

The **Partners in Policymaking Leadership Institute** is a free training initiative of the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities. The Institute is designed to provide adults with disabilities and family members of individuals with disabilities with the latest information on disability policy issues, and to help them become advocates for themselves, and for others in their communities. This program has been educating Tennesseans since 1993.

The ultimate goal is to create a productive partnership between people with disabilities and the people who make the policies that affect their lives, and the lives of their loved ones.

Curriculum includes:

Building inclusive communities
Best practices in inclusive education
Self-determination
Assistive technology
Customized employment for persons with disabilities
Supported living
History of the disability experience
The state and federal legislative processes
Working with the media

Each year, a class of 25-30 participants is selected from across the state. Participants are expected to commit to attending all seven Friday-Saturday sessions, September through November, and January through April, and completing homework assignments related to topics covered at each session.

During the final selection process, a team of individuals comprised of the director of Partners, the Executive Director of the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities, and representatives from the Executive Committee of the Council review submitted applications. The goal is to create a class with diversity in the following areas: self-advocate/family member, geographic location (especially representation from East, Middle and West Tennessee), ethnicity, age, gender, and type of disability.

The application for the 2009-10 Partners class is attached, along with the dates of the sessions. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2009.

Questions? Contact:

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Partners 09-10 Session Dates

September 11 & 12, '09

October 9 & 10, '09

November 13 & 14, '09

January 8 & 9, '10

February Reunion, 19 & 20, '10

March 26 & 27, '10

April 23 & 24, '10



TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Application for Participation

The following questions are designed to ensure diversity in the selection of participants for the Partners in Policymaking™ Leadership Institute. Please print or type all answers as legibly as possible. You may use additional sheets of paper if needed. If you have any questions or need assistance filling out the application, please contact: Ned Solomon at voice: 615-532-6556; fax: 615-532-6964; TTY: 615-741-4562 or e-mail: ned.solomon@state.tn.us

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip: (9 digits) _____ - _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____

Evening Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I am: Male Female Race: _____ Age: _____

Are you a person with a disability? No Yes

If yes, your disability is: _____

Are you a family member of a person with a disability? No Yes

If yes, what is your relationship to this individual? _____

The individual's age is _____

The individual's disability is _____

Please list any memberships and disability related activities: _____

Education (Please circle the highest level completed):		Employment (Please circle):
Attended High School	Graduated from High School	Unemployed
Attended Grad. School	Graduated from Grad. School	Employed
Attended College	Graduated from College	If employed, where? _____
Other: _____		_____

State Senate Representative's Name

District Number

State Assembly Representative's Name

District Number

Will you make a commitment to attend **all** (seven) sessions?

Yes No

Are you willing to do outside homework assignments?

Yes No

Please tell us where you heard about Partners in Policymaking. If you were referred, by whom? _____

Why do you want to participate in the Partners in Policymaking Leadership Institute?

Please return completed applications to:

Ned Andrew Solomon, Director, PIP
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**Applications must be postmarked
no later than April 30, 2009**