

What is Partners?

Partners in Policymaking® is an innovative leadership program created specifically to teach people with disabilities and the parents of young children with disabilities to:

- Become agents of long-term change.
- Be active partners with the policymakers whose decisions will shape their future.
- Dream about a future with possibilities.

Focus Areas

- Independent Living Skills
- Time Management
- Education
- Making Your Case
- Employment



Cost

- There is no financial cost for any of the PIP sessions
- Participants are reimbursed for their travel to Columbia
- Lodging and meals are provided, Friday participants receive dinner and Saturday they receive breakfast and lunch
- Attendant care and respite services are reimbursed when necessary
- Other needed accommodations are provided at no cost to the participant
- Program materials and outings are provided at no cost



Expectations

Participants in the Partners in Policymaking® Program are expected to attend six two-day sessions between October and April. All sessions begin at 12:00p.m. on Friday and conclude by 4:30p.m. on Saturday. By building relationships with elected officials and other policymakers, the people who make the policies which directly impact people with disabilities and their families, participants would have a better chance of influencing changes to existing policies or new policies.



Priorities Area

Session 1

Introduction to PIP
Disability History

Session 2

Inclusive Education
Transition
Supported/Competitive
Employment

Session 3

Local Government
Community Organizing

Service Coordination/Case
Management
Vision

Session 4

Assistive Technology
Supported Living/Independent
Living

Session 5

State Legislation
Federal Legislation
State House Visit

Session 6

Parliamentary Procedure and
Serving on Boards
Graduation

PURPOSE

The South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council was established in 1971 by Executive Order of the Governor and was reauthorized in 2010. Not less than 60% of the total Council membership is consumers and family members. Additional membership comes from service oriented, state agencies, DD Act partners and non-governmental organizations.



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SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING®



Partners in Policymaking® (PIP) is a leadership training program which teaches self-advocates and parents how to be community leaders and how to obtain the best available services for themselves and others. PIP was developed in 1987 by the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities and has been replicated in 40 states. Participants travel to Columbia once a month for six months. Participants receive information, training and resources about local, state and national issues that affect people with disabilities.