



Dear Friend:

We are writing to invite you to submit nominations for the **1st Annual National Leadership Training** of the **DCA Voices Institute**

The National Leadership Training is designed to provide an in person intensive leadership development experience to a select group of direct care workers from around the country, providing them with the ongoing skills, experience and support they need to be effective public leaders in their states. It is one component of the new Voices Institute of the Direct Care Alliance.

The National Leadership Training is being held May 18-23 at a retreat center in Racine Wisconsin, near the Milwaukee airport. All travel, meal, and lodging expenses will be covered by DCA In addition, an \$80 daily stipend will be paid to all attendees who qualify.

Your organization is invited to nominate leaders who meet the following criteria:

1. Employed as a direct care worker which could include Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs); Home Health Aides (HHAs); Direct Support Professionals (DSPs); Personal Care Attendants (PCAs); and Geriatric Aides.
2. Recommended and/or nominated by a direct care worker association or a workforce coalition. Preference will be given to workers in leadership positions in state associations or workforce coalitions.
3. Prior involvement in leadership training within direct care or other community settings helpful but not required.
4. Demonstrated commitment to ongoing relationship with the DCA and Voices Institute. (see below)
5. Demonstrated commitment to active involvement in an advocacy campaign at the state or national level and coordination with DCA's National activities/ National Advocacy Director.
6. Access to computer and email

Organizations are encouraged to submit at least two nominations each. Nominations are due March 5. The Voices Institute advisory committee will review the nominations and announce the first class of 25 on March 15.

Attached please find an application form. **Applications are due March 5.**

Please feel free to call or email me with questions. rgedat@directcarealliance.org

Thanks so much.

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