

# Bazon Leadership21

## Application

The Leadership 21 Committee is an effort by the Bazon Center to identify and engage the next generation of citizen-leaders to promote civil rights and human dignity for people with mental health disorders. The Center has developed a core committee of 12-15 innovative and dynamic emerging leaders in the fields of mental health, public policy and legal advocacy to support and inform its work.

### **Purpose of the Committee**

The Leadership 21 Committee:

- Assists the Center in outreach efforts to young Americans concerned with mental health and civil rights issues;
- Identifies new trends in the area of mental health;
- Designs and develops innovative approaches to addressing community mental health needs and services for others with mental health disorders;
- Helps to inform the Center's public policy and legal advocacy strategies; and
- Provides a networking venue for leading mental health, health policy, disability and civil rights advocates.

### **Membership Criteria**

Members of the Committee must pledge a strong commitment to the Bazon Center's mission, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Have displayed innovation, activism or leadership in mental health, health policy or civil rights advocacy; or
- Demonstrate the capacity to advance the Bazon Center's mission through other appropriate skills.

### **Member Responsibilities**

L21 Committee members are responsible for:

- Attending and participating actively in L21's two annual retreats;
- Participating in monthly Committee conference calls;
- Note-taking on conference calls and at retreats on a rotating basis;
- Committing to serve on the Committee for a full term (two years);
- Bringing enthusiasm and a sense of humor to Committee business.

To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to [leadership21application@gmail.com](mailto:leadership21application@gmail.com) by February 28, 2010. In your cover letter, please describe your interest in serving on the Committee and address the following two questions:

1. How do your personal and/or professional goals align with those of the Bazon Center for Mental Health Law?
2. How could you help spread the Bazon Center's mission to others in your state, community or networks?

Finally, please provide the name and contact information for two educational and/or professional references.