



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS:

Online LEAD Program Regional Pilot for Fire/EMS Loyola University of Maryland

LOCATION: Howard and Montgomery Counties

| **FUNDING:** \$26,933; \$14,957 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 understanding of issues of importance to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Goals of Initiative: Develop online training curriculum to increase the knowledge of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel on how to effectively interact with people with developmental disabilities.

OVERVIEW

This project will expand the existing LEAD program model to an online regional pilot. People with developmental disabilities will be trained as Self-Advocate Educators (SAEs) to provide training to Fire and EMS personnel in Howard and Montgomery counties on how to effectively interact with people with developmental disabilities. The online regional pilot will inform future efforts to expand the training to more Fire and EMS personnel statewide.

STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- Expand the LEAD program model into an online training curriculum.
- Recruit and train 6 people with developmental disabilities to serve as Self-Advocate Educators (SAEs).
- Provide at least 5 online LEAD program trainings to Fire and EMS personnel in Montgomery and Howard counties.
- Create 3 hour LEAD program online training content to be integrated into the Fire and EMS Learning Management Systems in both Howard and Montgomery counties.
- Conduct program evaluation to determine training effectiveness and steps needed for statewide replication.

OUTCOMES

- Fire and EMS personnel will increase their knowledge on how to effectively communicate with people with developmental disabilities.
- More people with developmental disabilities will be actively involved in systems change efforts.
- Fire and EMS personnel statewide will have access to the online LEAD program.