

# LaDDC News

## Partners in Policymaking - 2017 Graduates

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Congratulations to the 2017 Partners in Policymaking class. On June 10th in Baton Rouge, twenty-three individuals completed the coursework and requirements to become the 26th graduating class of Louisiana Partners in Policymaking. This national leadership training program for people with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities educates participants on current disability issues, best practices, policymaking and the legislative process. Participants develop the competencies necessary for effective advocacy to influence public policy at all levels of government. The Council will begin accepting applications for the 2018 Partners class soon. Watch for future announcements.



Pictured from left to right - Front row: Randall Brown, Jr. (Haughton); Lacie Whiddon-Dorris (Independence); Lawren Sherman (New Orleans); Maria Caserta (Covington); Ja'Les Henry (Lafayette); Denise Auzenne (Carencro); Jamie Dupelchine (Lafayette). Second row: Melanie Kennedy (Metairie); Mylischia Lewis (New Orleans); Michelle Roberie, (Kenner); China Guillory (Lake Charles); Ashley Nielsen (Covington); Katie Corkern (Amite); April Young (Vacherie). Third row: Liz Gary, Partners in Policymaking Coordinator and 2008 Graduate (Mandeville); April Ducuing (Abita Springs); Elaine Harmon (Iowa); Rachel Pirela (Ponchatoula); Mike Billings (Baton Rouge); Mike Holmquist (Covington); Jeffery Jackson (Amite). Back Row: Stuart Simon (New Orleans); Annie Cummer (Ponchatoula); Rodney Anthony, Program Monitor, LA DD Council (Baton Rouge); Melvin Porter (Shreveport).

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