



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Serving on Groups That Make Decisions: A Guide for Families The Parents' Place of Maryland

LOCATION: Statewide

| **FUNDING:** \$10,000; \$3,333 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 increase the number of family members on decision-making groups at the state and local level.

OVERVIEW

Serving on Groups That Make Decisions: A Guide for Families, is a tool to help build leadership skills in families and other individuals who are interested in, or are currently serving on decision-making groups. The curriculum was researched, developed, and written collaboratively by a group including statewide agencies, school representatives, and family members in Wisconsin to increase family participation. The purpose of this initiative is to provide this leadership training to Special Education Citizens Advisory Committees (SECACs) and Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICCs) in Maryland. These advisory councils play a crucial role in advising local school systems and improving outcomes for children with disabilities.

STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- Refine training curriculum to be Maryland specific.
- Recruit 12-15 training participants from the leadership and incoming leadership of the SECACs and LICCs in Maryland.
- Conduct 5 regional trainings.
- Evaluate training effectiveness post-training and via six month follow-up surveys to measure progress toward outcomes.

OUTCOMES

- Increase knowledge needed to effectively serve on a group.
- Increase skills to effectively serve on a group.
- Increase the skills and leadership knowledge of families of children with disabilities.
- Increase confidence of families to meaningfully serve on a group.