



Partners in Policymaking®

Presented by South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council & Partners in
Policymaking Graduates

Angel Lee

Self Advocate



Angel Heaven Lee is an Office Assistant at the Able SC Columbia office. She is passionate about ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to access the community and reach their goals. Angel is a proud member of the disabled community. She has no right leg & her arms end above her elbows. She also has ADHD, PTSD, Idiopathic Gastroparesis, Chronic Back Pain, Asthma, Low Vision (one eye), some Hearing Loss (one ear) and is on the Autism Spectrum. Angel proudly shares that she is ½ Korean, and has been happily married since 2011 to Jerry. Angel is a step-mother to a beautiful, grown daughter and a pet parent to 6 cats, 2 dogs, and a snake. Angel loves to travel, paint, sculpt, make jewelry and resin creations, bake and cook, and is an avid gardener, "Anything that allows me to be creative." She also loves to sing and is a voice-over artist. She's recorded several audiobooks, IVR's, commercials for radio & even voiced for some video games. Angel describes herself as having a silly sense of humor. She is also known to collect fun mugs, stickers and pins. Angel loves to learn and is constantly looking for new opportunities to further her education and knowledge. Angel is currently a member of the DD Council, and was recently accepted into the Spring 2025 cohort for ColaStarts with Boyd Innovation Center, where she is currently developing a new app for adults with ADHD.

Samica Snipes-Smith

Parent



Samica Snipes-Smith is a member of the 25th Policymaking class with the SC Developmental Disabilities Council. She is an advocate for the Autism community and thrives on helping parents with autistic kids by sharing her knowledge on her autism journey with her 5-year daughter, Kennedy. Her passion is to show parents that there is power in community and share resources. She also has been able to use her knowledge of the disability community in her professional role as a family nurse practitioner. She is happily married to Kenneth Smith and enjoys spending her spare time with family, traveling and crafting.

Holden Roberts

Self-Advocate



Holden Roberts is a 24-year old man with autism living on his own in Greenville, where he works at Able South Carolina as a Youth Independent Living Specialist. Holden assists youth with disabilities in learning essential living skills, and gaining interdependence. He has a long history with working with nonprofits, from Able SC, to the Greenville county animal shelter, and the Harvest Hope food bank. Holden likes to play chess, write stories (one over 50k words long!), and enjoys both playing and modding video games. He is fascinated by game mechanics, democracy, statistics, maps, and history.

► “Be the someone who does something about it.”

Anastasia Ford

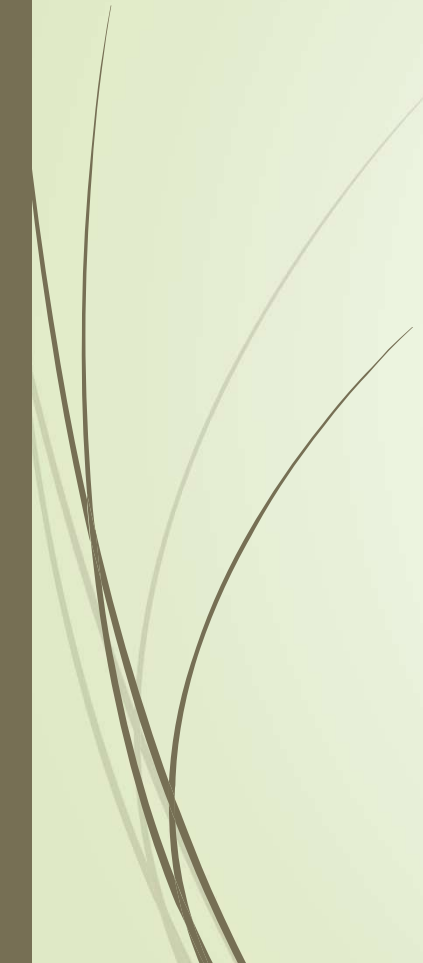
Parent



Anastasia Ford is a homeschooling mother of three boys and a passionate advocate for disability, inclusion, and human rights. With a background in retail management and customer service, she has used her experience with working with people to make significant contributions to the needs of the disability community through advocacy and peer support. Anastasia has played a pivotal role in developing inclusive programs and services for families homeschooling children with disabilities, both as the Disability Advocacy Coordinator for Akoma Cares and as a member of various advisory councils. In addition to her professional commitments, Anastasia enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and attending concerts. Her unwavering dedication and remarkable accomplishments make her a true inspiration in the pursuit of a more equitable and inclusive society.




What Is Partners in Policymaking®



Partners in Policymaking® is a leadership training program that teaches adults with disabilities and parents how to be community leaders and how to advocate for themselves and others. It was introduced by the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities in 1987 and began in South Carolina in 1997. The South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council has been supporting the program since the beginning



How has partners helped you as a self-advocate and as a parent?



What were your expectations for the program?



**What was your favorite part of the
class?**



**How did this class benefit you now and
how will it in the future?**



What are your next steps?



Questions?

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