



Connecticut Partners in Policymaking 2018 for Parents of Young Children with Disabilities (Birth to 5)



A Parent Advocacy 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 Friday March 9, 2018

A Project of:

The UConn Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

The Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities

Disability Rights Connecticut, Inc.

What is Partners?

Partners in Policymaking is a training 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 sixteen classes of Partners have completed the training since 1989. For the first time, we are offering a shorter, modified training designed for parents of young children with disabilities ages birth to five. The training will offer parents an information and skills to better understand and access opportunities for their children.

Who Should Apply?

This training is for parents and caretakers of children with disabilities ages 0-5. Participants must actively participate in training and discussion, and complete homework assignments. Twenty-five (25) participants will be chosen. Participants will be expected to attend all four sessions.

About the Training

The Connecticut Partners for Parents/Caretakers of Young Children with Disabilities training consists of four Saturday 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 lunch.

Where: UConn UCEDD, 270 Farmington Avenue, The Exchange Suite 181, Farmington, CT 06032

Time: Saturdays; 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dates: The 2018 sessions will be:

Session 1: April 21, 2018

Session 2: April 28, 2018

Session 3: May 5, 2018

Session 4: May 12, 2018

PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND ALL FOUR SESSIONS!!!

Training is offered at no cost to participants!

- ❖ The project will provide coffee and lunch each Saturday.

Training Requirements

- ❖ Arrive on time
- ❖ Attend all sessions
- ❖ Complete all homework assignments for each session
- ❖ Actively participate in training and discussion

Topics

- ❖ Session One: History of the Disability Movement
- ❖ Session One: Current Challenges and Effective Advocacy Strategies
- ❖ Session Two: Setting A Vision for Your Child's Future
- ❖ Session Two: Transitions and Life Course Planning
- ❖ Session Three: IDEA /Special Education
- ❖ Session Three: Inclusion
- ❖ Session Four: Assistive Technology
- ❖ Session Four: Navigating the System
- ❖ Session Four: Effective Communication

How Do I Apply?

Complete BOTH SIDES of the attached application form.

Sign and return the application to:

Molly Cole

The University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

270 Farmington Avenue, Suite 181, MC 6222

Farmington, CT 06030

mocole@uchc.edu

860-679-1568

**Partners for Parents/Caretakers of Young Children with Disabilities
2018 Application**

Return by Friday March 9, 2018

*Please complete both sides of this form and return to:
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mcole@uchc.edu 860-679-1568*

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

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

_____ Female _____ I am a caretaker of a child with a disability (*Please describe your role*):

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

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

I have reviewed the description of Partners for Parents/Caretakers of Young Children with Disabilities 2018 training. I agree to:

- Attend all the sessions as listed on the Partners for Parents/Caretakers 2018 brochure
- Complete all homework assignments prior to each session
- 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 Friday March 9, 2018**

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