



Council on Developmental Disabilities



Office of Protection and Advocacy
For Persons with Disabilities



A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence
in Developmental Disabilities

Connecticut Partners in Policymaking 2016



A Self-Advocacy Leadership Training Program

*“Building partnerships to make a difference
in the lives of people with disabilities”*

Training Schedule and Application

APPLY TODAY!

Space is limited.

Deadline for Applications is Wednesday January 6, 2016

A Project of:

The Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities

In Partnership With:

The Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities

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What is Partners in Policymaking?

The goal of Partners in Policymaking is to foster a collaboration among people with disabilities, parents who have children with disabilities, and policy makers at national, state and local levels. Partners in Policymaking training teaches people to be leaders in shaping policy for people with disabilities and their families. Graduates of past Partners in Policymaking training in Connecticut have become involved in key policy and advocacy roles in the state. The graduates of CT Partners in Policymaking often become members of boards, councils, task forces and advisory committees. They are recognized as skilled and capable leaders in disability issues in their communities and in the state.

Who Should Apply?

- ◆ Parents and family members of children with disabilities
- ◆ Individuals with disabilities

Participants should be able to actively participate in training and discussion and complete an independent advocacy project. Thirty participants will be chosen. One half of the participants will be parents or family members of children with disabilities and one half will be individuals with disabilities.

About the Training

The Connecticut Partners in Policymaking training consists of seven weekend training sessions with nationally recognized speakers and state experts in disability issues. All training is provided at no cost to participants, including the cost of the hotel and all meals.

Where: Sheraton Hartford South Hotel
100 Capital Boulevard
Rocky Hill, CT.

Time: Trainings from noon to 9PM on Friday and 8:30 to 4PM on Saturday each month.

Dates: The 2016 sessions will be:

Session 1. February 12-13 (This session is on Lincoln's birthday holiday)

Session 2. March 11-12

Session 3. April 15-16

Session 4. May 6-7

Session 5. June 17-18

No Training in July

Session 6. August 12-13

Session 7. September 23-24

PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND ALL SEVEN SESSIONS!!

Training is offered at no cost to participants!

- ◆ The project will provide lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.
- ◆ All hotel costs including overnight accommodations and meals will be paid by Connecticut Partners in Policymaking.
- ◆ The project will pay for transportation and personal assistance services. The project will also pay for child care costs to a limited number of participants.

Training Requirements

- ◆ Arrive on time
- ◆ Attend all sessions
- ◆ Complete all homework assignments for each session
- ◆ Complete an advocacy project prior to graduation

Topics

- ◆ History of the Disability Movement
- ◆ Self-Advocacy
- ◆ Independent Living
- ◆ Inclusive Education
- ◆ Employment and Housing
- ◆ Building Inclusive Communities
- ◆ Natural Supports
- ◆ Assistive Technology
- ◆ Effective Advocacy Skills
- ◆ Legislative Process
- ◆ Skills for Public Testimony



How Do I Apply?

Complete BOTH SIDES of the attached application form.

Sign and return the application to:
Molly Cole, Director
CT Council on Developmental Disabilities
460 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
860-418-6157 860-418-6184 FAX
molly.cole@ct.gov

If you need assistance completing the application contact:
Donna Devin 860-418-8737



4. What makes you an excellent candidate for this program? _____

5. What skills, knowledge and abilities do you hope to gain if you are accepted into the Partners in Policymaking training?

6. What types of experiences have you had in advocating for people with disabilities? Include advocacy, civic organizations or support groups you belong to? (*Membership in other organizations is not a requirement for your participation in this project.*)

7. List one reference who is not a family member and who is familiar with your interest in disability issues:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I have reviewed the description of Partners in Policymaking 2016 training. I agree to:

- Attend all the sessions as listed on the Partners in Policymaking 2016 brochure
- Complete all homework assignments prior to each session
- Complete an advocacy project approved by my faculty advisor prior to graduation
- I understand that failure to meet these requirements may result in dismissal from the training at any time.

Signature

Date

Return this form NO LATER THAN Wednesday January 6, 2016
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