



Parents Reaching Out

LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

To support individuals with disabilities or complex health care needs

Advocate Leadership Academy is a 14-week program that builds and refines leadership abilities in interested persons with diverse disabilities from a variety of communities in New Mexico and is hosted by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) and the Center for Self Advocacy.

http://www.nmddpc.com/advocate_leadership_academy

Education for Parents of Indian Children With Special Needs (EPICS) Ambassadors: Parents undergo leadership and training in special education to participate as ambassadors to their communities statewide. www.epicsnm.org

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Disabilities (LEND) Program is a 300-hour intensive interdisciplinary leadership training with stipend. Application is required. Contact Sandy Heimerl at 505-272-0096 for more information or visit www.cdd.unm.edu/NMLEND

Parents Reaching Out Leadership Academy: An annual pre-conference training to support families of children and youth with disabilities or special health care needs throughout the state in identifying themselves as leaders and matching with opportunities throughout the state to use their leadership and advocacy skills. www.parentsreachingout.org.

Partnerships in Policymaking: An intensive leadership program for individuals with disabilities, family and community members. Partners come from all over the state of New Mexico to attend seven two-day training sessions. Application is required. Contact: Lauriann King at laking@salud.unm.edu.

Serving on Groups Workshop-This full day, workshop is specifically targeted to family-led organizations who build leadership of families. Participants will learn about group processes, useful tools for groups, understanding data, and skills to maximize participation of diverse family leaders in systems-level groups. Trainings available through Parents Reaching Out (www.parentsreachingout.org or 505-247-0192) and National Family Voices <http://www.familyvoices.org/>

University of New Mexico Pediatric Pulmonary Center (UNM PPC) 300-hour leadership training with stipend develops interdisciplinary leaders who serve to improve the health status of infants, children, and youth with chronic respiratory and sleep-related conditions. Family participants need not be pulmonary patients. Application is required. Contact Phyllis Shingle at Pshingle@salud.unm.edu