



Agenda: Voter Registration, Rights, and Resources: Zoom Training on Voting for Wisconsin Disability Organizations

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition

In partnership with the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

Tuesday, June 23rd from 2:30 – 4PM

Purpose:

- Promote voter registration and absentee voting among voters with disabilities by training organizations connected to people with disabilities
- Encourage participating organizations to develop a plan to participate in “National Disability Voter Registration Week” and provide them with resources and strategies.

Audience:

- Disability organizations: Independent Living Centers, NAMI affiliates, People First chapters, Arc chapters, and others.
- Aging network
- Services providers and organizations who support people with disabilities

1. Welcome and Purpose of the session (2:30 – 2:45)

Barbara Beckert, [Disability Rights Wisconsin](#), DVC Coordinator

- Welcome from the Disability Vote Coalition – who we are disabilityvote.org/ facebook.com/wisconsin disability vote
- Zoom basics
- Provide you with training and tools to support participation of voters with disabilities
DRW Voter Hotline: 1-844-DIS-VOTE
- Support disability and aging groups to develop a plan to participate in [National Disability Voter Registration Week](#)
- Public health: Voting safely during a pandemic

2. **Why This Is an Important Election** (2:45 – 2:55)

Jason Beloungy, [Access to Independence](#)

- What's on the ballot for August 11 and November 3 and why it's important
- Key dates for August and November elections – act now
 - Dates are listed in the DVC FAQ - *2020 Wisconsin Elections Frequently Asked Questions*
- COVID-19 has created additional barriers. Advance planning is needed to vote safely
- Call to Action: Develop an organizational plan to support voters

3. **Voter Registration** (2:55 – 3:20)

Eileen Newcomer, [League of Women Voters of Wisconsin](#)

- Overview of voter registration (My Vote, Mail, in-person)
- [Competency, Guardianship and Voting in Wisconsin](#)

Resources to help:

- [League of Women Voters](#) local leagues
- Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline: 844-DIS-VOTE
- Municipal clerk: Find your clerk on [MyVote Wisconsin](#)
- [Wisconsin Election Commission](#): 866-VOTE-WIS
- Disability Vote Coalition video: [How to Register Online](#) (in ASL)

• **Photo ID** (Eileen)

Resources:

- [Bring it to the Ballot](#)
- Wisconsin DMV [Wisconsin ID Card for Voting Purposes](#)
DMV Voter ID Hotline: 844-588-1069
- Dane County/Wisconsin [Voter ID Coalition](#): 608-285-2141
- Other Resources: video training modules produced by LWV of Dane County:
 - [Online Voter Registration](#)
 - [Paper Registration](#)
 - [Proof of Residence](#)
 - [Voter ID](#)
 - [Helping Voters Register](#)
 - [Behavior & Communications](#)

4. **Absentee voting, by mail and in person** (3:20 – 3:30)

Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights Wisconsin

- Any **registered Wisconsin voter** is eligible to request an absentee ballot for any reason.
- How to request an absentee ballot:
 - In person, by mail, by email, or online at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)
 - Photo ID requirements
 - Completing the ballot/ witness
 - Returning the ballot
- Indefinitely Confined
- Needed: screen reader accessible ADA compliant absentee ballot
- In-person absentee
- Resources:
 - Wisconsin Elections Commission [I want to vote absentee](#)
 - My Vote Wisconsin: [Vote Absentee](#)
 - Download the [Application For Absentee Ballot](#)
 - Municipal clerk: Find your clerk on [MyVote Wisconsin](#)
 - DVC absentee voting video/ fact sheet coming soon
 - *2020 Wisconsin Elections Frequently Asked Questions*

5. **Voter rights (3:30 – 3:45)**

Denise Jess, [WI Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired](#)

Voter Rights

- You have the right to vote privately and independently.
- You have the right to access the polling place, including an accessible route to enter the building.
- You have the right to use an accessible voting machine.
All polling places are required by law to have an accessible voting machine.
- You have the right to assistance marking your ballot. You may bring someone to assist you or ask a poll worker for assistance. *Note: You cannot receive assistance from your employer or from your union representative.*

- You have the right to ask for reasonable accommodations at the polling place. Some common accommodations might be: a chair to sit on a signature guide a magnifying glass assistance with stating a person's name and address
- If a voter cannot enter the absentee voting location or polling place due to disability, Wis. Stat. § 6.82(1) requires that curbside voting must be available.
Tip: contact your clerk in advance to discuss how to access curbside voting. (number to call, bell to ring, honk horn etc)

What a Voter should do if they have a problem at polling place or request for accommodation is not honored
(See FAQ for reference)

Reporting a Complaint – Why It's Important
(see FAQ for reference)

Resources:

- DVC [Know Your Rights Video](#):
- Wisconsin Election Commission: [I'm a voter with a disability](#)
- Wisconsin Election Commission: [Curbside Voting](#)
- Wisconsin Election Commission: [Accessible Voting Equipment](#)
- Wisconsin Election Commission: [Getting assistance with registering and voting](#)

6. Creating a plan (3:45 – 3:55)

Jenny Neugart, DVC Coordinator, [WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities](#)

- Working with voters to create a voting plan
- How to be an informed voter (See FAQ)
- View your elected officials and your ballot at myvote.wi.gov
- Vote411.org has nonpartisan information about candidates.
- Listen to candidate forums and interviews. Ask question when possible.

7. **WRAP UP AND CALL TO ACTION** – Jenny (3:55 – 4)

- We hope today's training has given your organization the tools to help you promote voter registration and absentee voting.
- We invite you to partner with the Disability Vote Coalition. See the handout with suggestions for how we can partner.

Resources

Materials are available on our website at: disabilityvote.org/

- *DVC FAQ - 2020 Wisconsin Elections Frequently Asked Questions*
- *Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition Products List*
- *How the Disability Vote Coalition and Your Agency Can Partner*
- [Disability Vote Coalition Training Toolkit:](#) Request a link to download materials or order printed materials.