

Partners in Policymaking Graduates Learn ...

About people with developmental disabilities and how services and perceptions have changed over time.

How to tell others about people with developmental disabilities.

Positive ways to talk about the significant contributions of the parent, self-advocate and independent living movements.

Why using People First Language is so critically important.

The importance of a quality inclusive education and things they can do to make it happen.

How to be assertive in team meetings.

The concepts of person-centered planning and what supports are necessary for people with disabilities to be fully included in the community.

The different kinds of supports necessary to create a positive home environment.

That a flexible, responsive system of supports for families of children with disabilities is the foundation for a true community support system for all people with disabilities.

About and understand the need for all individuals to experience changes in lifestyle across their life spans.

That home ownership or control is one of the defining characteristics of adult life in our culture.

The principles and strategies used to support people with developmental disabilities, in their own homes, for their entire lives.

The concepts of supported and competitive employment, including the use of natural supports.

About the service coordination system and the state service system. Graduates know how to tell others about what services may be available.

The importance of positive approaches to behavior change.

How a bill becomes a law at the state and federal levels.

To prepare and deliver testimony for legislative hearings.

To identify critical federal issues and the process by which people can personally address their concerns.

How to meet a public official and express views and concerns.

To knowledgeably discuss a vision of the future for people with developmental disabilities.

About assistive technology for people with disabilities.

Successful techniques to advocate for services to meet the needs of unserved and underserved individuals.

How to begin and sustain grass roots level organizations.

How to use the media to promote issues effectively.