The Montgomery County Community Action Board Presents



Community Advocacy Institute

Are you interested in learning how to be an advocate for your community? Apply Today!

This FREE training program will teach you advocacy skills and provide opportunities to advocate for important issues in your community. Participants must attend all workshops and complete a final advocacy project to successfully complete the program. New this year, participants must keep their cameras on for all virtual workshops. You must be Montgomery County residents with a combined household income of \$67,000 or less to participate in this program. Travel and dependent care reimbursement available upon request.

This is a bilingual program in English and Spanish.

APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 9, 2024.

Apply Online: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/communityaction

| 2024 - 2025 SESSIONS | | | |
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| October 19 | 12 - 3 pm | IN-PERSON Orientation | |
| November 9 | 12 - 3 pm | VIRTUAL Workshop #1 Advocacy 101 | |
| December 7 | 12 - 3 pm | VIRTUAL Workshop #2 Exploring the Issues | |
| January 4 | 12 - 3 pm | VIRTUAL Workshop #3 Storytelling and Research | |
| February 1 | 12 - 3 pm | VIRTUAL Workshop #4 Nuts and Bolts of Advocacy | |
| March 1 | 12 - 3 pm | IN-PERSON Testimony Practice Session #1 | |
| March 22 | 12 - 3 pm | IN-PERSON Testimony Practice Session #2 | |
| April | | Completion of Advocacy Projects | |
| April 29 | 6 - 8 pm | VIRTUAL Session - Next Steps for Your Advocacy | |
| May 20 | 6 - 8 pm | IN-PERSON Graduation | |

To request special accommodations, please email <u>Leah.Goldfine@montgomerycountymd.gov</u> or call 240-777-1697 / MD Relay (711).





