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# National Disability Leadership Series

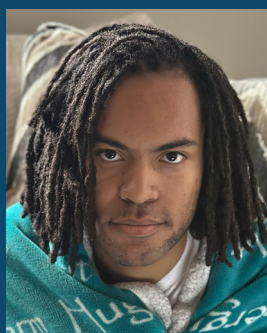
Lead the Way: **VIRTUAL** Training on Disability Advocacy and Action for Inclusive Education and Postsecondary Transition

Disability lifelines and education are at the heart of critical budgetary and political debates across local, state, and national levels. Now more than ever, we need people with the vision and skills to defend their rights and create pathways for disabled youth and young adults to have full, inclusive lives.

The **NATIONAL DISABILITY LEADERSHIP SERIES** is a **fully online**, 10-month series (May 2026 – February 2027) open to 100 participants: young disabled adults, educators, professionals, and family members. The Series will train participants to be skilled advocates and leaders while fostering community, mentorship, and action.



## PLANNED PRESENTERS



[Elijah Armstrong](#)



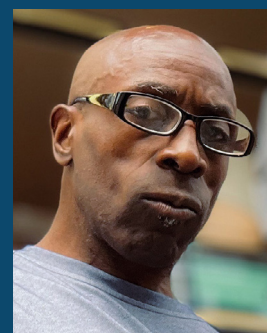
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## ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

- Disabled young adults (ages 18 - 30)
- Family members of disabled youth/young adults
- Educators, transition professionals, and related service providers serving disabled students in pre-school through late-20s.



Accessibility features and universal design will be embedded into the Series, including captioning, ASL, Spanish translation, plain language materials, and additional supports and accommodations as needed.

## ACTIVITIES

Eight, two-hour, highly interactive sessions:

### MAY 2026

Creating a culture of inclusion and belonging.

### JUNE 2026

Authentic inclusion in school and community: hearts, minds, rights.

### JULY 2026

Community organizing, advocacy, and media/communications.

### SEPTEMBER 2026

Adulting while disabled: Creating a self-determined life.

### OCTOBER 2026

Finding meaningful work: careers, entrepreneurship, the arts, volunteering.

### NOVEMBER 2026

Expanding minds and community through continued education and lifelong learning.

### JANUARY 2027

Living a social life of your choosing: friendships, relationships, intimacy.

### FEBRUARY 2027

Connecting the dots, action group report-outs, graduation, staying connected.

Plus regular breakout gatherings between sessions:

- All participants will engage in personal and group action planning with specific outcomes, supported by experienced facilitators.
- Young adult participants will also have regular, informal mentorship gatherings to connect with disabled leaders/innovators.

## OUTCOMES

Participants in this Series will:

- Learn and practice powerful strategies for community organizing and impacting policy at the local, state, and federal level.
- Take part in communications training from professional speakers, writers, influencers, and media makers.
- Be mentored by trailblazers in inclusive education, transition, and disability justice.
- Access and utilize groundbreaking resources and tools.
- Team up with Series participants to actively implement tools and strategies for disability justice and inclusion in schools, communities, states, and across the nation.
- Receive a Certificate of Completion to submit for professional development or educational credit.

Series staff will facilitate meetups for graduates after the Series ends.

## SPONSOR PARTICIPANTS TO LEAD IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**\$5,000:** Two participants from your community and listed as a “Sponsor” of the Series.

**\$10,000:** Four participants and listed as a “Major Sponsor” of the Series.

**\$15,000:** Seven participants and listed as a “Major Sponsor” of the Series.

**\$20,000:** 10 participants, listed as a “Major Sponsor” of the Series, plus Dan and Samuel Habib will virtually screen and discuss their new film *The Ride Ahead* with your community.

### PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

To learn more about the series and sponsorship [email Dan Habib](#), National Disability Leadership Series Director and WIHD’s Inclusive Communities Project Director.



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