

Partners in Policymaking

Partners in Policymaking participants are people who live in Virginia, have a developmental disability or are parents of young children with developmental disabilities. Individuals attending the program will participate in advocacy skill workshops, resource development, and leadership training.

Application and selection as a participant for the program requires a substantial commitment of time, motivation and energy. If accepted, the Partners in Policymaking program requires attendance and participation in eight two day sessions between September and May. Each session begins on Friday afternoon and concludes Saturday afternoon. Participants meet competencies by agreeing to complete homework, class assignments and one major project.

The group of selected participants will build networks with state and national leaders as well as one another. Participants will be educated on current issues, state-of-the-art approaches and best practices in many areas.

Several chapter members are graduates of Partners or currently participating in the program, including Tammy Burns, Jennifer Vest, Bradford Hulcher, Joe Maciejczyk, Betty Thompson, Sandra Harris, Sara Evans, Tina Wright, Linda Moore, and others. Please ask them about their experience with Partners. Any of them would be happy to share their experience with you if you have questions. *The deadline for application for next year's class is April 28.*

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