

## What Partners Graduates are saying....

I have grown to another  
level...everybody should come to  
Partners.

The resources and tools presented in  
Partners reach much further than  
policymaking and can be ingrained  
into our daily lives.

Partners taught me to see beyond a  
person's disabilities.

I can't say enough good things about  
Partners.

I feel like my thinking has shifted  
from what others can do to what  
changes I need to make and what we  
all can do together.

I became an advocate.

## Fill out an application TODAY!

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# Partners in Policymaking<sup>®</sup>

What have you  
done to pursue  
your dreams?

Because of Partners  
I have the courage  
to pursue my  
goals!!



Making a Difference  
for North Dakotans  
With Disabilities

## What is Partners in Policymaking?

- ◆ Leadership training program
- ◆ Designed for adults with disabilities and parents of children with developmental disabilities
- ◆ Teaches leadership skills and the process of developing positive partnerships with elected officials
- ◆ **Systems Change**—creating, working toward, and achieving a vision of shared values about people with disabilities

It's the richest training I have EVER been to!



## What is my role as a Partner?

- ◆ Attend eight two-day training sessions
- ◆ Complete assignments between sessions
- ◆ Commit to one major project after graduation
- ◆ Build a network of people from diverse cultural backgrounds and life experiences
- ◆ Learn from national speakers and local experts
- ◆ Practice new skills in a comfortable and safe environment

I learned that my voice can make a difference!

A life-changing experience!!

## What does Partners cost?

- ◆ No financial cost to participate
- ◆ Shared lodging for those traveling from outside of the training area
- ◆ Meals will be provided
- ◆ Approved travel expenses will be reimbursed
- ◆ Support staff and respite care will be reimbursed at a pre-arranged rate, if needed
- ◆ Other necessary accommodations (i.e. interpreter, translator, alternative materials)

Partners WILL cost you time and effort but Partners graduates agree that the commitment you make as a participant is well worth the life changes, knowledge you will gain, and relationships you will build while participating in the program.

## Session Topics

- ◆ History of Disability Movements
- ◆ Self-Advocacy
- ◆ Independent Living
- ◆ Inclusive & Supported Employment
- ◆ Building Inclusive Communities
- ◆ Natural Supports
- ◆ Assistive Technology
- ◆ Federal Policy & Legislative Process
- ◆ Personal Futures Planning
- ◆ Communication & Team Building

I am going back to work and taking my life back!