LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Partners in Policymaking®
The Arc Maryland

LOCATION: Statewide | FUNDING: $199,712; $69,582 match

GOALS

Council Goal: People with developmental disabilities and their families are empowered to lead the lives they want and transform communities.

Council Objective: Increase knowledge and skills of people with developmental disabilities and families through education and training.

Goals of the Initiative: To train individuals with developmental disabilities and families of people with developmental disabilities to become effective advocates for long-term change affecting their lives and the lives of others in meaningful ways.

OVERVIEW


STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- Recruit a diverse group of at least 30 participants (5-10 people with developmental disabilities (DD) and 15-20 family members of people with DD) for each training cohort.
- Conduct 9 training sessions per cohort with experts.
- Provide an additional 16 hours of online work and 15 hours of group project work.
- Help graduates implement what they learn.

OUTCOMES

- A network of Partners graduates connected for mutual support.
- An increase in individuals with DD and family members from diverse backgrounds who can assume advocacy and leadership roles at the state and local levels.
- Increase in individuals with DD and family members serving on boards, committees, and commissions.
- Increase in leaders with DD and family members actively advocating for change at the state and local level.