



Colorado  
Cross-Disability  
Coalition

Spring 2017 Training Announcement

## Advocacy Certification Training

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC) and the University of Denver (DU) are excited to offer the following training session:

Introduction to Disability Benefits and Healthcare:  
Individual and Systems Advocacy Training and Certification

**FOCUS:** This training provides a great education for community activists or those looking for additional skills necessary to work in the field of disability services, advocacy, community organizing, the legislative process, or civil rights law.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays, March 7, 2017, through May 2, 2017  
10:15AM-1:15PM

Attendance in-person is recommended for all students.

There is an on-line option available.

Elearning alternative:

- Weekly learning modules are completed during the same week as the scheduled in-person classes. However, you choose the time.
- There is a mandatory weekly conference call held at a time agreed upon by the registered on-line students.
- An approved site visit is required for graduation.

### TOPICS:

All topics are taught by practicing subject matter experts.

- CCDC History, The CCDC Advocacy Team and Advocacy in General
- Ethics and Principles of Advocacy, Advocates navigating Local, State, and Federal Benefit Systems
- Social Security (SSI and SSDI) Disability Eligibility, Application, and Determination
- Medicaid – Disability Eligibility & Determination - The Affordable Care Act and Health Equity
- Due Process, The Appeals Process for Benefits, Rule Making and Enforcement
- Community and Grass Roots Organizing, Nonprofit and Regulatory Boards, The Legislative Process, and Future Elections
- Americans with Disabilities (ADA) - Education, Employment, and Housing

- Americans with Disabilities (ADA) - Requesting Reasonable Accommodation and Disability and Public Transit

### REGISTRATION FEE:

Affiliate or Organization:

- \$500 per applicant
- \$250 for each additional applicant from the same organization.

CCDC Members:

- \$250 without volunteer hours
- Free with a commitment of 120 volunteer hours (over the next 12 months) with the CCDC Advocacy Team (Scholarship application required)

### ADVOCACY CERTIFICATION:

Upon completing class requirements, graduates will be awarded a CCDC Diploma and/or 3 DU Continuing Education Units(CEU)\*

\*DU credit is optional and requires a separate application and fee

Graduation Requirements:

- Weekly attendance or completion of on-line module
- Completion of weekly homework assignments
- Passing quiz grade
- Passing final exam grade
- Attendance at an approved site visit

### REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Registration deadline is Friday, February 17, 2017.

1. To register for the upcoming Spring 2017 Session:
  - Complete the Advocacy Training Registration Application (see instructions below)
  - Answer the questions on the Advocacy Training Information Form (page 2 of the application)
  - Complete the scholarship application (if appropriate)
  - Email all completed documents to Sheryle Hutter at [shutter@ccdconline.org](mailto:shutter@ccdconline.org)
1. Sheryle will contact you with additional details or request for information (including any registration fee submission, remote access instructions, etc.) upon receiving your application.

### LEGALESE:

- Acceptance and willingness to undergo a criminal background check will be required to volunteer with the CCDC Advocacy Team
- Having a criminal background does not generally disqualify you as a volunteer
- Unless there is an emergency, students registered for a CCDC Disability Advocacy Class must cancel 24 hours prior to the first day of class or will be invoiced a \$25 cancellation fee
- Refunds for canceling after the start of the session are calculated on a pro-rated basis

- CCDC is unable to provide reimbursement for mileage, hotel accommodations, long distance charges, food, etc. for anyone attending the training

#### GRATEFUL APPRECIATION:

- CCDC Advocacy Training is made possible by through partnerships with the following organizations:
  - The University of Denver, University College
  - The Gill Foundation
  - Mile High Connects
- A full list of CCDC Sponsors can be found at <http://www.ccdconline.org/get-involved/donors/annual-award-sponsors>

#### TO ENROLL IN CLASS:

- Go to <http://www.ccdconline.org/node/2900>
- Download the Advocacy Training Class Application
- Complete and return to [shutter@ccdconline.org](mailto:shutter@ccdconline.org)