

Making Voting More Inclusive for People with IDD



People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) will be voting! Here are some tips for making voting more inclusive.

Many people with IDD will vote independently. Others may have family members or supporters assisting them to vote. This is allowed by law! People with disabilities have the right to request accommodations for in-person voting, including:

- · Service animal support
- Someone to help them vote (cannot be their employer or union representative)
- · Handrails on all stairs at the voting location
- Accessible parking places
- · Voting and election materials in large print
- Entrances and doorways at the voting location that are at least 32 inches wide
- Wheelchair-accessible voting locations, both inside and outside
- At least one accessible voting device at every location. These devices help voters who are blind, visually impaired, or have other accessibility needs.
- Poll workers to help them use accessible voting devices

Some people with IDD communicate using sign language, communication devices, or other assistive devices. Keep in mind that poll workers are required to ensure their communications with people with disabilities are as effective as those provided to people without disabilities.

If you're not sure a person needs support or accommodations, just ask! For more information about voting with a disability, <u>click on this link</u>.



For Voters with Disabilities

If you are a voter with disabilities who may need accommodations, you can contact your state or local election office before Election Day to confirm your voting location has the accessibility accommodations you need. When you talk to them, be clear about what you need to make voting easy for you. You may also be able to ask for a ballot in your language or an alternative format (such as large print or audio).

If you learn that your voting location is not accessible to you, ask your election office about other available options. You may be able to:

- Vote through curbside voting, where a poll worker brings everything you need to vote to your car
- Vote at a different voting location that is accessible

Resource: Voting With a Disability, Vote.gov https://vote.gov/guide-to-voting/disability#:~:text=Know%20your% 20rights%20for%20registration%20and



Proper planning and appropriate accommodations can ensure a smooth voting experience for everyone!

