

THE LEADERSHIP SERIES

Advocates in Action is accepting applications for the Leadership Series Class of 2025!

The deadline to apply is Friday, January 17th, 2025.

About the Leadership Series

The Leadership Series is an in-depth learning experience that's user-friendly, interactive, informative, and fun! We created the Series with a team of Self-Advocates and other allies to empower Rhode Islanders aged 18 and older who have an intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD) to speak up for themselves, navigate the DD System, connect with the community, and live life on their own terms, just like everyone else does!

While the Series is designed primarily for individuals who have an I/DD, family members, staff, and friends who will be supporting a class member are also welcome to apply.

Applicants don't need to read or write to participate in the Series. We present information in a variety of formats, including pictures, video, music, games, art, and more, to make the content engaging, inclusive, and accessible. We also have a team of Leadership Series graduates who work for our organization as Peer Mentors who will be available to answer questions, assist with homework, and support class members throughout our time together.

The Series begins with a virtual retreat on **Wednesday, February 5th, from 10:30 am - 2:30pm**, followed by weekly classes that meet over Zoom. **Classes meet every Wednesday from 1:00-2:30 pm**, beginning **February 7th** and ending **June 25th, 2025**.

Each class focuses on different topics about Self-Awareness, Self-Determination, and Self-Advocacy. Some of the things you'll learn about include:

- About the RI Developmental Disabilities Service System
- Qualities of an Effective Leader
- Community Integration
- Disability Rights
- How Government Works and How to Vote
- Making Informed Decisions
- Person-Centered Thinking and Individualized Service Plans
- Personal Introduction and Communication Skills
- Public Speaking and Presentation Skills
- Technology Tips
- And More!



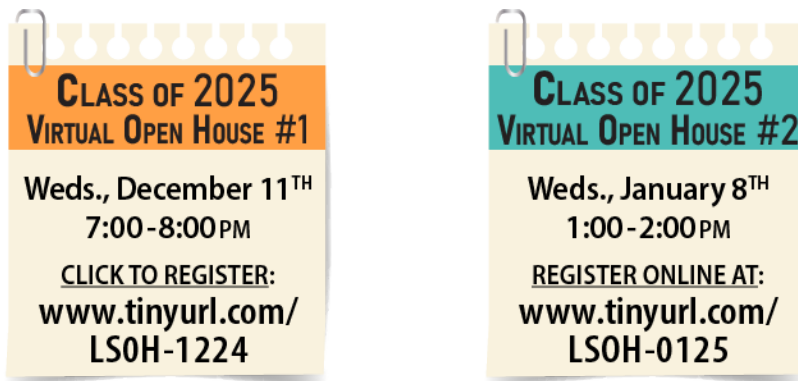
Requirements

There's no cost to apply, but you must be a Rhode Island resident with a developmental disability, age 18 or older, or celebrating your 18th birthday in 2025, to participate.

You also need a way to send and receive email, either by using your own address, or through one that belongs to a family member, friend, or support staff. In addition, because the class is virtual, you'll need a way to participate using the Zoom video app, and the ability to go online for homework assignments, team games, and other activities.

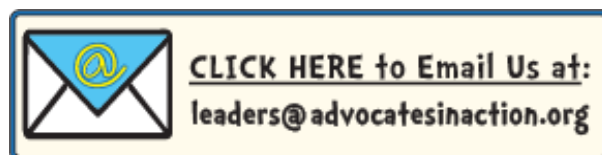
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Use the buttons below to register for an informational Open House:



Any Questions?

Use the button below to email Advocates in Action at leaders@advocatesinaction.org.



Ready to Apply?

Visit our 2025 Application page at www.advocatesinaction.org/leaders25-apply.

