

Junior Partners in Policymaking™ Calendar

Sunday, June 18:

Students arrive at Delaware State University, check into rooms, receive introductory materials, and get to know one another.

Monday to Thursday, June 19-22:

Students take disability advocacy classes at Delaware State University and participate in evening activities.



Friday, June 23:

Student activities include touring Legislative Hall and meeting with legislators. Afterward, participants can be picked up by their parents/caregivers from their graduation luncheon at Grotto Pizza in Dover.



Accomplishments of Past Program Graduates:

- Leading their IEP process
- Summer Internship for American Association of People with Disabilities

Speaking engagements at:

- Special Olympics Global Development Summit
- Delaware Transition Conference
- Girls Nation Conference
- National Disabilities Summit
- Best Buddies International Leadership Conference

We are looking for a motivated and diverse group of young adults from Delaware and we hope you'll join us!

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Junior Partners in Policymaking

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Delaware Junior Partners in Policymaking™

June 18-23, 2017

**At Delaware State University,
Dover, Delaware**



Created by the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council

**Presented by:
Wolfe Consulting**



What is Junior Partners in Policymaking™ ?

Junior Partners in Policymaking™ is an exciting summer program for young adults ages 15 to 22. It is held at Delaware State University, where the participants live and learn for five nights and six days.



During the day, participants are enrolled in fun, exploratory and hands-on classes to encourage leadership and self-advocacy. In the evenings, our young leaders have many opportunities to get together to enjoy activities and entertainment.

We hope you will join us for this unique week of wonderful activities that concludes with a trip to Legislative Hall in Dover. Participants will meet with legislators and use the advocacy skills learned and practiced earlier in the week. Certificates of participation, which can be added to your resume or college application, will be distributed at our farewell luncheon after the Legislative Hall visit.

What Will I Learn?

Junior Partners in Policymaking™ was designed to meet the changing needs of young adults with and without disabilities as they move toward adult independence. Our classes will teach you about:

- » **The importance of self-determination**
- » **Ways to self-advocate for the issues most important to you**
- » **Your rights in and out of school**
- » **Laws that affect how people are treated, especially individuals with disabilities**
- » **How to make your own impact on public policy (laws)**
- » **How to plan the future YOU WANT**



What Happens At Night?

Evening activities are scheduled as a time to have fun and learn about yourself and others.

Who Can Apply?

We are looking for a diverse group of participants with developmental disabilities and other disability advocates. If you are a young adult interested in the rights of people with disabilities in Delaware, this is the program for you! Apply today!



How Do I Apply?

- » Download an application at: www.ddc.delaware.gov/policymaking
- » Request an application by contacting Jamie Wolfe at (302) 535-0243 or at j.wolfe6@icloud.com.

Mail or Fax the application to:
Developmental Disabilities Council
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**Application Deadline:
February 28, 2017**