Welcome! The Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council is accepting applications for the next Partners in Policymaking Class. Please consider filling out the application below for this life changing, leadership opportunity that runs from February to September 2021. The program is open to a limited number of people. The program is free for selected participants with the Council paying for lodging, meals and reimbursing participants for travel. Depending upon individual needs, respite and attendant care may also be reimbursed.

The deadline for submitting an application is Tuesday, December 15, 2020. If you have questions about the program or need assistance filling out the application, please contact Katheryne Staeger-Wilson at 417-895-7446 or email kstaeger-wilson@moddcouncil.org.

Thank you for taking the time to apply and helping us advocate for a better, more inclusive Missouri.

1. First Name

2. Last Name

3. Mailing Address

4. City

5. Zip Code

6. Email Address

7. Phone Number

8. How would you like to participate in the Partners in Policymaking class?
   - In person class
   - Online class
   - Either in person or online
   - A combination of in person and online
9. If we are unable to meet in person, would you like to be considered for a class that is only offered online?
   - Yes
   - No

10. If we are unable to meet online, would you like to be considered for a class that only meets in person?
    - Yes
    - No

11. Please select your age range
    - Under 18
    - 19-21
    - 22+

12. Are you a person with developmental disability?
    - Yes
    - No

13. Do you have a guardian?
    - Yes
    - No

14. If you have a guardian, please share their name, email address, and phone number.

15. Are you a parent of a child with a developmental disability, age 14 years or younger?
    - Yes
    - No

16. Are you a grandparent, sibling, or other family member of someone with a developmental disability, (age 14 or younger) in which you serve as the primary support person for them?
    - Yes
    - No
17. Please tell us about yourself, your family and why you think you would be a good candidate for this program.

18. Why are you interested in participating in Partners in Policymaking? Please give a brief explanation.

19. What types of experience, if any, have you had in advocating for people with developmental disabilities?

20. How did you learn about the Partners in Policymaking class?
21. What services are you or your child currently receiving (i.e. First Steps, School Services, Respite Care, Support Coordination, Employment Services, Housing, Attendant Care, etc.)?

22. If selected to participate in an **in person**, Partners in Policymaking class, I agree to the following in order to successfully complete and graduate from the class:

   1. Travel to Jefferson City/Columbia to attend the regularly scheduled meetings. (Reimbursement for mileage would be available).

   2. Make a commitment to attend all, two day sessions (Friday: Noon - 9:00 pm, Saturday: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm), held monthly. Meeting dates for 2021 (Friday and Saturday) are: February 5-6, March 5-6, April 9-10, May 7-8, June 4-5, July 9-10, August 6-7, September 10-11.

   3. Complete all homework assignments (approximately two hours per month).

   4. Complete one major project (i.e., a letter writing campaign, organizing a town meeting, etc.). Major projects are decided upon by Partners Coordinator and myself, depending upon my interests, skills, and strengths.

   ☐ Yes, I agree to all requirements for an in person class
   ☐ No, I do not agree to the requirements

23. If selected to participate in an **online** Partners in Policymaking class, I agree to the following in order to successfully complete and graduate from the class:

   1. Obtain the equipment and skill set to participate in an online program (i.e. smart phone, tablet, or computer; high speed internet; skills to navigate a website, etc.).

   2. Make a commitment to participate and complete all programming online.

   3. Complete all homework assignments (approximately two hours per month).

   4. Complete one major project (i.e., a letter writing campaign, organizing a town meeting, etc.). Major projects are decided upon by Partners Coordinator and myself, depending upon my interests, skills, and strengths.

   ☐ Yes, I agree to all requirements for the online class
   ☐ No, I do not agree to the requirements
24. Please list two references including name, email address, and phone number.

25. (Optional) What is your race?
- White or Caucasian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian or Asian American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Another race

26. (Optional) What is your gender?

27. (Optional) Do you live in an urban or rural area?
- urban
- rural (rural is defined as a town with a population less than 1,500)