

Partners in Policymaking – Announcing 2024 Graduates and Recruitment for 2025 Class

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On June 1, 2024 in Baton Rouge, eighteen (18) individuals completed the coursework and requirements to become Louisiana's 33rd 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 2024, from bottom left, (Front Row) Rebecca Fruge (Partners in Policymaking Coordinator and 2019 Graduate), Dakota Miller, Kristie Curtis, Alaina Chachere, Chirita Brown, Andrew Chrestman, Hunter Reno, Cherelle Williams, Liz Gary (2008 Graduate), (Second Row) Jericha Sweetser, Grace Thompson, Jude Boynton, Angela Myles, Teassa Jackson, Cheryl Tessier, (Third Row) Graham Waller, Angel Magee, Robby Smith, Ashleigh Chassion. Kristine Monier (not pictured)

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 2025 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 2025 Partners in Policymaking class in Louisiana! There is **no cost to participate**, but space is limited.

The 2025 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 2025 dates are as follows:

Session 1: January 9 - 11

Session 2: February 21 - 22

Session 3: March 14 - 15

Session 4: April 11 - 12

Session 5: May 9 - 10

Session 6: June 6 - 7

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

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