



The Center
for Disability
Empowerment



The Center for Disability Empowerment/
Ohio Family Network

Leadership Academy Course

The Center for Disability Empowerment (CDE) is pleased to offer a Leadership Academy Course made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

What is the purpose of Leadership Academy?

The purpose of the program is to teach best practices in disability policy and delivery of support for individuals with disabilities; to teach competencies needed to influence public policy at all levels; to facilitate systems change in the disability community; to work toward and achieve a new vision for people with disabilities; to prepare leaders of tomorrow.

Who may participate?

Participants are selected through an application process.

- Residents of Franklin, Delaware, Licking and Union counties
- Parents or Caregivers of young children with disabilities
- Individuals with I/DD
- Preference for individuals who have had no, or minimal, experience with advocacy and leadership opportunity

Session Schedule

September 23/26
Intro Meeting

History

Parent Movement

Independent Living Movement

Self Advocate Movement

October 21/24
Inclusive Education/Lifelong Learning

November 11/14
Service Coordination and Person-Centered Planning

December
NO SESSIONS





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Requirements

- Participants must commit to the 8-month program which includes involvement in on-line meetings, contribution to group discussions and completion of homework.
- Participants must have access to a computer with video capability and internet as well as the support necessary to use the equipment to participate in meetings and to complete homework assignments. *(Note: lack of equipment will not be a reason to disqualify individuals. The program will assist in attaining appropriate technology to the greatest extent possible.)*

Session Style

Meetings will be held monthly on a **Wednesday evening (6PM-8PM)** and **Saturday morning (9:30AM-12:30PM)** in September, October and November 2020 and in January, February, March, April and May 2021 with graduation in June. All meetings will be held virtually.

Contact

For more information or to request an application contact us at either

shetrick@disabilityempowerment.net or **dpetermann@disabilityempowerment.net**

The Leadership Forum application is also available online at **www.disabilityempowerment.net**

Application deadline is Monday, August 31, 2020.

2021

January 20/23

Supported, Competitive and Customized Employment

February 24/27

Supported Living

Technology

March 24/27

Community Organizing, Advocacy, Using Media

Meeting and Communicating with Public Officials

April 21/24

State and Local Government/ Legislation

Federal Government/Legislation

May 19/22

Serving on Boards

Developing a Vision for 2030

June

Graduation