

Short Description of Self-Advocacy Leadership Academy RFP

The New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is announcing availability of grant funds:

To fund one grantee up to \$300,000 (\$100,000 per year for three years) to establish a Self-Advocacy Leadership Academy in New York State for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) ages 21 and over.

Research and input from self-advocates and family members of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have all made clear that there is a need and desire for an educational and training program for self-advocates across New York State to build and develop more advanced leadership skills. The aim of this DDPC initiative is to fund the establishment of a **Self-Advocacy Leadership Academy** to provide the opportunity for self-advocates to participate in a training program that will enhance their leadership capacity and ability to take on leadership positions in advocacy organizations and efforts.