



*The diagnosis doesn't matter.  
The age of your child doesn't matter.  
How much education you have  
doesn't matter.*

*What matters is that you are ready  
and willing to change the world.*

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*Trust yourself as a parent –  
You owe that to yourself.*

*Advocate for your children –  
you owe that to them.*

*– Pattye*

Partners learn how to work individually and together, along with public officials and professionals, to promote positive change in public and private systems that support people with developmental disabilities and their families.

## Partners in Policymaking is Designed For

- Adults with disabilities
- Parents of children with disabilities who are too young to advocate for themselves
- Advocates for persons with disabilities

## Partners Goal: Systems Change

- Partners training and support will
  - Educate participants to be active partners with those who make policy.
  - Foster development of positive relationships with policymakers.
  - Help you prevent the loss of basic rights for people with disabilities.
- You will advocate for support and services to increase independence, productivity and inclusion into the community for people with disabilities.

## Partners Provides

- Training in best practice state-of-the-art information from national experts in the field of developmental disabilities;
- Books, suggestions and resources related to issues important to people with developmental disabilities; and
- Role playing and direct experiences in influencing public policy at local, state and federal levels.

