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2019 Partners in Policymaking Frequently Asked Questions

What is the goal for participation in the Partners in Policymaking program?

The goal of Partners in Policymaking is to educate class members so that they can be a part of disability advocacy on all levels. This means anything from being on a school board to participating in a State or National legislative process.

Is there a specific philosophical point of view that speakers and presentations will share?

The basic philosophy is self-determination. Best practices, current philosophy and policy will depend on the speaker's perspective and the movement or policy being presented.

Who is eligible to apply for the program?

Eligible applicants include Self-Advocates with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities(I/DD) and family members of persons with I/DD, including siblings of persons with I/DD.

How important is it to be able to attend every session of the Partners program?

Attending every session of the program is incredibly important. We are looking for class members with this dedication.

How much does it cost to be a part of the Partners in Policymaking program?

The Partners program is free for participants. The Arc Maryland and the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council have, however, estimated that each spot in the program is valued at \$5,000. Being a part of the Partners in Policymaking program is like a scholarship opportunity. Class members are chosen because of the potential seen in them to be lifelong advocates for people with disabilities

Is overnight accommodation for 2-Day Sessions free?

Overnight accommodation for each of the 2-Day Sessions is covered in full by The Arc Maryland and the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council.