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Partners in Policymaking - Announcing 2019 Graduates and Recruitment for 2020 Class

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On June 15, 2019 in Baton Rouge, twenty-two individuals completed the coursework and requirements to become Louisiana's 28th graduating class of Partners in Policymaking. The Council would like to extend congratulations to each of the graduates!

Partners in Policymaking is a national leadership training program for people with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities. It provides the most current knowledge about disability issues, including best practices, policymaking and the legislative process. Participants develop the competencies necessary for effective advocacy to influence public policy at all levels of government.



Partners in Policymaking Class of 2019, from bottom left, (Front Row) Lauren Williams (Greenwell Springs), Chaney Guidry (Breaux Bridge), Kathryn Hart (Baton Rouge), Liz Gary, Partners in Policymaking Coordinator and 2008 Graduate (Mandeville), (Second Row) Stacey Dinnell (Baton Rouge), April Montgomery (Vacherie), Natalie LaRose (Prairieville), (Third Row) Deborah Fontenot (Port Barre), Jill Demeritt (Lake Charles), Kelly Usery (Metairie), Erin Federer (Slidell), Wilbert Johnson (Kenner), (Fourth Row) Travaughn Johnson (Bossier City), Crystal White (Prairieville), Jennifer Coats (Covington), Kellie D'Aunoy-Jones (Slidell), Amy Tresch (Covington), RaShad Bristo (Mansfield), (Fifth Row) B.J. Smith (Sunset), Sherri "Tuti" Nastasia (Bogalusa), Abbey Benjamin (Mangham), Kodi Wilson (Baton

The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is now recruiting motivated individuals with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities to apply for the 2020 Partners in Policymaking leadership training program.

Do you have a young child with a developmental disability or do you have a developmental disability?

Are you interested in learning about the latest disability issues and how to shape policies that impact people with disabilities?

Will you commit to attending six weekend-

long training sessions, one each month from January to June 2020 to learn from national experts?

If you answered yes to these questions, please click [HERE](#) to apply for the 2020 Partners in Policymaking class in Louisiana! **There is no cost to participate, but space is limited.**

The 2020 Partners sessions begin on each Friday at noon and end on the following Saturday at 3:00 PM, with the exception of a single half-day orientation the Thursday before the first session. The 2020 dates are as follows:

Session 1: January 9 - 11

Session 2: February 7 - 8

Session 3: March 6 - 7

Session 4: April 3 - 4

Session 5: May 8 - 9

Session 6: June 5 - 6

Additional information on Partners in Policymaking can be found [HERE](#). For more information or assistance with applying, please contact Marilee Andrews via email at Marilee.Andrews@la.gov or call the DD Council at 800-450-8108 or 225-342-6804.

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