



The application for Nevada Partners in Policymaking™ class of 2010 is available online at www.familytiesnv.org/training/policymaking or by calling Family TIES of Nevada toll free at 866-326-8437.

Application deadline is December 15, 2009.

Dates for the Class of 2010 are:

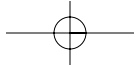
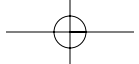
February 26-27	March 26-27
April 23-24	May 21-22
June 25-26	July 23-24
August 27-28	September 24-25

Nevada Partners in Policymaking™ is a project of Family TIES of Nevada.

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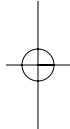
Increasing the hope, confidence and independence of people with disabilities and chronic health conditions of all ages and their circle of support through training, information, emotional support and advocacy.

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An Invitation to Apply

Nevada Partners in Policymaking™ is seeking applications from motivated, interested individuals throughout Nevada who have developmental disabilities or are parents of young children with developmental disabilities, to become candidates for Nevada Partners in Policymaking™ 2010.



Partners in Policymaking™ is about...

- Leadership skills and developing positive partnerships with elected officials, school personnel and other individuals who make policy decisions about services that you and/or your family use.
- Systems change—creating, working towards, and achieving a vision of shared values about people with disabilities.
- Becoming confident in oneself, competent in the knowledge and information received, and comfortable in sharing the life experiences and expertise one brings to the program.



Nevada Partners in Policymaking™

- Participants commit to attend eight weekend sessions.
- All sessions are on Friday and Saturday. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.
- Participants are expected to complete assignments between sessions and commit to one major assignment to be completed after graduation.

Twenty years ago, the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities created a groundbreaking, innovative training program called *Partners in Policymaking™* to teach parents and self-advocates the power of advocacy and to change the way people with disabilities are supported, viewed, taught, live and work. There are now over 125 Nevada Partners in Policymaking™ graduates who are part of a growing national and international network of community leaders serving on policy making committees, commissions, and boards at all levels of government.

Training Topics Include:

- The history of the parent, self-advocacy, and independent living movements
- School and community inclusion
- The importance of whole life planning
- The importance of employment and careers
- Creating home and family supports
- Critical federal/state policies and issues facing people with disabilities
- Skills for providing public testimony and changing public policy
- Laws, rights and resources affecting people with disabilities
- Successful techniques for advocating for services and supports
- Assistive Technology: Understanding difficult behaviors



I thought Partners in Policymaking™ was a great class. I'd never taken anything like it. It helped build my self-confidence and increase my knowledge. It really altered my life.

ELIZABETH DOWNIE,
PARTNER GRADUATE, CLASS OF 2001

Leadership Development Program