



## **What is Partners in Policymaking?**

Partners is a leadership development program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and parents of young children with disabilities. The Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities has sponsored this program since 1997. There are over 200 Partners graduates in Idaho. The training is based on an evidenced-based curriculum first designed by the Minnesota DD Council in 1987.

## **When will the training take place?**

People selected come to Boise one weekend a month over eight months. The next class of Partners will begin September 2021 and through May 2022.

## **Who can apply?**

Any adult with an intellectual or developmental disability and any parent of a child with a disability under the age of 10 years old are encouraged to apply. Applicants must live in Idaho. The Council will select 20 applicants with half of the class being parents and half of the class being individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The deadline to apply is Monday, July 12, 2021. Those selected for the 2021-2022 class will be notified by Friday, July 23, 2021.

## **Where can I learn more about Partners?**

Please visit the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities website at: [icdd.idaho.gov](http://icdd.idaho.gov). You may also call or e-mail Miguel Juarez, Idaho Partners in Policymaking Coordinator at 208-334-2178 or [Miguel.Juarez@icdd.idaho.gov](mailto:Miguel.Juarez@icdd.idaho.gov)



2018 Idaho Partners in Policymaking Graduates

## As a Graduate of Partners in Policymaking you will:

- ✓ Learn to speak up for yourself
- ✓ Learn about the history of people with disabilities
- ✓ Learn about person-centered planning and supported decision making
- ✓ Learn about resources to help you work
- ✓ Learn how to go to college or a trade school
- ✓ Learn to tell your story to make change
- ✓ Learn how a bill becomes a law
- ✓ Learn how you can help change laws in Idaho
- ✓ Meet people who work at local, state, and national agencies will share ideas and ways to help you create the life you want
- ✓ Learn skills to help you have hard conversations
- ✓ Make friends for a lifetime

## 2021-2022 Program Dates

### 2021 Dates

September 10 - 11, 2021

October 15 - 16, 2021

November 12 - 13, 2021

No session in December

### 2022 Dates

January 7 - 8, 2022

February 9 - 10, 2022 (Wednesday & Thursday)

March 11 - 12, 2022

April 8 - 9, 2022

May 20 - 21, 2022

All sessions are held on a Friday and Saturday except for the February session. **\*The February session is held on a Wednesday and Thursday to allow participants to learn about the Idaho Legislature.** All sessions start at 12:00 PM on Friday and end at 4:00 PM on Saturday. No session will take place in December.

