



# Partners in Policymaking®

Class 1|

Designed for parents of young children with developmental disabilities and adults with disabilities

## Leadership Training Program

The Partners program was created by the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities 36 years ago, and has been offered nationally and internationally. Through informative and interactive sessions, Partners teaches leadership skills and the process of developing positive partnerships with elected officials and other policymakers who make decisions about the services that you and/or your family use.

Partners is accessible, informative and empowering. Since 1987, more than 1,100 self-advocates and parents have graduated in Minnesota.

### Requirements

To participate, the Partners program requires:

- a commitment to attend all six sessions
- an interest in learning and practicing new skills in a comfortable and safe environment
- a desire to build and strengthen a network of people from diverse cultural backgrounds and life experiences
- a willingness to learn from national and state experts who share our vision and values

## Session Dates and Topics

### Saturday October 8 2022

- Orientation- History and Foundation

### Saturday November 12 2022

- Virtual-Special Education

### December 2022

- NO FORMAL MEETING.  
Community Living  
Homework

### Saturday January 14, 2023

- Employment

### Saturday February 11, 2023

- Public Policy

### Saturday March 11, 2023

- Graduation

## Time Commitment

Participants are required to attend all six Saturday sessions (October through March with no session in December). Sessions run 10 am- 3pm

## Location

1921 Gypsy Lane Building B Bowling Green, OH 43402 or Virtually

## Cost

There is no fee to attend. Program costs are covered in part by a federal appropriation from the Office on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council). These funds are used to carry out the Partners program for those chosen for the class.

Also covered are meals, speaker handouts, resource materials, and publications, and interpreter or language translation services.

## Respite/Child Care & PCAs

Reimbursement up to a maximum dollar amount per weekend session is available for participants needing these services when another funding source does not pick up these expenses. *(NOTE: The Partners program does not provide onsite child care services. Family members are not permitted to stay at the hotel during the weekend training sessions unless a family member is serving as a personal assistant to a class member.)*

Independence  
Productivity  
Self-Determination  
Integration  
Inclusion

Application  
deadline:  
**September 1,  
2022.**

## Homework

After each session, a homework assignment that builds on and supports the topics addressed must be completed by each class member and turned in at the following session.

## Presenters

Speakers are national and state subject matter experts or practitioners.

## Selection Process

A Review Committee, which includes Partners graduates and representatives from the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, selects participants based on several criteria. Class size is limited to 30 participants. Decisions will be made by September 15, 2022

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Learn More

[www.PartnersInPolicymaking.com](http://www.PartnersInPolicymaking.com)

Applications/Questions

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