

## Training Topics

- **Disability History, Public Policy and Services**  
*January 10-11, 2014*
- **Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities in the 21st Century and Service Coordination**  
*February 7-8, 2014*
- **Inclusive Education**  
*March 7-8, 2014*
- **Integrated Employment**  
*April 11-12, 2014*
- **Living a Healthy Life**  
*May 9-10, 2014*
- **Influencing Federal and State Policy**  
*June 13-14, 2014*
- **Connecting Activities: Navigating the Community**  
*July 11-12, 2014*
- **Community Organizing: Becoming a Change Agent**  
*August 8-9, 2014*
- **Bringing it Home & Graduation**  
*September 19-20, 2014*



DC Advocacy Partners is a project of the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL). Founded in 1964, the Institute for Educational Leadership's mission is to build the capacity of individuals, and communities to work together across programmatic boundaries to prepare all children and youth for post-secondary education, careers, and citizenship.

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### DC Developmental Disabilities Council

DC Advocacy Partners is funded by the the Developmental Disabilities Council of the District of Columbia (DDC), which seeks to strengthen the voice of people with developmental disabilities and their families in DC in support of greater independence, inclusion, empowerment and the pursuit of life as they choose. The DDC strives to create change that eliminates discrimination and removes barriers to full inclusion through advocacy.

<http://odr.dc.gov/DC/ODR/DDC>

<http://dcpartners.iel.org>

# DC Advocacy Partners

*Become a Policy Influencer!*



*Help Improve Disability Programs and Services in DC!*

A **FREE** leadership training for self-advocates and family members of individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities!

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## ABOUT DC Advocacy Partners

*DC Advocacy Partners* is a leadership training program designed for self-advocates and family members of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Through this program, you will gain leadership skills and techniques to help develop positive partnerships with elected officials, school personnel, and other community leaders. You will become a policy influencer, and will interact with policy makers and policy implementers regarding services that you and/or your family may use. You will be given opportunities to engage in interactive learning experiences and gain valuable information about current issues, services, and strategies, as well as policymaking and legislative processes at local and national levels. Through this program you will become a member of a DC network of community advocates working together to improve opportunities for Washingtonians with disabilities. Thousands of self-advocates and family members have graduated from similar programs across the country and make a difference every day for themselves, their families, and their communities.

# ))) Make Your Voice Heard!!! (((

### The DC Advocacy Partners Program will:

- Provide meals
- Provide transportation reimbursements
- Provide reasonable accommodations for those who need them
- Cover the cost of materials for participants in the Partners Program
- Provide reimbursement for respite
- Cover the cost for TASH membership

### Applicant will commit to:

- Attending all NINE (9) sessions being held in DC
- Completing all assignments
- Keeping DC AP staff informed as to advocacy activities after graduation
- Utilizing skills attained through the DC AP Program

### In addition:

- Only the individuals selected to participate may attend sessions in DC
- Applicants must be residents of DC

*DC Advocacy Partners* is supported by a grant from the DC Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC). As one of three grant programs funded by the DDC, *DC Advocacy Partners* is uniquely designed to train both young adults with disabilities and family members of children with intellectual/developmental disabilities.



The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) is seeking a diverse group of highly motivated and enthusiastic men and women to participate in the second *DC Advocacy Partners* class. Visit [dcpartners.iel.org](http://dcpartners.iel.org) for the upcoming application deadline.

*Space is limited and slots are filling up fast, so apply now!!!*

### Who can apply:

Participants must be 18 or older and either have an intellectual/developmental disability or be a family member of someone with an intellectual/developmental disability. For more information and to download an application, visit <http://dcpartners.iel.org/become-a-partner> or call 202-822-8405 x132.

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