

2024 Election Engagement Toolkit



Amplify Your Voter Outreach Efforts

- Encourage people, including DSPs, individuals supported, and families to register to vote.
- Ensure individuals understand how to access their polling place, identify potential barriers, and provide resources for assistance.
- Educate people on the importance of voting.

Register People to Vote

Help people check their registration status digitally and receive paper enrollment forms:

 Individuals can use <u>Register2Vote</u> to check their voter registration status and complete a voter registration form online, which will be printed and mailed to them with a stamped return envelope.

Help people register online:

In states with online voter registration, you can use the <u>REV UP Online Voter</u>
 <u>Registration Portal</u> to allow those voters to register and update their registration
 digitally. In states without formal online voter registration systems, the REV UP
 online voter registration portal will direct individuals on how to register.

Offer paper forms in your office or community, and have people fill them out and you mail them in for them:

• You can <u>print the forms</u> using the National Mail Voter Registration Form (state-specific instructions are included).

Check state deadlines for voter registration:

• Become familiar with your state registration deadline so you can inform others. Use <u>VOTE411</u> to check for your state deadline.

Encourage staff and individuals to ask you about registering to vote!

- Make signs offering your assistance in registering individuals to vote or point them to the paper forms in your office.
- Print these <u>downloadable stickers</u> for staff to wear that say "Ask Me About Registering to Vote."



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Address Voting Accessibility Issues

Remind people that polling places may have changed:

• Use Find Your Polling Place on vote.org to check polling locations before voting.

Check how you can vote by mail in your state:

See this <u>absentee voting guide</u> for the rules on how to vote in each state:

Check if you have voter ID laws in your state, and help individuals obtain information about how to get a voter ID:

Use this <u>voter ID guide from Vote Riders</u> to see whether there are voter ID
requirements in your state and how to obtain a voter ID. Vote Riders will determine
which documents are needed to get an ID, request and pay for those documents,
pay the DMV fees for the ID, print a copy of the ID for vote by mail, and find a
lawyer to help if needed.

Identify the rights people with disabilities have in voting:

- See this <u>list of voting accommodations</u>, including:
 - Supported decision-making principles
 - Access to auxiliary aids and services to ensure effective communication
 - Assistance by a person of choice
 - Assistance completing a ballot
 - Help from poll workers
 - Extra time to complete a ballot
- Watch <u>this video</u> explaining the types of accommodations and assistance available.

Provide resources for Election Day assistance:

Contact your <u>state protection and advocacy (PSA) agencies</u>.



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Provide Resources on the Importance of Voting

Find out more about the issues:

 For more information about which candidates and ballot initiatives are on your ballot, see <u>VOTE411</u>.

Create your voter guide; use the guide below for questions to ask your candidates:

- What have you done to strengthen rights and protections for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities? What steps do you intend to take in office to protect disabled individuals' civil rights?
- What will you do to increase the availability of home and community-based services and other long-term supports for people with disabilities?
- The direct care workforce is expected to be the largest growing job sector in the country, adding more than one million jobs by 2031. What will you do to strengthen the direct care workforce that supports people with disabilities to live in their homes and communities?
- What will you do to increase the availability of affordable and accessible housing for people with disabilities?
- What will you do to strengthen Medicaid to increase access for individuals with disabilities to home and community-based care?
- What do you believe the federal government can do to ensure people have access to the health care they need?
- If elected President or into office, how will you make sure people with disabilities and community-based providers are at the table?
- What steps will you or your administration take to address discrimination against people with disabilities, including in access to health care?

Educate others about the importance of voting, including state and local races:

• Check out this infographic from ANCOR, geared toward encouraging DSPs to vote.

Find out how your organization can be involved:

- Consult this <u>checklist</u> for rules on which election activities a 501(c)(3) may engage in
- Learn more about election activities for nonprofits through the guide, <u>Staying</u> <u>Nonpartisan: Permissible Election Activities Checklist</u>.