



THE VERMONT LEADERSHIP SERIES

Details about Participation in 2023

Find your voice! Learn how to advocate for change.
<https://ddc.vermont.gov/plan-and-projects/leadership-series>

Hello advocate and future leader,

Thank you for your interest in the Vermont Leadership Series. This three-part training is intensive and reflects the core values of the Disability Rights Movement -- Equal Rights, Self-Determination, and Full Community Inclusion. It has been carefully crafted by three partner organizations to graduate capable champions prepared to advocate for policies that will improve the lives of Vermonters with disabilities and their family members. To quote a famous self-advocate, *"If I don't do it, who will?"*

Read the five-page packet and/or visit the website to learn more about the Vermont Leadership Series, how to apply, and participant expectations.

What's different about this year? The only thing that really changes is the when and where. Leadership coordinators carefully consider venues for accessibility, cost, and location.

- Weekend one, [November 4-5, 2023](#)
- Weekend two, [December 2-3, 2023](#)
- Weekend three, [January 6-7, 2024](#)

Graduation will take place at the Vermont State House in Montpelier on Disability Awareness Day, usually in February.

What are the deadlines? To be considered for the Vermont Leadership Series Class of 2023, your application must be received by Leadership coordinators by [September 22, 2023](#). You may choose to email your application by this date, but a hard copy must also be post-mailed.

Questions or concerns? Contact Green Mountain Self-Advocates if you're a self-advocate (1-802-229-2600 or Max@gmsavt.org), and Vermont Family Network if you're a parent (1-800-800-4005x217 or Joanne.Wechsler@vtfn.org).

Thanks for your interest - We can't wait to meet you.