

Advocacy and Leadership Skills Course

Partners in Policymaking[®] program; comprehensive, confidence-building training in disability law and policies; no cost for the program; applications for next course due July 9

Partners in Policymaking will be offered again in September for eight training sessions specifically for parents raising children with disabilities and adults with disabilities who are Minnesota residents. There is no cost for this course. Online applications for the next class are due July 9.

The May graduates of the course report: Parents said they were a stronger advocate for their child. One mother said, "I never imagined that I would get better services for my children." Parents were speaking up for increased integration into the regular classroom and suggesting adjustment that would facilitate learning. With presentations on post high school options, parents became hopeful that their son or daughter could have a college experience aided by various supports.

With schooling, housing and employment presentations from experts, parents were able to see that their son or daughter living at home for their whole life was not the only option.

There is no cost for this nationally recognized leadership training. Starting in September and ending in May, eight sessions are presented over a period of nine months.

Applications <https://mn.gov/mnddc/partnersinpolicymaking/class39/index.html> are due by July 9, 2021.

Those selected to participate in the program must attend all sessions and complete homework assignments. For further information, or to get an application form, apply online at PartnersinPolicymaking.com or contact Brenton Rice at brenton@togevents.com, or 651-242-6589.

Twenty-three graduates of Partners in Policymaking from all parts of Minnesota are raising children with disabilities or living with a disability. They gained advocacy skills to provide opportunities for education, employment, housing and community integration for their children or themselves. Go to [Partners in PolicymakingMN.org](http://PartnersinPolicymakingMN.org) for more details. Applications are due July 9.