Applications are open for the 2022 Partners in Policymaking class.

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**What was your favorite part of your experience at the capitol?**

**Chris:** "From the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council, we wanted a way to help our members and others like them. The responses we received were amazing. We were able to participate in lobbying with a person who had disabilities and share our stories."

**Gary:** "Partners in Policymaking, which helped us learn about laws and what to expect."

**Partners in Policymaking**

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**Chis:** "He took the time out to talk to us. On Monday, Chris Fagan and Gary Clouser from St. Joseph, MO met Chris and Garry at the capitol. Chris is a disability advocate and is eager to learn more about how to be an advocate. We talked with Chris and Gary after their experience and here is what they had to say.

**What did you learn about them?**

**Chis:** "Nothing actually surprised me. We were able to participate in lobbying with a person who had disabilities and share our stories."

**Gary:** "I thought there would be more questions.

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