

Training Requirements

- ◆ Attend all sessions
- ◆ Complete all homework assignments for each session
- ◆ Complete an advocacy project prior to graduation

Topics Will Include

- ◆ 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 the enclosed application form or contact:

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Office of Protection and Advocacy
For Persons with Disabilities



A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence
in Developmental Disabilities

Connecticut Partners in Policymaking 2015

A Self-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 December 19, 2014*

A Project of:

The Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities

In Partnership With:

The Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
The A.J. Pappanikou 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 community leaders.

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 children 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 children with disabilities and one half will be individuals with disabilities.

Participants will be required to sign a contract agreeing to attend all seven sessions and complete their selected project. Participation in all sessions is required in order to graduate from the program.

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: The Sheraton Hartford South Hotel
100 Capital Boulevard in Rocky Hill, CT.

Time: Training begins at Noon on Friday and ends at 4 PM on Saturday each month

Dates: The 2015 sessions will be held on:

January 30-31	May 8-9	August 7-8
March 20-21	June 5-6	September 18-19
April 10-11	July-No class	

PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS!!

This 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.