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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS &
RESPONSIBILITIES

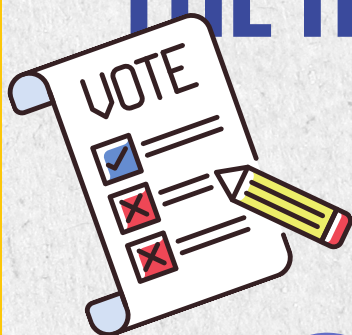
WHAT OPWDD SAYS:

“All Americans have the right to vote, including people with developmental disabilities. There are federal and state laws to guard and guarantee that right.

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), sometimes called the “Motor Voter Act”, is the federal law that ensures voting rights to all Americans. This act was signed on May 20, 1993, and includes specific provisions all states must follow.

OPWDD upholds voting rights for people with developmental disabilities.”

*your vote
matters*



THE RIGHT *TO* *VOTE*

It's Important for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to have the right to vote because voting is a fundamental part of citizenship, inclusion, and self-determination





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What Staff can do:

Explain Your Rights:
Know that having a disability does not stop you from voting. Everyone eligible can vote.

DON'T FORGET: STAFF AND PROVIDERS ARE THERE TO SUPPORT ACCESS AND UNDERSTANDING, NOT INFLUENCE CHOICES. VOTING IS A PERSONAL RIGHT AND EXPRESSION OF INDEPENDENCE.

WHY IT MATTERS?

- It lets you share your voice and choose leaders who care about what's important to you.
 - It helps you make decisions about your community, like schools, housing, and services.
 - It shows that your opinion matters just as much as anyone else's.
 - It helps you be part of your community and stand up for what you believe in.
- Voting is one way to say, "I count. My voice matters."

