Voting is Everyone's Right!

Information About Voting for People with Developmental Disabilities, their Families and Staff

Voting in our national, state and local elections is the civil right of every citizen, including people with disabilities.

OPWDD supports everyone's right to vote.

If you need help to vote, talk with the people who support you early so the help you need will be there when you need it. Care Managers and provider agency staff are ready to help you. Accessible voting equipment is available at all polling places.

Make a Plan.

Voting requires some planning. You can vote early at any early voting location in your county, except in New York City where voters are assigned by address to one early voting site.

The Self-Advocacy Association of NYS has created "My Plan to Vote" which will help you get ready to vote. It will walk you through the things you need to think about and do before election day arrives.

Cast Your Vote!

Follow your plan and enjoy exercising your right to vote. Celebrate taking part in our democracy. Be proud that YOU made it happen.

Dates to Remember

The deadline for registering to vote is October 24, 2026.

Early voting runs from October 24th – November 1st.

Election Day is November 3, 2026.

Voting Resources

To Make a Plan to Vote, go to...

- Self-Advocacy Association of NYS website (https://sanys.org/voting/)

To Register to Vote, Find Early Voting Information, Find Absentee Voting Information, Identify your Polling Place and Learn About the New York State Election Dates and Deadlines, go to...

- Your County Board of Elections' website.
- Find your County Board of Elections' website at New York State Board of Elections (www.elections.ny.gov)
- HOW and WHERE Can I Vote? (voteearlyny.org)

To Learn About Accessible Voting, go to...

- https://elections.ny.gov/accessible-voting

To Learn About the Candidates and Your Election, go to...

- www.VoteSmart.org
- www.Vote411.org
- The League of Women's Voters of New York State (https://lwv.org)

To Get Help Registering to Vote or Find Additional Information, contact...

- Michael Orzel, OPWDD National Voter Registration Act Liaison michael.orzel@opwdd.ny.gov or (518) 474-2757

Concerns or Questions?

If you have any problems when you vote, you can contact:

- The Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE or
- Disability Rights New York at mail@DRNY.org, (518) 432-7861 voice), (518) 512-3448 (TTY), or (800) 993-8982 (Toll-Free)

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