



## National Disability Voter Registration Week

*July 16-20, 2018*

### What is it?

The **REV UP Campaign** coordinates National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW) to make a concerted effort to get people with disabilities registered to vote, educated about this year's election, and prepared to cast a ballot in November. With numerous events and activities around the country during this time, we also hope to garner attention from media and candidates about the electorate of people with disabilities and the issues that are important to the disability community.

### Why does it matter?

- The disability community has the potential to become a powerful voting bloc – there were **35.4 million eligible voters with disabilities in 2016**; when we include our family members in the same household that number jumps to 62.7 million eligible voters (about 25% of the total electorate);
- Voting can protect the issues people with disabilities care about (the Americans with Disabilities Act; Medicaid; accessible transportation; affordable, accessible housing, etc.), especially at the state and local levels;
- A politically-engaged disability community can make elected officials think twice before they infringe on our rights, access, and choice to live in the community.

### How do I get involved?

- Organize a voter registration event in partnership with local community-based organizations.
- Activate your social media networks to make your friends and family aware of the upcoming election and the impact it can have on the disability community. Use **#REVUP** and **#DisabilityVote18**.
- Work with your state Protection and Advocacy Agency to host a training on the voting rights of people with disabilities.
- Work with your local/county Elections Department to host a workshop on your state's voting laws and voting process; consider including a demonstration of how to use an accessible voting machine.

### About the REV UP Campaign

The REV UP Campaign, organized by the [American Association of People with Disabilities](http://www.aapd.com) (AAPD), is a nonpartisan initiative to increase the political power of the disability community.

*Additional information and resources available at*

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