



To Apply:

Mail application to: Family TIES of Nevada
 3100 Mill Street, Suite 117
 Reno, NV 89502

Fax application: (775) 323-2205

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 1, 2007

PLEASE NOTE: This application is for southern Nevada applicants only.

Dates for the class of 2008 are:

February 22-23, 2008 March 28 - 29, 2008 April 18-19, 2008 May 16-17, 2008
 June 20-21, 2008 July 18-19, 2008 August 15-16, 2008 September 19-20, 2008

(PRINT)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Cell Phone () _____ Email _____

1. Are you a person with a disability? Yes No **Diagnosis:** _____

If so, tell us how your disability affects what you can do and how you do things: Please tell us what kinds of support services or technology services/devices you use.

2. Are you a parent of a child with a disability? Yes No

Child(ren) Diagnosis: _____ **Age:** _____ Female Male

(If more than one child with a disability please indicate) If so, what services do you, your family or your son/daughter receive from the county in which you live?

3. Is your son/daughter receiving special education services? Yes No

If yes, describe some of those services.

4. What problems or issues are of greatest concern to you?

5. Attendance is required at each weekend session. Will you make a time commitment of two days, one weekend a month (February through September) for eight months? Yes No

5b. If you are employed, have you talked with your employer about session attendance and made necessary arrangements so you can attend all weekend sessions? **Please place the session dates on your calendar at this time.** Yes No

6. If you have a disability, what accommodations do you need? (Such as wheelchair access, interpreter services, larger print, and so on.)

7. If you are a parent, will you be using respite/child care services, so you can participate in the Partners program? Yes No

If you are a person with a disability, will you be using personal care attendant services during the weekend sessions? Yes No

PLEASE NOTE: The Partners program does not provide on-site respite/child care or personal care attendant services, but reimbursement toward these costs will be provided if no other source of funds is available to you.

8 Are you currently involved with an advocacy organization? Yes No

If yes, what organization(s) and what role(s) do you play?

9. Please tell us about yourself/your family.

a. If you are working, tell us about your job and the kind of work you do?

b. If in school, tell us about your field of study or the types of classes you are taking?

c. What type of community/volunteer activities are you involved in?

d. What are some of your personal interests?

e. Please share any life experiences that have been special joys or challenges for you, your child or your family:

10. Tell us why you would like to participate in the Partners in Policymaking program.

11. How did you learn about the Partners in Policymaking Program?

Personal Reference:

Name _____ Phone () _____ Relationship _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 2007. APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY DECEMBER 31, 2007 REGARDING THEIR APPLICATION STATUS.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Nevada Partners in Policymaking program™.

Who is eligible to participate in this program?

This program is designed for persons with disabilities and parents of young children with disabilities.

What is the time commitment required of those who are chosen to participate in this program?

Participants are required to attend eight weekends' sessions (February - September). The sessions are held on Friday and Saturday. Breaks and lunches are included in each weekend session.

Where are the weekend sessions held? All sessions are held in Las Vegas except for the June session on State Legislation (Carson City).

Is there a fee to attend this eight-month training? There is no charge to attend. The cost for those selected to participate is covered in part by monies from the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, Nevada Center for Excellence on Disabilities, Nevada Disability and Advocacy Law Center.

Do I have to pay for my overnight accommodations and travel expenses?

Overnight accommodations are provided for those who drive a distance to attend. You will be paired with another class member in a double occupancy room. Mileage reimbursement is also available.

Is there financial assistance available to help pay for respite/child care or personal care attendants?

The Partners program does not provide on-site services, but a reimbursement allowance is provided for those needing assistance.

How are class participants selected? When will I be notified if chosen to be part of the Class of 2008?

A review committee will select participants based on several criteria. Class size is limited to 30. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by December 31, 2007.

Is there work to be done between monthly sessions? After each session a homework assignment, that builds on and supports the topics addressed, is completed by each class member and turned in at the following session.

Who does the training? Speakers are local and national subject matter experts or practitioners.

What are the topics that will be covered during the eight sessions? A sampling of topics to be addressed through a variety of informative and interactive sessions includes:

- ✓ The history of the parent, self-advocacy, and independent living movements
- ✓ School and community inclusion
- ✓ The importance of whole life planning
- ✓ Critical federal/state policies and issues facing people with disabilities
- ✓ Skills for providing public testimony and changing public policy
- ✓ Assistive Technology
- ✓ Understanding difficult behaviors
- ✓ Working with the Media
- ✓ Parliamentary Procedures