



# The Leadership Series

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The Leadership Series is a 10 month learning experience for Rhode Islanders who have a developmental disability, family members, friends and direct support staff.

The Series helps people learn how to speak up for themselves and make a difference.

Each class is interactive and fun! That means that everyone who joins us will be involved in exercises, skits and other activities that teach about:



**Being a Leader**



**Public Speaking**



**Voting, Testimony and Government**



**Rights and Responsibilities**



**Participating in Meetings**



**Decision-Making & Planning for Your Future**



**Self-Advocacy and more!**

It's ok if you don't read or write. We use pictures, video and audio tapes, games and other interesting materials. Everyone has a way to understand what's going on!

The Series begins with an overnight retreat on **Tuesday August 31st - Wednesday, September 1st, 2010 at Alton Jones campus in West Greenwich, RI.** Everyone in the class must attend the retreat.

After our retreat, the Leadership Series meets approximately twice a month from September thru May. Classes are on a Wednesday afternoon in Pawtucket (on the public bus route). There are also homework assignments and extra events to attend between classes. Everyone who completes the Series will graduate at a formal ceremony in June, 2011.



The Leadership Series is FREE. A good faith deposit may be required. This will be returned once an individual completes the Series and graduates. Space is limited and applying does not guarantee that you will be accepted. Applications and two (2) letters of support are due no later than



**Thursday, July 22nd, 2010**

Once we receive your application, you may be invited to an interview in August, 2010.

If you need to bring a Support Person with you, that person should also complete an application to join the Leadership Series Class of 2011.