



# West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council

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The WV Developmental Disabilities Council is currently accepting applications for the 2017 -2018 Partners in Policymaking (PIP) Class. PIP is a national leadership training program for people with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities. It provides the most current information about disability issues and develops the skills necessary for effective advocacy to influence public policy at all levels of government.

A recent PIP graduate had this to say about her experience:

*"I can honestly say being part of this group has changed my life and the life of my daughter and for that I am eternally grateful. I can only hope that the confidence and hope you now see inside me can be thanks enough."*

National and State leaders in the developmental disability field will provide information on current issues and state-of-the-art practices important to individuals with developmental disabilities. The Council covers expenses for participants' training, lodging, meals, and a portion of travel for eight training sessions between the months of September 2017 and May 2018. All training sessions will be held in the Charleston area.

For more information or to obtain an application, please go to our website at [www.ddc.wv.gov](http://www.ddc.wv.gov) or contact Christy Black by phone at 304-558-0416, email at [Christy.D.Black@wv.gov](mailto:Christy.D.Black@wv.gov). Applications are due by June 30, 2017. Join the thousands of PIP graduates from similar programs across the country in advocating for better policy, services, and supports for people with developmental disabilities!