

**Partners in Policymaking
Initial Survey
2011-12**

Choose one in each of the following categories:

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Caucasian African American Asian Hispanic
 Native American Other

How did you learn about the Partners program?

Friend Partners Graduate Meeting/Workshop/Conference
 Email/Web Newsletter Other (please specify) _____

Are you a person with a disability? Yes No

If yes, what is the nature of your primary disability?

Intellectual Disability Hearing Disability
 Physical Disability Visual Disability
 Mental Health Disability Other (please specify) _____

Is your family member a person with a disability? Yes No

If yes, what is the nature of his or her primary disability?

Intellectual Disability Hearing Disability
 Physical Disability Visual Disability
 Mental Health Disability Other (please specify) _____

If yes, please specify the family relationship:

Son Daughter Sibling Grandchild
 Other (please specify) _____

What is the age of your family member with the disability? _____ years

What is your definition of *advocacy*?

In your opinion, who will benefit the *most* because of your participation in the Partners program? (Only check one)

- Myself My family My family member with a disability
 Society My community Others with disabilities

At the present time, I am: (check any that apply)

- Not a member of any organizations
 An inactive member of one or more organizations
 An active member of one organization or more
 A leader in organizations at local level
 A leader in organizations at state level
 A leader in organizations at the national level

Please list the organizations (relating to disabilities) in which you participate:

1. _____ Role _____
2. _____ Role _____
3. _____ Role _____
4. _____ Role _____

Please check the number of years that you have been involved with advocacy at each of the three levels:

	None	1-3 years	4-5 years	6-8 years	Over 8 years
National level					
State level					
Local level					

During the last six months what other opportunities have you had to advocate for (a) yourself, (b) other persons with disabilities, or (c) to educate others about the rights or needs of persons with disabilities? (Check all that apply)

- Testified at a public hearing Estimated number =
- Presented to parent/self-advocacy group Estimated number =
- Presented at a conference Estimated number =
- Served on a committee or task force Estimated number =
- Appeared for media event/interview Estimated number =
- Wrote newspaper articles/letters Estimated number =
- Other _____ Estimated number =

Do you believe you are an effective advocate? Yes No

Do you have current advocacy related needs that are unmet? Yes No

To what degree do the following make advocacy difficult for you?

	A Little Difficult			Very Difficult	
	1	2	3	4	5
Not enough time	1	2	3	4	5
Distance from home	1	2	3	4	5
Access to transportation	1	2	3	4	5
Health of self or family member(s)	1	2	3	4	5
Family Responsibilities	1	2	3	4	5
Job Responsibilities	1	2	3	4	5
Lack of hope	1	2	3	4	5
Lack of knowledge about what to do	1	2	3	4	5
Expense involved	1	2	3	4	5
Access to child care/respite care	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

Rate your knowledge level in the following areas:

	Little knowledge			More knowledge	
Legislation (e.g., ADA, IDEA)	1	2	3	4	5
Legislative process	1	2	3	4	5
Group leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Service/support system and resources	1	2	3	4	5
People first language	1	2	3	4	5
Assistive technology	1	2	3	4	5
History of attitudes toward people with disabilities	1	2	3	4	5
Strategies to make changes	1	2	3	4	5
Customized employment	1	2	3	4	5
Supported Living	1	2	3	4	5
Inclusive education	1	2	3	4	5
Community inclusion	1	2	3	4	5
Self determination	1	2	3	4	5
Transition to adulthood	1	2	3	4	5

Rate your skill level in the following areas?

	Few skills			More skills	
Making presentations	1	2	3	4	5
Writing letters	1	2	3	4	5
Organizing a group	1	2	3	4	5
Conducting a meeting	1	2	3	4	5
Public speaking	1	2	3	4	5
Expressing opinions	1	2	3	4	5
Problem-solving	1	2	3	4	5
Gathering information	1	2	3	4	5
Contacting legislators	1	2	3	4	5
Using the media	1	2	3	4	5

Comments: