

# SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SIL) invites you to apply to the Fall/Winter 2021 Session of “SIL’S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY”

AN EIGHT-WEEK COURSE DESIGNED TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES DEVELOP SKILLS NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE ON NONPROFIT BOARDS, COMMUNITY COALITIONS, TASK FORCES, AND SYSTEM CHANGE COMMITTEES IN A MEANINGFUL WAY

**WHEN:** October 19, 2021 – December 14, 2021; Tuesday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
(October 19; 26; November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14)

**TOPICS:** During the training sessions, participants will develop a basic working knowledge and understanding about topics related to serving on a board, coalition, task force or committee. Training topics include the following:

1. Community Leadership
2. Disability History & Disability Advocacy
3. Functions of a Nonprofit Board
4. Government Committees, Nonprofit Committees, Commissions, Task Forces & Councils
5. Communications, Confidentiality & Board Ethics
6. Networking and Developing Community Contacts

*Upon completion of the Leadership Academy, SIL will work with participants to identify areas of interest and potential leadership opportunities in the community.*

**WHERE:** To be held virtually.

**WHO SHOULD APPLY:** Any person with a disability who wants to learn how to make a difference and how to gain confidence and leadership experience in community decision-making on issues important to him or her. Priority given to Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake County residents.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Please contact Laura Gold for an application by emailing [lgold@sil-oh.org](mailto:lgold@sil-oh.org) or calling 216-815-0015 (please leave a detailed message). The deadline for applications is October 8, 2021. **Because space is limited, we encourage you to apply early.** If you need help filling out the application, please let Laura know.

*If accommodations are needed to attend or participate in the virtual meetings, please contact Laura Gold with all requests at least two weeks in advance if possible.*



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