



American Network of Community Options and Resources

Providers Offering Quality Supports to People with Disabilities

Tips for Attending Town Hall Meetings

1. **Put a face on federal policy decisions** because Members of Congress are always looking for firsthand accounts of the impact that policies have on their constituents and real life examples are the most powerful.
2. **Use statistics** that show them you provide a service that affects a substantial part of their constituency; they will be more apt to listen.
3. **Talk to the staff** because they are the ones the Member of Congress depend upon for information. Speak to the staff person before or after the meeting to identify yourself as their expert on certain issues.
4. **Attend multiple town hall meetings** to reinforce your message throughout their district. Remember: Town Hall Meetings are also a great opportunity to educate the public and media.
5. **Follow up with a phone call or letter** to thank them for listening. It is another means of using your voice to make a difference.
6. **Let ANCOR know** about your Member's response at the Town Hall Meeting. It helps us tailor our work in Washington and identifies you as an ANCOR member leader. Please take two minutes to complete [the ANCOR online town hall feedback form](#). Thank you—you make a difference!

One Voice Can Make All the Difference!