People with disabilities often don’t have leadership skills or the experience needed to advocate for themselves or others on a broad scale. A new leadership training series aims to change that. Applications will be accepted from individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities for “Advocates as Leaders: 2013 Advanced Leadership Training,” which will run from Feb. 26 through April 30 at the Utah Developmental Disability Council, 155 South 300 West, Suite 100 in Salt Lake City. Ten participants will be selected for the leadership series. According to Amy Notwell, program manager, this is the first advanced leadership training course in Utah specifically for people with disabilities. Training topics will include leadership, teamwork, handling complaints and criticism, communication skills and problem solving. Trainees will also create a personal leadership plan. The application deadline is February 15, 2013. For more information, accommodations or to receive an application packet, contact Notwell by phone at (801) 245-7353 or by e-mail at amy.notwell@usu.edu. Application packets can also be downloaded at www.utahddcouncil.org. This program is funded by the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council and the Disability Law Center in partnership with the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University.