



Council on Developmental Disabilities



Disability Rights Connecticut, Inc.



UConn Center for Excellence
in Developmental Disabilities

Connecticut Partners in Policymaking 2018



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!

**Application Deadline
Extended to
November 30!**

Deadline for Applications is ~~Wednesday November 15th, 2017~~

A Project of:

The Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities

In Partnership With:

Disability Rights Connecticut

The University of CT Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

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 individuals 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 individuals 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 8:30AM to 4PM on Saturday each month.

Dates: The 2018 sessions will be:

Session 1: February 2-3

Session 2: March 9-10

Session 3: April 13-14

Session 4: May 18-19

Session 5: June 29-30

No Training in July

Session 6: August 17-18

Session 7: September 21-22

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:

Linda Mizzi

Disability Rights Connecticut

864 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114

860-990-1301 linda.mizzi@disrightsct.org

If you need assistance completing the application contact:

Linda Mizzi at 860-990-1301



**Partners in Policymaking 2018 Application
Return by Thursday November 30th, 2017**

Please complete both sides of this form and return to:

Linda Mizzi, Disability Rights Connecticut, 864 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114 linda.mizzi@disrightsct.org

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Cell Phone** _____

E-Mail _____

_____ **Male**

_____ **I am a person with a disability.**

_____ **Female**

_____ **I am a parent of a child with a disability**

_____ **I am a family member of an individual with a disability**

1. Please tell us a little about yourself and your family and describe how disability impacts your life.

2. Please describe what impact you want to make in the community and how you see yourself taking what you learn from Partners in Policymaking back to your community.

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

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 2018 training. I agree to:

- Attend all the sessions as listed on the Partners in Policymaking 2018 brochure
- Complete all homework assignments prior to each session
- Complete an advocacy project approved by my faculty advisor prior to graduation
- Discuss my qualifications with the Partners selection committee should it be necessary
- 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 Thursday November 30, 2017
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