



the Vermont Leadership Series

Find your voice! Learn how to advocate for change!

Application for Participation

The deadline to submit your application is January 26, 2015

★ TIP: Before filling out this application read through the Leadership Information Packet at: <http://ddc.vermont.gov/vtleadershipseries>

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-Mail(s): _____

Please check the category that fits you:

I am a person with a developmental disability.

I describe my disability as: _____

I am a family member of a person with a developmental disability.

My family member is: Adult Child, Age: _____

I describe his/her disability as: _____

Other: _____

My 2 State Senator(s) are:

_____ and _____

My State Representative is: _____

★ TIP: You can find your elected officials at <http://legislature.vermont.gov/people/>

Please answer each question with as much detail as you can so that we can get to know you and why you want to participate in the Vermont Leadership Series. Be honest, creative, and tell us what you really think!

If you would like help filling out this application, you may contact:

Green Mountain Self Advocates [GMSA] (802) 229-2600

Vermont Family Network [VFN], Joanne Wechsler (800) 800-4005

★**TIP:** Feel free to use additional paper if needed.

1. Why are you interested in participating in this leadership training?

2. Tell us about a challenge that you have faced in your life and how you dealt with it?

3. Think of someone who you see as a great leader. List three (3) things you like about how this person made a difference in his or her community.

1.

2.

3.

Tell us what you want to learn at the Vermont Leadership Series, so that you can be a stronger leader.

4. Tell us about a time when you were in a leadership role.

What did you do that worked well? What challenges did you experience?

5. Tell us about a time when you spoke up for yourself or for others. What worked well? What challenges did you experience?

6. Congratulations! It's 2015. You have just been chosen *Leader of the Year* by the Governor for speaking up for people with disabilities.

a. When you think about being *Leader of the Year*, what are your fears?

b. As *Leader of the Year*, what are your hopes and dreams for your own future?

c. What are your hopes and dreams for your family?

d. What are your hopes and dreams for the State of Vermont?

7. What is one disability issue you are concerned about that you might like to work to change?

8. We can't have thought of every question. Please use this space to share anything else you would like us to know about you and your interest in Leadership?

References:

Please list up to three (3) people *not related to you* who can tell us about your accomplishments and why you should be chosen to participate.

Name

Phone Number

1. _____

2. _____

3. (optional) _____

How did you hear about the Leadership Series?

- Check here** to show that you have read the information that explains the Series, and understand you need to participate in a group project and do homework assignments (outside of the training weekends these other activities will take about 20 hours of your time).
- Check here** to confirm that you will attend all 3 weekend trainings (March 7-8, April 18-19, and June 6-7, 2015) and a final afternoon session (June 19, 2015).

If you are planning to bring a staff member, please tell us the name of the person and their phone number!

Name

Phone Number

The fee for the Leadership Series is \$100.

This fee only covers a small fraction of the cost of supporting your participation. If you are not able to pay this fee we can work with you to make another arrangement.

- I can pay the fee.
- I would like to talk with Leadership organizers about an alternative arrangement for the fee.

Signature

Date

Mail the completed and signed application to:

Vermont Leadership Series
Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
103 S. Main St. 1 North Rm 117
Waterbury, VT 05671-0206

To speed things up - you may *also* send an electronic copy to vtddc@state.vt.us BUT we will still need a signed copy mailed to us.

★**TIP!** Mail your application a few days *before* the deadline of January 26 so that it arrives on time.



The Vermont Leadership Series is sponsored by the Vermont Family Network and the Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council, with support from Green Mountain Self-Advocates, the Vermont Department of Health, and the UVM Center on Disability & Community Inclusion.

