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TO: Friends and Colleagues
FROM: Advocates in Action
RE: The Leadership Series Class of 2009

June 12, 2008

We're pleased to send you the application for the Leadership Series Class of 2009! Please share it with those who may be interested and help us spread the word about this exciting opportunity.

Applications and letters of support are due by Wednesday, July 30th, 2008. We require hard copies of these materials, and cannot accept faxes.

Once we review the applications, individuals may then be invited to an interview in August. If accepted into the class, all students must attend an overnight retreat on Wednesday, September 17th - Thursday, September 18th at Alton Jones in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. Classes will be held approximately twice a month on Friday afternoons (1:00 - 3:30 pm) in Cranston.

There is no fee to attend the The Leadership Series, but space is limited. We regret that we cannot accept everyone who applies.

An information sheet is included with this letter. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Deb Kney
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, role-plays and other activities that will help you learn about:

Being a Leader
Public Speaking
Voting, Testimony and Government
Rights and Responsibilities
Participating in Meetings
Decision-Making and 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 **Wednesday September 17th - Thursday, September 18th, 2008 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 October thru May. Classes are usually on a Friday afternoon in Cranston (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, 2009.



The Leadership Series is FREE, but space is limited!
Applying does not guarantee that you will be accepted.
Applications and two (2) letters of support are due no later than
Wednesday, July 30, 2008



Once we receive your application, you may be invited to an interview in August, 2008. If you need to bring a Support Person with you, we encourage them to also apply to be a member of the Leadership Series Class of 2009.