

Building The Next Generation of Leaders

Partners in Policymaking® is a national leadership training program for **people with developmental disabilities** and **parents of young children with developmental disabilities**. It provides the most current information about disability issues and develops the competencies necessary for effective advocacy to influence public policy at all levels of government.

Productive Partnerships

The goal of Partners in Policymaking® is to achieve productive partnerships between people needing and using services and those who make public policy and laws. It is designed to provide participants with knowledge and skills that enable them to effectively advocate for improving the system of services for people with developmental disabilities in Louisiana.

Partners in Training

Participants attend weekend training sessions each month from January through June. Weekend sessions start Friday at 12:00 p.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

Participants are expected to complete assignments between sessions and commit to one major assignment.

Lodging and meals during the session are provided. Reimbursement for respite care and attendant service is available for qualifying participants.

Graduates Are...

- DD Council members
- School Board members
- Living and working in their communities
- Bold advocates in their communities
- Parish Special Education Advisory Council members

Graduates Say...

"It has far exceeded anything I ever expected!"

"The sessions were great! They helped me to become an advocate for others and had a profound effect on me as a person."

"It always gives me a fresh feeling of energy and power when I am included in a group of people such as Partners. I am filled with new hope...the beginning of a bright future for my son and all people with disabilities."

"Very informative and helpful!"

"Valuable, practical information presented."

An Invitation to Apply

The Louisiana DD Council is seeking motivated individuals to become candidates for Partners in Policymaking® in January 2011.

Apply online!!
www.laddc.org

Applications must be submitted
by **September 30th**. For more
information contact the Council
at:

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