

Partners in Policymaking



Individuals participating in PIP attend advocacy training, resource development, and skill building workshops led by state and national experts. Topics covered include the history of the disability rights movement, self-advocacy, independent living, employment, building inclusive communities, natural supports, legislative advocacy, assistive technology, communication, safety, history of disability, team building, and much more.

You can become involved and make a difference. [APPLY TODAY!](#)

Highly Motivated North Dakotans Encouraged to Apply

Individuals who want to develop or strengthen their advocacy and leadership skills are encouraged to apply. Partners are chosen through a statewide competitive application process. If accepted, attendance is required at all seven training sessions beginning September 2025 and ending April 2026. There are no costs incurred by the applicant to participate in the program.

Eligibility

Residents of ND with developmental disabilities (DD), as defined by the Developmental Disabilities Act, and/or parents of young children with DD are eligible to apply for PIP.

Benefits

- Build positive relationships with families, schools, employers, elected officials.
- Learn how to impact local, state, and national policies through advocacy and awareness
- Speak up, educate, and communicate on inclusion, education, housing, and employment.
- Improve the lives of people with DD in your local community and in ND.
- Understand the strategies used to support people with DD.

Monthly PIP Sessions begin on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. PIP Sessions will be held using a virtual format

The dates for the 2025-2026 PIP Sessions are listed below:

Tuesday, September 16 th , 2025 6:00 p.m. <i>(Orientation on Teams)</i>	Thursday, January 8, 2026 <i>(On Teams)</i>
Thursday, October 2, 2025 <i>(On Teams)</i>	Thursday, February 5, 2026 <i>(On Teams)</i>
Thursday, November 6, 2025 <i>(On Teams)</i>	Thursday, March 5, 2026 <i>(On Teams)</i>
Thursday, December 4, 2025 <i>(On Teams)</i>	Thursday, April 2, 2026 <i>(On Teams and Graduation)</i>

Attendees will be kept fully apprised of potential changes if this schedule changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

Apply Today

This year's PIP training sessions will take place on Google Classroom for prep work and then virtually on Teams to expand on the prep work you did with your classmates. The deadline to apply is Friday August 15, 2025. Individuals are encouraged to use the preferred online application.

Apply online at: <https://forms.gle/mLttNAkYhu71jCct9>

To learn more, visit [Partners in Policymaking](#)

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