabilities*



## **Our Goal**

- Help participants better understand the history of developmental disabilities and disability movements.
- Help participants understand their or their child's rights as well as State and Federal laws supporting those rights.
- Assist participants in becoming knowledgeable, confident, and effective advocates.
- Educate participants about the legislative process at the local, state and federal levels.

- Educate participants how to contact and develop positive and lasting relationships with policymakers.
- Educate participants how to advocate for system changes that will increase opportunities as well as independence, productivity, and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.

## **Topics Covered**

- History of Services
- Developmental Disabilities Related Services, Supports, and Resources
- Inclusive Education
- IEP Development and Advocacy
- State/Federal Legislative Process
- Person Centered Planning
- Building Inclusive Communities
- Self-Determination
- Employment
- Housing/Supported Living
- State and Federal Policies and Laws
- Community Organizing and Media
- Parliamentary Procedures

## **Become a Partner**

- Request an application.
- Complete application online or mail/fax to Council office by June 30th.
- Commit to eight life changing training sessions (1 Friday/Saturday session per month between September and May).
- Graduate with experience and knowledge to better advocate for yourself, your family, and others with developmental disabilities.

## **Learn More or Request an Application**

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*“Before Partners I saw limited options, now I know my options are limitless”. Christina Yauch*

*“Before Partners I felt frustrated and alone, now I feel empowered and supported”. Michelle Norweck*

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