Training and Equipping Faith Leaders to Establish Community Partnerships: A Learning Collaborative

The Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute is committed to training and equipping faith leaders with the necessary knowledge, skills, and resources to foster disability inclusion and a sense of belonging and community participation that improves the quality of life, health, and well-being of people with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities and their families.

If you are a faith leader who is interested in participating in our free 2-day in-person training, please click <u>here</u> to register or scan the QR code below.

Imagine a time when leaders from several faith communities come together to

- listen to each other to gain a better understanding of each other's community needs, assets, and goals for disability inclusion practice.
- identify shared challenges and define possible solutions to a shared community vision and goals toward creating inclusive space for people with disabilities and their families in faith communities.
- set priorities that draw from their identified needs, assets, and community resources.

Then they plan how best to use their wisdom, time, resources, and social capital to

- implement disability inclusion leadership training in faith communities and train disability inclusion ambassadors who will facilitate inclusive practice trainings in their faith communities.
- evaluate the program change efforts, next steps, and plans for sustainability.
- celebrate gains and successful implementation of disability inclusion practice in faith communities.

And you are a part of that learning collaborative!

For more information or to request accommodation or assistance for individuals with disabilities, please contact us by phone at 443-923-4114, email Training.MCDD@KennedyKrieger.org, or visit KennedyKrieger.org/Faith Requests should be made as soon as possible, but at least seven days prior to the scheduled meeting.

