

Partners in Policymaking – Announcing 2023 Graduates and Recruitment for 2024 Class

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On June 3, 2023 in Baton Rouge, twelve (12) individuals completed the coursework and requirements to become Louisiana's 31st 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 2023, from bottom left, (Front Row) Pasqueal Nguyen (Youngsville), Tomorrow Fondal (LaPlace), Maria Revere (Lafayette), Samantha Singletary (Sunset), (Second Row) Liz Gary, 2008 Graduate (Mandeville), Jakeel Abdullah (New Orleans), Rebecca Fruge, Partners in Policymaking Coordinator and 2019 Graduate (Ville Platte), Cody Rabalais (Opelousas), Kevin George (Baton Rouge), Alicia Mayeaux (West Monroe), Trina Freeman (Harvey), Brooke Osborn (New Orleans), La'Sandra Jones (Monroe), Tranettea Williams (Baton Rouge).

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 2024 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 2024 to learn from national experts?

If you answered yes to these questions, please click [HERE](#) to apply for the 2024 Partners in Policymaking class in Louisiana! There is **no cost to participate**, but space is limited.

The 2024 Partners sessions begin on each Friday at 11:30 AM 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 2024 dates are as follows:

- Session 1: January 4 - 6
- Session 2: February 9 - 10
- Session 3: March 22 - 23
- Session 4: April 19 - 20
- Session 5: May 10 - 11
- Session 6: May 31 - June 1

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

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