



# Connecticut Partners in Policymaking for Service Providers 2019

*A Leadership Training Program for Professionals Serving  
People with Disabilities and Their Families*

*“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 Friday December 14, 2018*

**A Project of:**

The Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities  
The UConn Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Disability Rights Connecticut, Inc.

# What is Partners in Policymaking for Service Providers?

Partners in Policymaking is a leadership program that is designed to build collaboration among people with disabilities, parents who have children with disabilities, service providers and policy makers at national, state and local levels. In Connecticut, seventeen (17) classes of Partners have completed the training since 1989. They are recognized as skilled and capable leaders in disability issues in their communities and in the state. Until last year, the Partners graduates have been people with disabilities and their family members. We are now offering the same intense training to providers who work in the field of disabilities and seek to be leaders of system change and advocacy in the disability arena.

## Who Should Apply?

This training is for individuals who work in the field of disability including service providers and administrators. Participants must actively participate in training and discussion and complete a group advocacy project. Fifteen participants will be chosen. All applicants must have a signature and recommendation from their agency director included with their application. Participants will be expected to attend all sessions. A portion of the training weekends will be with service providers only, and apportion will be with all other Partners participants.

## About the Training

The Connecticut Partners in Policymaking training consists of seven 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 all meals.

### When &:

#### Where

**Fridays 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

**Saturdays 8:30 AM – 4:00PM**

Hilton Garden Inn  
85 Glastonbury Boulevard  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

### Dates:

Session1: February 8-9

Session 2: March 8-9

Session 3: April 19-20

Session 4: May 17-18

Session 5: June 14-15

**No Training in July**

Session 6: August 16-17

Session 7: September 13-14

***PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS OF ALL SEVEN SESSIONS!!***

## Partners training is offered at no cost to participants!

The project will provide breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday. Partners in Policymaking for Service Providers **does not provide an overnight accommodation at the hotel.** Those wishing to stay overnight may book a room at the Hilton Garden Inn in Glastonbury at the reduced Partners rate.

## Training Requirements

- Arrive on time
- Attend all sessions
- Complete all homework assignments for each session
- Complete a group project prior to graduation

## Topics

- History of the Disability Rights Movement
- Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination
- Independent Living
- Inclusive Education
- Employment and Housing
- Building Inclusive Communities
- Assistive Technology
- Effective Advocacy Skills for System Change
- Legislative Process

## How Do I Apply?

***Complete all three pages of the attached application form, sign and return to:***

**Molly Cole**

University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities  
270 Farmington Avenue, Suite 181, MC 6222  
Farmington, CT 06030

*If you have questions, please contact Molly Cole at:*  
[mocole@uchc.edu](mailto:mocole@uchc.edu) or 860-679-1568



**Partners in Policymaking 2019 For Service Providers Application Return by  
Friday December 14, 2018**

*Please complete both sides of this form*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title/Role in the Agency** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Work Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Please tell us a little about yourself and what you hope to achieve by completing Partners training:**

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- 2. Please describe what impact you want to make in your professional capacity and how you will use the skills from Partners in Policymaking in your agency.**

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

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**4. Is there one specific issue, area of concern, or problem that made you want to apply to this program?**

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**5. What makes you an excellent candidate for this program? Include skills, professional training and knowledge you would contribute to the class.**

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**Permission from Director for Release from work to attend Partners training:**

As the Director of \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby give \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend all seven work sessions as part of his or her work time. I understand that the sessions run from Thursday at 9AM through Friday at 2:30 PM and that this employee (please initial):

\_\_\_\_\_ Must attend all parts of all seven sessions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Will be required to share this information with agency staff.

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(Signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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To Be Reviewed and Signed by the Applicant:

I have reviewed the description of Partners in Policymaking 2019 training. I agree to:

- Attend all the sessions as listed on the Partners in Policymaking 2019 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.

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Signature

Date