Why Not Lead?
A Primer for Families of People with Disabilities and their Allies

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Book Synopsis: Leadership can be exercised by anyone who cares enough. You don’t need to have a title, or be charismatic, or even have confidence. You just need to be motivated to make a difference in the lives of people or causes you care about. Along the way, you will learn what works and what doesn’t and you will refine your leadership capabilities.

Drawn from decades of experience, Why Not Lead? is a guide and a resource for caring people undertaking an intentional path of leadership. Its primary audience is families of people with disabilities and their allies, including people with disabilities themselves, advocates, staff, board members and others who care deeply about the lives of people with disabilities.

Reviews:
“Wonderful, heartful, useful … Reidy’s insights and stories illuminate the meaning of life and the practices of leadership that will improve the quality of life for each other.” Ron Heifetz, author, teacher and founder of the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University

“Deborah Reidy recounts everyday acts of heart and courage n her stirring book about what people can and are doing to benefit people with disabilities, including the ‘disabled’ themselves.” Peter Senge author of The Fifth Discipline: the Art and Practice of the Learning Organization.

“Deborah Reidy draws upon years of experience in the field to provide readers with an easy to read framework of leadership development, loaded with practical tips on every page, providing many inspirational stories of citizen leaders, and offers readers suggestions on how to get started on the path to personal development.” Colleen Wieck, executive director of the Minnesota Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities

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