

Disability Vote Matters

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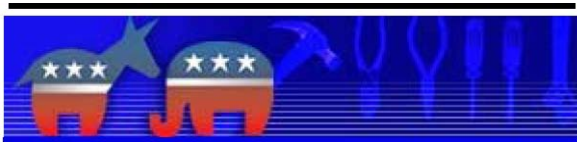
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Voting matters! Let your voice be heard!

Empowering the Disability Vote



Agencies serving persons with disabilities in State-funded programs are REQUIRED to offer voter registration opportunities to their clients on a regular basis.



The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (known as the Motor Voter Law) places disability service organizations in this key role of registering persons who they serve. At the very least, voter registration should be offered during intake, change of address, or re-certification.

The Problem:

🔗 In the 2000 election, just 41% of eligible disabled voters cast a ballot

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that means over half of people with disabilities did not vote!

🗳️ Only 58 percent of people with disabilities have been offered the opportunity to register to vote by their service providers — indicating a widespread violation of the NVRA.

Voting Makes A Difference!

In close political campaigns every vote makes a difference. When people with disabilities start voting in higher numbers, the issues important to them will be on the radar for ALL political candidates: 🗳️ rights under the ADA 🗳️ housing 🗳️ access to jobs 🗳️ health care 🗳️ transportation 🗳️ community and rehabilitation services

A Political Force

Disability service organizations hold the key! They can empower people with disabilities to make a political impact!

Make the “100% Pledge”

Register 100% of your consumers and staff! Non-profit organizations may:
🗳️ provide transportation to the polls 🗳️ send out voting reminders 🗳️ run phone banks 🗳️ conduct nonpartisan forums 🗳️ set up a 'buddy system' so that consumers can vote with a friend

www.nod.org/pdffiles/get_out_the_vote.doc

All activities must be non-partisan, this means that a particular candidate or party can not be promoted.

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