

# WESTERN MASS FAMILY LEADERSHIP SERIES 2026

**A FREE training that guides parents and family caregivers to imagine better and be effective leaders at the local level and beyond**

The Family Leadership Series is a combination of virtual and in-person trainings for family caregivers of people who are eligible for Massachusetts DDS Services. Families attend and participate in all sessions

**DATES:**                      **LOCATION:** Chicopee, MA

Saturday, 1/17/26: Online Meet and Greet

Saturday, 1/24/26: Half-Day Session

Saturday, 3/7: Full Day Session

Friday & Saturday, 3/20 - 3/21: Weekend 1

Friday & Saturday, 4/3 - 4/4: Weekend 2

Friday & Saturday, 4/17 - 4/18: Weekend 3

## TOPICS FAMILIES LEARN ABOUT:

- The Disability Movement
- Leadership and Advocacy
- Creating a Vision
- Policy-Making
- Caregiver Well-Being

## THE FAMILY LEADERSHIP SERIES PROVIDES:

- Information and tools to effectively advocate for change
- Support in developing the vision and leadership skills needed to support your family
- Opportunities to meet other families, share experiences & ideas, and practice newly acquired skills in a supportive environment

## MORE INFORMATION

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“The Family Leadership Series literally has given me more confidence in myself **than any other experience.**”  
- Family Leadership Series Graduate

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