

FRED FAY ADVANCED LEADERSHIP FORUM

October 24 – 26, 2008
Boston, MA

Call for Nominations

Fred Fay

For more than forty years Frederick A. Fay has been a dedicated organizer, a tireless lobbyist, a sophisticated strategist, a prolific writer, and an inspiring mentor to the disability community.



While flat on his back for the past quarter century due to a progressive complication to his spinal cord injury, Fred has given of himself without reservation. His "Legislative" activism was instrumental in winning passage of the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

In 1963, Fred and his mother (a formidable advocate herself) founded the Washington Architectural Barriers Project, which led the drive to make the D.C. subway system accessible to all. In 1974 he was a principal founder of the Boston Center for Independent Living, and his work on the 1975 "Comprehensive Needs Study" of people with severe disabilities demonstrated the need for independent living centers nationwide, with the result that federal funding became available for this "radical" experiment in rehabilitation.

Fred organized the first meetings and was the president of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, which called for the groundbreaking HEW demonstrations of 1977, and led to the founding of grassroots cross-disability organizations in hundreds of states. Fred also cofounded two other national coalitions of people with disabilities, "The American Association of People with Disabilities" and "Justice for All." Justin Dart often hailed Fred as "a hero in the struggle for universal empowerment." Fred won the 1997 Henry B. Betts Award for outstanding achievement in civil rights for Americans with disabilities.

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The Fred Fay Advanced Leadership Forum (FFALF) seeks to identify proven leaders from the disability community and bring them together with pioneers from the disability rights movement and key current figures for an informal, comprehensive weekend aimed at giving participants the background, training, information and expertise to return to their communities and organizations and lead successful advocacy efforts for disability rights.

The goal of the FFALF is for the next generation of leaders in the disability rights movement from across the United States to get to know and learn from the current generation of leaders, and for them to strategize together about the future direction of the movement.

Nominees will have demonstrated strong vision and leadership ability by having either:

- improved the civil rights and delivery of services for people with disabilities.
- led disability rights actions that have achieved significant results.
- enhanced opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of society.

Selected candidates will participate in an intensive, two day, all-expense-paid retreat in Boston on October 24 - 26, 2008, covering a wide range of subjects critical to the disability community. The Fred Fay Advanced Leadership Forum is presented by the Boston Center for Independent Living and members of the Advisory Council. National leaders of the disability rights movement and noted public figures will also take part in the FFALF.

Application Information

Disability leaders are encouraged to nominate individuals they feel have the potential to be among the next generation of leaders for the disability movement. Nominations are open, but the Advisory Council prefers nominees to be from disability-controlled organizations. Individuals may also self-nominate, but they are encouraged to find a disability leader to sponsor their nomination.

Applications will include the opportunity for nominees to indicate why they should be selected and space for the person making the nomination to express why they feel their nominee would be a strong candidate to take part in the FFALF.

Applications are due by July 1, 2008

Completed applications should be mailed to:
Fred Fay Advanced Leadership Forum
c/o Boston Center for Independent Living
60 Temple Place, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02111

For questions concerning the nomination process or the FFALF, please contact David Sternburg at BCIL, 617-338-6665 x223 or dsternburg@bostoncil.org.

The application can be downloaded at:
www.bostoncil.org/fredfayleadership

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