

Applications for Nevada Partners in Policymaking™ class of 2008 (for southern Nevada residents ONLY) are available online at www.familytiesnv.org or by calling Family TIES of Nevada toll free at 866-326-8437.

Application deadline is December 1, 2007.

Dates for the Class of 2008 are:

February 22 – 23 March 28 – 29

April 18 – 19 May 16 – 17

June 20 – 21 (*Carson City*) July 18 – 19

August 15 – 16 September 19 – 20

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

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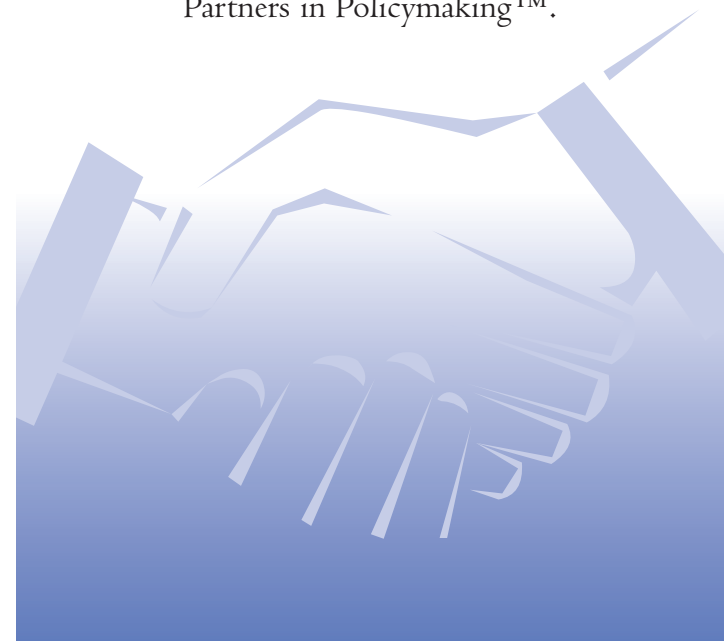
Increasing the hope, confidence and independence of people with disabilities of all ages and their circle of support through training, information, emotional support and advocacy.

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An Invitation to Apply

Nevada Partners in Policymaking seeks applications from motivated, interested individuals in southern Nevada who have disabilities or parents of children with disabilities, to become candidates for Partners in Policymaking™.



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.

»» *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



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.

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities created the Partners in Policymaking™ program in 1987. 46 states, 2 territories, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom have now replicated the training. To date, Nevada's program has graduated over 100 participants. Become part of the growing international network of community leaders!

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

Leadership Development Program