



REV UP Voting Campaign Guide

What is the REV UP Voting Campaign and how can you and your organization get involved?

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Part 1: Learning about REV UP

REV UP's Mission and Background

REV UP stands for “Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!” The REV UP Voting Campaign’s mission is to foster civic engagement and protect the voting rights of Americans with disabilities. REV UP focuses on building the power of the disability vote across the country.

The REV UP network is made of both grassroots and national organizers that work to advance the Disability Vote. REV UP is a nonpartisan campaign, meaning that we do not support specific candidates or political parties.

The REV UP Voting Campaign started in 2016 as an initiative of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), a cross-disability civil rights organization building the political and economic power of people with disabilities across the country.

REV UP'S Goals

- Increase civic engagement in the disability community.
- Make sure disabled voters are registered and ready to vote.
- Fight against voter suppression and inaccessibility, both at the polls and through remote voting systems.
- Build a national network of grassroots disability vote coalitions that advocate for disability rights through a framework of intersectionality.
- Center people of color, LGBTQIA2S+ folks, and other multiply-marginalized people with disabilities in voting initiatives.
- Build intentional partnerships with the broader civil rights community around voting initiatives and policies.
- Build strategic partnerships with the local Board of Elections, County Clerks, and Secretaries of State.

Overview of the REV UP Network

Who is in the REV UP Network?

The REV UP network is made up of local, state, and national organizations, as well as individuals and some election officials. Every year, REV UP partners with hundreds of organizations across the country. There are three types of REV UP members:

1. A **REV UP partner organization** is an organization at the national, state, tribal, or local level that participates in REV UP activities but is not a part of a REV UP coalition in their area.
2. A **REV UP coalition** is made of multiple organizations working together to build the power of the disability vote with REV UP.
3. An **individual REV UP organizer** is a person who is not a part of an organization in the REV UP network, but participates in REV UP activities.

What do REV UP Voting Coalitions and Partners do?

- **Mobilizing the Grassroots Disability Community** - The REV UP network is made up of voting coalitions and partner organizations who share resources, participate in national nonpartisan REV UP initiatives, and collectively advance the disability vote. The REV UP Campaign engages regularly with over 2000 voting rights advocates in over 25 states to share info, resources, and updates.
- **National Disability Voter Registration Week** - National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW) takes place during the third week of September. During the week, REV UP organizers and partners host voter registration and education events and conduct voter outreach to their communities. NDVRW is a highlight of our year!

- **Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Efforts** - The REV UP network works to get out the vote in local, state, and federal elections. REV UP coalitions engage voters through calling and reminding them to vote, providing food and water to voters in line, educating voters on voting rules and deadlines, and much more.
- **Candidate Engagement** - The REV UP network understands the importance of highlighting issues impacting our communities with candidates. REV UP coalitions and partners engage candidates with questionnaires and candidate forums on key disability issues.
- **Voting Rights Advocacy** - Protecting voting rights and access ensures that voters with disabilities can independently and privately participate in our democracy. Our vote is powerful and the REV UP network works to protect our vote at the state and federal level.
- **Leadership Development** - In 2020, AAPD's REV UP Voting Campaign launched the Fannie Lou Hamer Leadership Program. For the inaugural cohort, AAPD worked with 5 young Black disabled advocates (ages 18-30), committed to boosting voter registration and civic engagement across Black communities. In addition to the Fannie Lou Hamer Leadership Program, AAPD's REV UP team regularly develops and provides webinars and toolkits to the REV UP network.

Part 2: Joining the REV UP NETWORK

Getting Started in Organizing

What is Organizing?

Organizing is about people working together to improve things for their community. Communities can accomplish many things when working together that are near impossible alone.

And community is at the heart of the REV UP network. REV UP uses this people power to build our communities' political power and help make sure that every person with a disability has access to voting.

Organizing Around the Disability Vote

Organizing around the disability vote can mean different things, such as working with your community to:

- Provide accessible rides to the polls.
- Make sure your community knows when and how to vote.
- Advocate for more accessible voting processes.
- Call attention to key issues impacting people with disabilities.
- And more!

The disability community is made up of over [61 million](#) people across all communities, races, genders, sexual orientations, religions, and ages. Over [38 million](#) people with disabilities are eligible to vote, which is close to one out of every 6 voters.

However, voters with disabilities vote at a lower rate than people without disabilities and are twice as likely to face barriers when voting. REV UP works to close the turnout gap and make sure Americans with disabilities have access to our democracy.

Ways to Participate in REV UP

The REV UP network is open to any person or organization who supports our mission and goals and wants to help grow the disability vote. As a part of REV UP, you will be actively building the power of the disability vote in your community, city, or state through nonpartisan activities. The main two ways that people participate in the REV UP Network is as a **voting coalition** or a **partner organization**.

Voting Coalitions

Voting coalitions are made up of representatives from disability and voting rights organizations in a particular area. These organizations work together and meet regularly to share resources, participate in national REV UP initiatives, and collectively advance the disability vote in their area. REV UP voting coalitions often focus on a particular region or state.

We do not expect people to already have formed a coalition when they first join REV UP. We are here to support individuals in building coalitions in their communities. Check out some of the existing REV UP coalitions at www.aapd.com/revup.

Voting coalitions...

- Have access to all of REV UP's voting resources and trainings.
- Support REV UP's mission and goals and agree to our [REV UP Community Guidelines](#).
- Participate in REV UP network calls and webinars.
- Co-brand their disability voting activities with the REV UP logo.
- Plan or participate in community activities that advance the disability vote.
- Participate in national initiatives, such as National Disability Voter Registration Week.
- Engage only in non-partisan voting work.
- Complete the REV UP annual intake form.

- Share data on voting activities and accomplishments with the REV UP national team.

Partners

We also have many partner organizations at the national, local, or state level. Representatives of these partner organizations engage regularly with REV UP staff, exchange resources, and participate in REV UP initiatives. We have collaborative relationships with our partner organizations, sharing resources and promoting their voting work as well to the REV UP network. Partner organizations are not yet part of a larger REV UP coalition in their area.

Partner organizations:

- Have access to all of REV UP's voting resources and trainings.
- Receive recognition on our website and social media.
- Support REV UP's mission and goals and agree to our [REV UP Community Guidelines](#).
- Share REV UP resources with their network.
- Participate in national initiatives, such as National Disability Voter Registration Week.
- Partner with REV UP on civic engagement initiatives.
- Complete the REV UP annual intake form.

If you feel you do not fit within the definition of voting coalitions or partner organizations but want to stay connected to REV UP, reach out to the REV UP network at revupteam@aapd.com to learn more about how to connect with REV UP. If you are an individual and are not ready to build a coalition in your area, there may be an opportunity to connect to a REV UP coalition nearby! You are always welcome to [join our mailing list](#) and stay connected with REV UP.

Community Guidelines

As representatives of REV UP and AAPD, each person and organization in the REV UP network is expected to follow our Community Guidelines. By agreeing to be a part of the REV UP network, you are agreeing to abide by rules and principles listed out below, in order to make sure that the REV UP network is a safe and inclusive space for all organizers.

Be respectful and considerate.

- In order to achieve our goals of building the power of the disability vote and growing the REV UP network, we must work together. We aim to build a community of support and trust. This means respecting each other's thoughts and opinions, even when we disagree, and carefully considering the impact of your words and actions.
- AAPD and REV UP strive to be inclusive of people of all backgrounds and identities and we expect our network to do the same. This includes, but is not limited to members of any sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, social and economic class, educational level, immigration status, sex, age, family status, political belief, religion, and disability. We are working towards intersectional organizing with the broader civil rights community and our work must include people with disabilities at the intersection of multiple marginalized identities, who often face compounded barriers to participating in our democracy.
- If the Community Guidelines have been broken, we urge members of the network to reach out to AAPD staff. Any situations in which the Community Guidelines have been broken will be addressed and reviewed by REV UP leadership at AAPD.

Remain non-partisan.

- Like many of the organizations in the network, AAPD is a 501(c)(3) organization and so is required to remain non-partisan in all language and actions. And we expect all participatory REV UP chapters and

partners to do so as well. There can be no online or in-person material or media under the REV UP name that support or oppose any specific party, elected official, or candidate. For more questions about the boundaries of non-partisan work, reach out to the [Alliance for Justice](#) or contact AAPD's REV UP staff.

Be responsible with your representation of AAPD and REV UP.

- When representing your REV UP coalition or discussing AAPD and REV UP with others, your words and actions will reflect on AAPD and REV UP. We share the name and branding of REV UP with our organizers, and we trust our organizers to represent the values and mission of REV UP. In part, this means that organizers must follow these Community Guidelines when acting or speaking on behalf of REV UP.
- Only organizers who have registered as REV UP coalition representatives or partners may use the REV UP name and logo, and REV UP reserves the right to restrict inappropriate or unauthorized use of our name and logo.
- As organizers providing important voting information to your communities, we also hold ourselves and our network to a high standard of accuracy in our voter outreach and education materials, using official and up-to-date sources for information.

If you have any questions about our Community Guidelines, please contact the AAPD's REV UP staff.

How to Build a Voting Coalition with REV UP

Step 1: Sign up to join REV UP

REV UP is an initiative of the American Association of People with Disabilities, and the national REV UP team can ensure you have the information and resources you need to join the REV UP network. Complete [this form](#) to start the process and make sure to mark the box for “I want to start a new REV UP disability vote coalition in my area.”

Step 2: Identify Organizers to Join the Coalition

Coalitions can have many people and organizations involved or just a few. We will do our best to help you through the process of connecting to other advocates in your area and building a coalition. Potential partners to consider engaging include:

- [Centers for independent living](#)
- [State protection and advocacy agency](#)
- [Developmental Disabilities Council](#)
- [ADAPT](#)
- [The Arc of the United States](#)
- [Easterseals](#)
- [United Cerebral Palsy](#)
- [United Spinal Association](#)
- [Autistic Self Advocacy Network](#)
- [Epilepsy Foundation](#)
- [National Federation of the Blind](#)
- [American Council of the Blind](#)
- [Little People of America](#)
- [Mental Health America](#)
- [National Association of the Deaf](#)
- [National Down Syndrome Society](#)
- [National Multiple Sclerosis Society](#)
- [League of Women Voters](#)
- [NativeVote](#)
- [The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation](#)
- [NAACP](#)
- [State Voices](#)

Step 3: Determine a Structure

Having a clear structure for your coalition is vital to the success and sustainability of your voting coalition. There are many models for organizational structure such as choosing or electing officers, co-chairs, or sharing leadership. Usually 2-3 of the participating organizations take on the leadership of a coalition. Below are some resources to determine your structure:

- [Club Volunteer Organization](#)
- [Creating and Sustaining an Effective Organization](#)
- [Organizational Structure: An Overview](#)

Step 4: Making an Action Plan

Brainstorm any events, activities, and tasks that your organization wants to accomplish throughout the year. Think about the needs of your community, and particularly disabled voters. Consider what partnerships you currently have or relationships you want to build. Also, factor in your organization's capacity to complete each activity. Establish a consistent time to meet; we recommend meeting at least once a month and more often around elections.

Once you have a list of activities and meetings, determine your weekly, monthly, and annual calendar. This calendar will help your organization stay focused on what needs to be done and when activities need to be completed. Below are a few ideas to consider for activities. You can find more instructions in the section on [Advocacy Strategies](#).

- Host a voter registration and education event.
- Host a town hall meeting with state or local elected officials or candidates for office.
- Host an educational meeting or workshop with local election officials.
- Use your mail, email, and social media networks to provide information on voter registration and relevant disability issues in your

area while also encouraging people to commit to vote on Election Day. [View sample social media posts.](#)

- Send letters to candidates about the issues that are important to people with disabilities in your community.
- Include REV UP and voter registration tables at upcoming events (especially any events around election days).
- Write letters to the editor or Op-Eds and engage local radio or TV stations on the growing efforts by the disability community to become an influential voice in electoral politics.
- Make your organization a polling place ([ADA Polling Place Checklist](#)).

Step 5: Fundraise for Activities

There are no fees or dues to participate in the REV UP network. We do provide grants to REV UP organizations, which you can learn more about on [our website](#). However, funding from AAPD for activities is not guaranteed, so fundraising is often the primary means of revenue for state voting coalitions. It will help your organization conduct a variety of activities, build partnerships, and spread awareness about the disability vote. Some activities that you may want to fundraise for include:

- Providing ASL interpreting and CART captioning for your REV UP calls and events.
- Creating a professional website for your REV UP coalition.
- Conducting a postcard or phone-banking campaign.
- Getting materials translated into Spanish or plain language for your communities.
- Purchasing advertising spots on your local radio or news stations.
- Renting tables, chairs, and tents for voter registration drives.
- Inviting speakers for REV UP events.

First create an annual budget based on your annual calendar to determine your fundraising goals. Below are some fundraising ideas:

- [44 Fundraising Event Ideas for Nonprofits and Charities](#)
- [150+ Fundraising Ideas For Nonprofits & Charities](#)

Step 6: Participate in National Initiatives

AAPD and the national REV UP team offer a variety of ways for organizers in the REV UP network to engage with each other and collectively advance the disability vote. Partners can participate on REV UP committees, the planning of National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVR Week), creating campaigns to combat voter inaccessibility and suppression, registering people with disabilities to vote, and educating our community and partners on disability issues. Details on these activities will be sent out through email.

Part 3: Additional Resources

Advocacy Strategies

There are many ways to get involved in advocacy, and you do not need to have experience in policy, advocacy, or community organizing to start. Advocacy includes many different types of activities, from telling your friends about an issue that you care about to contacting your elected officials. While REV UP coalitions often start with one or two people, we hope that this guide and our national REV UP team will help you find the information and support you need to form a team of advocates wherever you are.

Here are some tips for getting started in local advocacy and community organizing:

Make Connections

- Connect with your community and find people dedicated to disability rights and inclusion.
- Join or create a team or coalition of people who care about disability inclusion and may already be working on disability rights issues in your area.
- Engage local, tribal, state, or federal leaders who help decide emergency preparation, response, and recovery plans for your area.

Start Conversations

- Learn more about local, tribal, or state emergency plans for where you live and how they do and do not include people with disabilities.
- Inform your community about how disasters impact people with disabilities.
- Host forums and panels on inclusive emergency plans and invite local officials and advocates to present.

Engage in Elections

- Vote and encourage those around you to vote and to consider how the candidates do or do not address issues important to the disability community.
- Ask local and state candidates how they will address issues impacting people with disabilities.

Developing an Advocacy Plan

Below is a process you can use to develop your advocacy plan. It may take time to go through each part of the planning process below. Some parts may take longer than others, and you may need to work on a few parts at the same time!

1. **Build your coalition.** None of us does anything alone. When we work together with others, we can often do and learn much more than we would if we were alone. Here are some questions you can ask yourself as you build a coalition:
 - Who else cares about this issue in my community?
 - Who is impacted by this issue?
 - Who is already working on this issue in my community or in other communities?
 - How often will we meet and what is our purpose?
 - How will we make decisions as a coalition?
2. **Set goals.** When engaging in advocacy, we are working towards a different and better world. With your coalition and before you begin to take action, take some time to think about what you want to accomplish with your advocacy. Here are some questions you can ask yourself as you set goals:
 - What future do we want to create?
 - How can we make that future happen?
 - Who has the power to change the laws or systems causing the problem?
 - How will we know we have reached our goals?

3. Make your campaign. Once you have decided what your goals are, it is time to decide what actions, tactics, or strategies you will do. Different strategies will work for different goals. Here are some questions you can ask yourself as you make your campaign:

- What actions can we take towards our goals?
- How long will our campaign last?
- When will we do each part of our campaign?
- What resources will we need and what resources do we have?
- What stories need to be told and heard?

4. Take action. Now that you've made your plan, it is time to put that campaign into action. Here are some questions you can ask yourself as you take action:

- How can we check in with each other for support, rest, and motivation?
- How can we make room for breaks when needed?
- How can we build community during our advocacy?
- What is missing from our advocacy efforts?

5. Review your impact. When you finish an action or come to the end of your advocacy plan, take time to reflect with the people who participated in advocacy with you. Reflecting on what went well, what was missing, and what comes next can help you to strengthen your advocacy efforts and celebrate what you accomplished. Here are some questions you can ask yourself as you review your impact:

- What did we accomplish and what can we celebrate?
- What feedback do we want to gather from others?
- Who do we need to thank?
- How do we want our advocacy to continue or change?

Advocacy Tools and Strategies

- **Plan or participate in a rally.** While the COVID-19 pandemic has made in-person gatherings unsafe for many, hosting a virtual pandemic can bring people together safely from their homes. You can still arrange

speakers and encourage audience members to participate with their stories and comments. When organizing digitally, you can also incorporate art, music, and culture! Rallies can bring attention to the issue you are advocating on and also build a sense of community in your work. Make sure to keep events, social media, and any efforts accessible. For written documents, social media, and presentations with images or slides, include alternative text or describe images and visuals out-loud. When hosting events, include ASL interpretation and live captioning. Note that this may require fundraising to cover the cost of hiring interpreters or captioners. [Learn more about digital accessibility.](#)

- **Host a teach-in or forum.** Teach-ins and forums are ways to gather a community together to discuss an issue of importance, ask questions, and learn from each other. You can host teach-ins and forums digitally as well during the pandemic. You may have more luck inviting experts, elected officials, and other advocates to a digital forum because the time requested could be as short as 15 minutes, compared to the hours it may take for them to travel to an in-person gathering.
- **Contact legislators.** Often, the problems we face may be removed or fixed through legislation that would change policies and systems in our local, tribal, state, or national government. Elected officials that represent your area depend on voters to support them so they can keep their elected position. Therefore when you express your opinions on important issues, your elected officials will care about what you have to say, especially when you represent a group of people or organizations that are voters and could influence voters themselves. Contacting legislators may not always change their mind, but it is an important way to show the power of your community and show elected officials that their voters care about the issues you are advocating for or against. When writing to your legislators, try to include specific facts, requests, and policies to support or oppose. Get [more tips](#) on how to write a letter to policy makers. You can find your elected officials and their contact info at usa.gov. You can

communicate with your legislators by phone, email, or letter or you can ask to meet with them.

- **Tell stories.** Sharing your own story and gathering stories from people impacted by the issue you are focusing on can be a powerful way to communicate why you and others care about the issue. When encouraging people to tell their story, it is important to remember that not everyone may be comfortable with sharing their stories, to [support people](#) who do share their stories, and to empower those who share their stories as people with valuable knowledge and expertise and not just victims.
- **Get on social media.** Many of us spend a lot of our social lives online, whether we're communicating with our colleagues, chatting with friends, or scrolling through social media. Organizing in your community may mean getting on social media, creating connections online, and using social media tools to share your messages. [Canva](#) is a great and free tool for creating graphics that can communicate your message visually, in addition to the written text.
- **Contact the media.** Reach out to your local media to tell them about events, issues, and stories that you want them to know about. To help the media talk about your story, write a press release with a short summary of the issue or event, a few facts about the issue, and some quotes from advocates and leaders on the issue that the media can use in their articles. Instead of collecting every press contact you can, find local and state reporters and media sources that have covered the issue you are focused on before. Learn more about writing a [press release](#).

REV UP Core Campaign Issues

The REV UP Voting Campaign aims to build power within the disability community through our votes. Our votes help decide the people and policies that shape our lives. Each of us votes because of many different reasons, and talking about important issues can motivate voters with disabilities in your area.

As a diverse disabled community, different issues will impact each of us differently and our policy priorities will vary. Below, we have listed some REV UP Core Campaign Issues in alphabetical order, however this list is not exhaustive and you may have additional priorities that you will advocate for as a part of REV UP.

We vote because each of these issues matter to people with disabilities:

- Access to Voting
- Affordable and Accessible Housing
- Community Living
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Economic Justice
- Education
- Emergency Preparedness and Climate Change
- Equitable and Accessible Technology
- Healthcare
- Intersectionality and Civil Rights
- Transportation

We vote because **Access to Voting** matters to people with disabilities. Americans with disabilities face many obstacles and barriers to voting, including inaccessible polling places and voting equipment, difficulty getting to the polling place, lack of access to vote by mail efforts, and poorly informed election officials and poll workers about access issues. Additionally, tens of thousands of people with mental health conditions and intellectual disabilities have been disenfranchised in 39 states due to laws that strip them of their right to vote. REV UP is committed to fighting against voter suppression and advocating for voter rights and accessibility.

We vote because **Affordable and Accessible Housing** matters to people with disabilities. Housing can provide safety, independence, and so much more,

however barriers in housing from cost to inaccessibility, as well as the lack of availability of support programs and services available in the community lead to a disproportionate number of disabled people living in homelessness. REV UP supports greater availability of accessible, affordable, integrated, and self-determined housing and rigorous implementation of all Fair Housing laws.

We vote because **Community Living** matters to people with disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act's integration mandate and the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision provide people with disabilities with critically important rights — to live, work, and receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate. REV UP fully affirms community living as a right of all people with disabilities, regardless of the type of disability. REV UP supports programs and services that help people live in the community, preventing them from being forced into institutions, detention centers, jails/prisons, and nursing homes. We believe programs that help people move back to the community from institutional settings must be supported, funded, and expanded.

We vote because **Criminal Justice Reform** matters to people with disabilities. The Bureau of Justice Statistics found that an estimated 32 percent of state and federal prisoners and 40 percent of local jail inmates have a disability, and that this population is three to four times more likely than the general population to report having at least one disability. Furthermore, there are significant racial disparities in incarceration rates, with African Americans incarcerated at more than five times the rate of whites. REV UP supports a transformation of the US criminal legal system in ways such as dismantling police discrimination, increasing accommodations in the court system, and eliminating jails functioning as hospitals.

We vote because **Economic Justice** matters to people with disabilities. People with disabilities experience one of the highest rates of unemployment of any marginalized group, and these rates are highest for multiply-marginalized people with disabilities. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for people with disabilities is often more than two times higher than the unemployment rate of people without disabilities. REV UP advocates for a range of economic justice issues

including livable wages, job discrimination, pay equity, social security, and more.

We vote because **Education** matters to people with disabilities. All students have the right to a public education, including students with disabilities. REV UP advocates for students to receive appropriate support such as assistive technology, and we declare that students with disabilities must be offered the same opportunities to succeed and pursue higher education alongside their non-disabled peers.

We vote because **Emergency Preparedness and Climate Change** matter to people with disabilities. Climate change is intensifying the frequency and duration of disasters around the world, including in the United States. People with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by disasters, during which they are [two to four times](#) more likely to die or be injured. Yet, disability communities are often excluded from disaster preparedness, planning, response, and recovery. REV UP is committed to amplifying the need for emergency preparedness resources for people with disabilities, which includes enforcing the equal access requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

We vote because **Equitable and Accessible Technology** matters to people with disabilities. The 21st century has been marked by technological advances and the integration of technology into nearly every aspect of life from hiring and transportation to our social lives and healthcare systems. REV UP supports programs and regulations that ensure people with disabilities have equal access to broadband internet and assistive technologies that provide access to the digital world. REV UP also values the regulation of the discriminatory use of artificial intelligence technology that discriminates against people with disabilities and people of color.

We vote because **Healthcare** matters to people with disabilities. People with disabilities rely on both public (Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, and Medicare) and private insurance options to obtain coverage to meet their health care needs. Access to affordable comprehensive health care coverage is essential for people with disabilities to live independently and maximize the quality of their lives. Unfortunately, many people with

disabilities continue to lack access to the services and support they need. In addition, despite existing legal protections, people with disabilities are subject to discrimination in both the financing and provision of health care services. REV UP advocates for people with disabilities, and all Americans, need to access affordable comprehensive health care coverage.

We vote because **Intersectionality and Civil Rights** matter to people with disabilities. REV UP is committed to an intersectional and racial justice-minded approach to disability rights, which are civil rights. This means we will fight for the inclusion of people of color, women, immigrants, LGBTQIA+ folks in all REV UP core campaign areas. REV UP supports education, programs, and policies that combat the fatal consequences of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and all ism/phobias. Further, the REV UP network works to ensure all people, particularly those that are multiply marginalized, have access to their human rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. REV UP also aims to protect and advance Civil Rights legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Voting Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and much more.

We vote because **Transportation** matters to people with disabilities. Access to affordable and reliable transportation allows people with disabilities important opportunities to go to school, work, take care of their health, live where they desire, and participate in all aspects of community life. Because our nation's investments in transportation infrastructure have disproportionately favored vehicles and highways, those who cannot afford vehicles or do not operate vehicles often lack viable transportation options. REV UP supports people with disabilities' right to access to accessible mass transportation facilities and services, including across rural communities. REV UP also supports accessible innovations in technology to create accessible autonomous vehicles as the transportation industry evolves.

REV UP Toolkits and Resources

- [Info for Voting Coalitions](#)
- [Voter Resource Center](#)
- [Past REV UP Webinars](#)
- [National Disability Voter Registration Week](#)
- [Fannie Lou Hamer Leadership Program](#)
- [Disability Issues and Advocacy](#)
- [State Voting Rights Toolkit](#)
- [Election Accessibility Toolkit](#)
- [Candidate Survey Template](#)
- [Candidate Forum Guide](#)

About AAPD and REV UP

AAPD is a convener, connector, and catalyst for change, increasing the political and economic power of people with disabilities. As one of the leading national cross-disability civil rights organizations, AAPD advocates for the full recognition of rights for the over 61 million Americans with disabilities. To learn more about AAPD, visit www.aapd.com.

AAPD's REV UP Campaign aims to foster civic engagement and protect the voting rights of Americans with disabilities. AAPD works with state and national coalitions on effective, non-partisan campaigns to address the concerns of people with disabilities, eliminate barriers to voting, promote accessibility of voting; educate communities about issues and candidates; promote turnout of voters with disabilities across the country; and engage candidates and the media on disability issues. Learn more about REV UP at www.aapd.com/revup.

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