

2020 NDRN Annual Conference Update on Public Policy June 18, 2020

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COVID-19 Stimulus / Relief Bills

- Congress has passed three, with the House of Representatives having passed a fourth, stimulus / relief bills.
- These bills contain a lot of good provisions for people with disabilities some of which will be discussed in upcoming slides, but also includes:
 - Medicaid Funding Increases
 - Increased HCBS Funding
 - Expanded Family and Medical Leave
 - Increased funding for Housing

COVID–19 Stimulus / Relief Bills (Continued)

- None of these bills have included dedicated funding for the P&A Systems yet.
- NDRN has been advocating for \$30 million in funding for the P&As to be included in these bills. This is \$10 million for each of these programs – PADD, PAIMI, and PAIR.
- The HEROES Act which passed the House included \$10 Million for DD Act program services and \$5 million for AT Act programs, which includes the P&As through PADD and PAAT. But this is not dedicated to the P&As.
- We are working in a bipartisan fashion in the Senate to get this funding included in either the Senate version of the 4th relief bill or in a negotiated version that will become law.

COVID-19 IDEA & Section 504

- **The IDEA & Section 504 are in Full Effect**
- Schools, districts and states are expected to continue to provide services under IDEA and Section 504.
- We know that provision of services under the IDEA and Section 504 will look different during school closures.
- The IDEA offers flexibility <https://www.ndrn.org/resource/ccd-education-task-force-presents-on-the-danger-of-idea-waivers/>
- *What you can do:* Advocate at the federal level that no waivers are needed under the IDEA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

COVID-19 IDEA & Section 504 (Continued)

IDEA and Waivers, Where Are We Now?

- CARES Act included language that directed Secretary DeVos to publish a report outlining waivers she deemed necessary under IDEA and the Rehab Act.
- [Secretary DeVos Waiver Report published](#) April 27.
- Contains 2 waivers under IDEA
 - 1. to extend the IDEA Part B transition evaluation timelines.
 - 2. to grant a deferral of the work or repayment requirements of Personnel Development Scholarships.

COVID–19 IDEA & Section 504 (Continued)

- No waiver language in HEROS Act as passed out of the House.
- Waiting on Senate language for HEROES Act.
- What you can do: Advocate at the federal level that no waivers are needed under the IDEA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

COVID–19 IDEA & Section 504 (Continued)

- NDRN Activities Around IDEA Waivers:
- NDRN has engaged in a number of advocacy activities to push back against IDEA waiver language in COVID related stimulus bills including:
 - Letters to the Hill
 - A joint statement with COPAA/NASDSE/National Place
 - A joint webinar with CCSSO highlighting state success
 - Network wide calls
 - Salsa Alerts
 - (all available at www.ndrn.org)

COVID–19 Rehabilitation Act Waivers

- Secretary DeVos recommended 4 waivers to the Rehab Act in the waiver report.
- NDRN is focused on these two waivers regarding the reservation of Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment program funds:
- Waive requirements that States reserve not less than 15 percent of the allocated funds for providing pre-employment transition services to students with disabilities, and
- Waive the requirement that a State reserve and expend half of its allotment for providing supported employment services, including extended services, to youth with the most significant disabilities

COVID–19 Rehabilitation Act Waivers (Continued)

- No waiver language in HEROS Act (4th Covid-19 relief bill) as passed out of the House.
- Waiting on Senate language for HEROES Act.
- What you can do: Advocate at the federal level that no waivers are needed under the Rehab Act.

COVID–19 Rehabilitation Act Waivers (Continued)

- NDRN held a Network call to gain input.
- NDRN drafted a letter to the Senate opposing this waiver – instead suggesting that unspent funds be carried over to the next Fiscal Year.
- NDRN remains in close contact with House and Senate on this issue.

COVID – 19 CARES Act Education Funding

- Signed into law March 27, 2020.
- 30.6 B Education State Stabilization Fund.
- \$13.2 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief Fund.
- \$3 billion for the Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund.
- 10% retained by the state education agency, 90% flows to local education agencies.
- Flows from ED to SEAs to LEAs.

COVID – 19 CARES Act Education Funding (Continued)

- Allowable Uses:
- The \$13.2 billion in K12 relief can be used for:
 - purchasing educational technology,
 - planning for how to provide technology for online learning during closures,
 - coordination of preparedness and response efforts between LEAs and other governmental agencies,
 - giving school leaders resources to address the needs of their schools, activities to support the needs of **special populations** (e.g. English learners, low-income, students with disabilities, homeless students),

COVID – 19 CARES Act Education Funding (Continued)

- Purchasing supplies and training LEA staff on how to sanitize school buildings and other facilities,
- Mental health services, and
- Planning for summer instruction either online or in person with attention to **students with disabilities**, English learners, low-income students, migrants students and other vulnerable groups.

COVID – 19 CARES Act Education Funding (Continued)

- Check if your state funding has been distributed.
- Contact your Governor, SEA and advocate for equity based/IDEA focused allocations.
- Make contact with your Commissioner & State Special Ed Director.
- **Work in coalition.**
- **Become part of the process.**
- **Make your voice heard.**

COVID–19 Education Issues More to Come.....

- NDRN is closely watching:
 - HEROES Act funding
 - HEROES Act waivers
 - School re-opening plans
 - Compensatory Education/Extended School Year
 - Issue briefs/guidance out of OSEP
 - MOE Issues
 - Voucher proposals out of ED

COVID-19 & Election 2020

- NDRN is working closely with Hill staff to ensure voters with disabilities are not forgotten when considering voting legislation midst COVID-19.
 - Accessible Vote-By-Mail Systems
 - Safe and Accessible Polling Places
 - Accessible Election Websites

COVID-19 & Election 2020 (Continued)

The National Disaster and Emergency Ballot Act (NDEBA) of 2020

- S.3529 was introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Senator Wyden (D-OR) in March 2020.
- Expand early in-person voting and no-excuse absentee vote-by-mail to all states.
- Allow voters who did not receive an absentee ballot, to use a printable ballot currently only provided for military and overseas voters.
- Provide \$2 million in additional funds to the EAC for supporting states in implementing the Act.

COVID-19 & Election 2020 (Continued)

The VoteSafe Act of 2020

- S.3725 and H.R. 6807 were introduced by Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA), House Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC), and Representative Marcia Fudge (D-OH) in May 2020.
- Authorize \$5 billion in spending to expand voting options and improve the safety and accessibility of polling places.
- Require early in-person voting periods of at least 20 days.
- Mandate that every state allow no-excuse mail-in absentee ballots.

COVID-19 & Election 2020 (Continued)

The DemocracyCorps Act

- Introduced by Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) in May 2020.
- Includes many of the same provisions included in NDEBA and the VoteSafe Act.
- Establishes “DemocracyCorps” to assist state and local governments administer elections and to promote democracy.

COVID-19 and SNAP

- In April, a handful of P&As contacted NDRN with concerns they were receiving regarding utilizing SNAP benefits for online grocery delivery during the pandemic.
- NDRN engaged in advocacy on our own and with coalition partners urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to expand the program administratively.
- NDRN has engaged in advocacy with Congressional partners to expand the program through legislation.
- USDA's response to the advocacy has not been very forthcoming toward change.

COVID-19 and SNAP (Continued)

- COVID-19 SNAP Legislation:
 - SNAP provisions in the HEROES Act
 - SNAP Online Purchasing Flexibility Act (H.R.6510).
 - Food Assistance for Kids and Families During COVID-19 Act of 2020 (S. 3563).
 - SNAP COVID-19 Anti-Hunger Restaurant Relief for You Act of 2020 (H.R. 6688).
- There remains an opportunity to be involved in the SNAP space going forward.

Fiscal Year (FY) 21 Budget and Appropriations

- President's budget was released in early February. Contained many of the same cuts in programs (including PAIMI and PADD) as previous budgets and was dead on arrival on Hill because it was different than the two budget deal Congress reached last year.
- NDRN deployed a new appropriations strategy this year. We started with connecting with the P&A agencies on their funding priorities and how that might conflate with the interests of Members from their delegation.
- Then the NDRN staff held meetings with Hill staff to convey the message and learn the Member's timeline for appropriations requests. This was followed by NDRN staff helping P&As complete the request process.
- Finally, we pushed individual letters for specific programs for Members to sign on to.

Fiscal Year (FY) 21 Budget and Appropriations (Continued)

- House was supposed to have passed all appropriations bills by end of June. COVID-19 has delayed that timeline.
- Senate is taking some tentative steps forward on its appropriations work, but they are typically much slower and later in the year than the House.
- While there is a budget for the year, which will help complete the appropriations process, it is not much higher than last year's budget levels which means there is not a lot of room for increases.
- Almost guaranteed there will be a Continuing Resolution to continue funding for the government when the Fiscal Year starts on October 1. Not sure if short-term until after election or longer.

Appropriations Table*

Program	FY 13 Post Sequestration	FY 19 Final Appropriations	FY 20 Final Minibus Numbers	FY 21 President's Budget
PADD	38.617	40.734	40.784	38.734
PAIMI	34.249	36.146	36.146	14.146
PAIR	17.088	17.650	17.650	17.650
CAP	11.600	13.000	13	13
PATBI	3.089	4.089	4.089	3.089
PAAT	4.059	4.768	4.768	4.768
PAVA	4.947	6.963	7.463	4.963

* Numbers in Millions of Dollars

Representative Payee

- As work has turned to implementation of the program, we continue quarterly meetings with Hill staff to update them on the program, as well as issues that have been encountered in the start-up and implementation.

Mental Health Reform

- While no specific mental health reform legislation is in Congress right now, the issue pops up legislatively in things like school or mass violence.
- The **Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC)** was formed by the Cures Act, and issued an initial report. The Committee will continue for additional years. SAMHSA is using the recommendations from this report to drive its work.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/advisory-councils/smi-committee>

Substance Use P&A

- We continue to feel there is a role for the P&As to play in this policy sphere and are advocating for dedicated funding for P&As to work on advocacy for individuals with a substance use addiction.
- We continue to have discussions with Congress to get this dedicated funding, and are hopeful to get traction.

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

- Ultimately full repeal and replace of the ACA has not taken place, but many negative changes have been made through regulation, executive order, and some legislation (repeal of individual mandate).
- Attacks will continue through regulations and executive orders. Medicaid is clearly in the crosshairs of the Administration and many Republicans in Congress, and a lot of education is needed to make Members and their staff understand the importance of this program.
- Supreme Court will take up in the fall the 5th Circuit decision declaring the ACA unconstitutional.

HCBS and MFP

- Still spending a lot of time explaining the importance of the HCBS rule to both Congress and the Administration.
- A new heightened scrutiny guidance from CMS has been issued that we do not really like, but doesn't override the basic tenants of the HCBS rule, which is a positive.
- MFP funding has been extended multiple times and now through almost the end of the year. We remain hopeful that a long-term or permanent extension will pass along with the Medicaid extenders that needs to pass this year.

Disability Integration Act

- Civil Rights legislation introduced to address the need for long-term services and supports.
- Legislation introduced in both the House and Senate.
- Advocates seeking cosponsors of this legislation, and the hope was that the House would take it up this year.
- But the Hill desire for considering this legislation died down following a controversial statement from a leading advocate.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

- EVV was part of the 21st Century Cures Act passed in 2016 and was to be implemented in states by January 2019.
- There have been multiple issues, concerns, and problems with the implementation of this program.
- In late June of 2018, legislation passed to extend the implementation date for EVV to January 2020, and implementation is going forth.
- We continue to work with a number of organizations to modify the egregious provisions (GPS tracking for one).
- These attempts are at both the Congressional and Administration levels, and we have some hope to get legislation added to the Medicaid extenders legislation moving later this year.

PADD – Developmental Disabilities Act

- Given focus elsewhere, DD Act reauthorization has not been a priority for Congress the last few years.
- VOR seems to have shifted focus from the DD Act, to the appropriations process, requesting hearings, reduced budgets for DD Act programs, and restrictions through appropriations language.
- Last Congress there was a hearing in the House on class actions and impact on institutions. See: <https://judiciary.house.gov/hearing/examining-class-action-lawsuits-intermediate-care-facilities-individuals-intellectual-disabilities-icf-iid/>.
- This hearing then led to reintroduction of H.R. 6786, which would limit the ability of DOJ and P&As to pursue class actions concerning institutions.
- So far we have heard of no action on this issue this Congress, but there continues to be a need to educate the Hill on your work regarding institutions, as legislation could be reintroduced.

Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI)

- While it was technically not up for reauthorization until 2019, because of the retirement of Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), who was one of the leading proponents of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act, a push was made to pass a reauthorization as a legacy item in 2018.
- We made a run at increasing the very low authorization amount and providing access to P&As to V.A. facilities and programs so veterans with traumatic brain injuries could get needed advocacy.
- Congress ended up passing a close to clean reauthorization with minimal changes to the act before the end of the last Congress.

Helpful ESSA Implementation Resources

- **NDRN resources on ESSA available at:**
<http://www.ndrn.org/en/component/content/article/35/579-esea-implementation.html>.
- **Analysis of ESSA state plans:**
<http://advocacyinstitute.org/ESSA/SWDanalysis.shtml>.
- **Analysis of ESSA state activity:**
<http://understandingessa.org/>.
- **Review of ESSA state plans:**
<https://bellwethereducation.org/publication/independent-review-essa-state-plans>.
- **NCLD Report reviewing disability provisions in ESSA state plans:**
https://www.nclid.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/AssessingESSA_2018.pdf.

Vouchers and Voucher-Like Schemes

Administration has used COVID-19 as a springboard for advancing voucher priorities:

\$180 million for the Rethink K-12 Education Models Grant
(applications out)

- Micro grants for families
- Virtual Learning
- Field Initiated Learning

\$127.5 million for the Reimagining Workforce Preparation Grant
(applications out)

Teacher Directed Professional Learning Experiences & IDEA
Personnel Development Vouchers (proposed priorities)

Equitable services (ED guidance)

Restraint and Seclusion

- The Keeping all Students Safe Act was reintroduced at the end of the 115th Congress (Sen. Murray (D-WA), Rep. Scott (D-VA)). NDRN supported.
- The APRAIS coalition held a Hill briefing on the bill at the end of 2018.
- House Education & Labor Committee held a subcommittee hearing on restraint and seclusion in Feb, 2019. NDRN submitted testimony and a letter of thanks for the hearing.
- Negotiations with Hill and other stakeholders was on-going prior to COVID-19.
- [GAO released report](#) on federal seclusion and restraint data.

Higher Education Act

- Worked with Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Rep Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA) and supported the Improving Access to Higher Education Act.
- House Education & Labor Committee voted H.R. 4674, the College Affordability Act out of the committee.
- The Senate continues to signal that HEA is a priority in the 116th Congress.
- On hold for now due to COVID-19.

Education P&A Bill

- Continuing to work with Rep. DeSaulnier and House & Senate Committee staff on language.
- Looking for a Republican co-sponsor.
- The bill provides dedicated funding for P&As for education rights work for individuals who are IDEA, 504, or ADA eligible.

Other Education Related Bills/Issues

- IDEA Full Funding Act – NDRN continues to work on this legislation in the 116th Congress.
- School Climate Principles: NDRN signed onto School Climate Principles through LCCR and is working in coalition on Hill visits <https://www.ndrn.org/resource/ndrn-signs-on-to-civil-rights-principles-for-safe-healthy-and-inclusive-school-climates/>
- NDRN is also keeping an eye on:
 - Foster care and education.
 - Native American education issues.
 - School Climate and School to Prison Pipeline Issues.
 - School Safety Reports and Legislation.

Education Outreach, Collaboration & Presentations

- To broaden awareness of the Network and increase ability to weigh in on state plans and implementation, NDRN regularly engages in outreach and collaborative activities with:
- CCD Education Task Force – co-chair.
- APRAIS - co-chair.
- Coalition on MH/CR/Schools/Guns - co-chair
- Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights ESSA group – participant.
- Bi-monthly meeting with CCSSO

Education Outreach, Collaboration & Presentations (Continued)

- National Coalition on Public Education – participant.
- Medicaid in Schools - participant.
- Education Big Table – participant.
- IDEA Full Funding - participant
- Future of Privacy Forum working group on student privacy and school safety reports.

Veterans

- NDRN is working to get the Veterans P&A bill reintroduced in the 116th Congress.
- NDRN is working with Senators Rounds, Brown & Casey and Representatives Roby & Titus.
- At the end of October 2016, NDRN signed a MOU with VR&E at the V.A. NDRN has completed two webinars. The first webinar covered the P&A history, structure and authorities. The second topic was education for students with disabilities. VR&E has completed one webinar for the P&A Network and a second is planned in late October

Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)

- NDRN and CPSD are co-chairs of a coalition focused on Competitive Integrated Employment.
www.integratedemploymentnow.com
- NDRN remains highly concerned that the WIOA VR Regulations will be opened. NDRN has met with Secretary Devos and had many meetings with Assistant Secretary Collett on the issue.
- Most recently NDRN co-lead on a letter with over 200 hundred organizations urging that ED not open the WIOA regulations.
- NDRN and a small group of allies met with Acting Assistant Secretary of OSERS, Mark Shultz to discuss concerns around opening the regulations.
- NDRN received a response from Mr. Shultz to this meeting.

Competitive Integrated Employment (Continued)

- NDRN and allies sent another community –wide letter to Secretary DeVos highlighting the NCD Report, “From the New Deal to the Real Deal” and the Senate HELP Committee Minority Staff Report.
- NDRN will submit comments and supply the Network with template comments when the regulations are opened which will be driven by the website.
- What you can do:
 - sign up to receive updates about this issue at:
<https://integratedemploymentnow.org/>

Employment Related Legislation

- Raise the Wage Act: S. 150, H.R. 582
 - Includes a 6 year phase out of 14 (c) certificates.
- Transformation to Competitive Employment Act: S. 260, H.R. 873
 - Includes a 6 year phase out of 14 (c) certificates.
 - Creates competitive grant program for states and entities to transition 14 (c) holders to CIE models.
 - Creates a National TA center.
 - Requires reporting and evaluation.

Achieving Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act

- Still working to get the age to open an ABLE Account raised.
- S. 651 the ABLE Age Adjustment Act of 2019 was introduced by Senator Casey (D-PA) with eight cosponsors – this is a bipartisan piece of legislation. Working to get similar legislation introduced in the House and find appropriate vehicle to get it enacted this Congress.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - Notification bills

- Passed the House last Congress, but died in the Senate.
- Representative Calvert (R-CA) with 8 Republican cosponsors introduced a new version of the ADA Notification bill in 2019. No Democratic cosponsors yet. Unclear with Democratic majority if it will get any traction in the House, but will be continuing to educate members and staff there.
- Senator Graham (R-SC) is now the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and he led the fight against the pool lift rule a couple of years ago. So, we are paying close attention to the Senate to see if there is any movement in that body to bring up an ADA notification bill.

ORR and Immigration

- ORR: Because of the great reports the P&A's have provided, NDRN is able to bring evidence of the work we are doing in this space to the Hill. NDRN and our Congressional champions have requested that language be included in upcoming funding bills so P&As have a dedicated funding stream to continue to do this work.
- ORR: Staff changes at ORR have resulted in Jonathan Hayes being replaced by Acting Director Heidi Stirrup. We have some concerns about detention practices of migrant children and will continue to monitor those developments.

Housing/Emergency Management

- We continue to monitor and comment on HUD regulations on various issues including fair housing and safe harbor.
- We submitted comments on HUD's proposed rule on equal participation of faith-based organizations in HUD programs opposing discrimination based on personal beliefs.
- We are meeting with House and Senate members to push for funding for P&A's Emergency Management work – pre, during and post work.

Criminal/Juvenile Justice

- Working on a Criminal Justice P&A to give the P&As a dedicated funding stream to monitor criminal justice facilities.
- Plan to circulate this language Members of Congress to see if legislation can be introduced.
- Once we have made some progress on a Criminal Justice P&A, we will turn our attention to a Juvenile Justice P&A.

PABSS and WIPA

- Funding for the PABSS and WIPA programs appear to be safe now that we have ensured that the Labor-HHS appropriation bills include language indicating that SSA is to fund these programs.
- WIPA contracts were last re-competed in 2015.
- No sign of attempt to reauthorize these programs in Congress.
- However, PABSS funding has been stagnant and we need to make the case that this funding needs to be increased from \$7 million.

Social Security 2100 Act

- Legislation has been introduced in both the House (H.R. 860) and Senate (S. 269).
- Increase for all beneficiaries that is equivalent to 2% of the average benefit.
- Improves the annual cost of living adjustment formula to better reflect the cost of living.
- Ensures that any increase in benefits from bill does not result in a reduction of SSI benefits or loss of eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP.

Transportation

- Circulated NDRN's surface transportation and Amtrak reauthorization priorities on Capitol Hill as we look toward a reauthorization.
- Submitted comments on DOT's Traveling by Air with Service Animals Proposed Rule and continue to monitor regulatory developments.
- Endorsed Rep. Lamb and Sen. Blumenthal's Ending Passenger Rail Forced Arbitration Act (S.3400/H.R.6101) which will help ensure individuals with disabilities have the option to resolve their consumer and civil rights disputes with Amtrak through avenues that exclude mandatory arbitration.
- Endorsed Rep. Langevin's Disability Access to Transportation Act (H.R.6248) which will increase accessible transportation for individuals with disabilities.

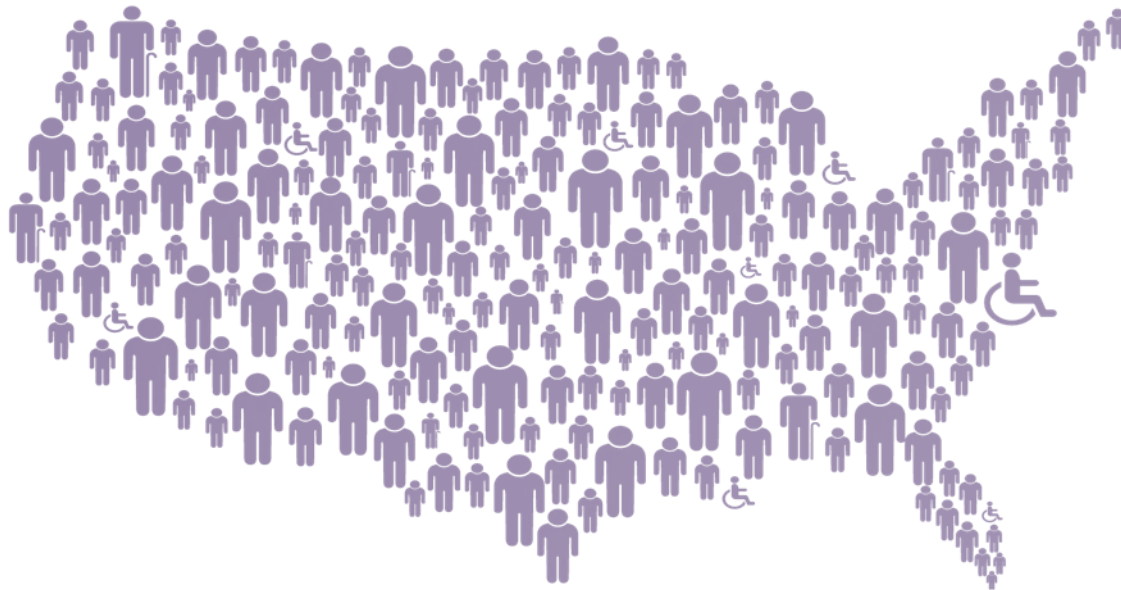
Transportation (Continued)

- Autonomous Vehicles —NDRN will continue to work with a number of civil rights and transportation advocate groups to ensure any legislation on this topic ensures accessibility and safety for people with disabilities.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

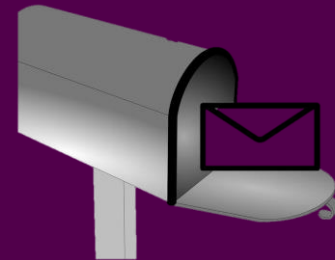
- The reauthorization of VAWA passed through the House and has stalled in the Senate. We are unsure of a timeline on this legislation
- Unfortunately, the disability community's voice was left out of some key areas. We have been meeting with members of the Senate Judiciary Committee on possible amendments to the reauthorization of the VAWA.

Census 2020



Census 2020 (Continued)

- Most households received an invitation in the mail to self-respond online this Spring.
- Households can still respond by phone or by mail.
- Census enumerators will visit all households that did not self-respond to collect responses in person.



Census 2020 (Continued)

- Number of people in household
- Homeownership (owner/renter)
- Name
- Sex
- Age
- Race and Hispanic Origin
- Relationship Status in Household
- Telephone Number

Start here OR go online at [url removed] to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire.
Use a blue or black pen.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.
- If no one lives and sleeps at this address most of the time, go online at [url removed] or call the number on page 8.

The census must also include people without a permanent place to live, so:

- If someone who does not have a permanent place to live is staying here on April 1, 2020, count that person.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away from here, either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2020.
- Leave these people off your questionnaire, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?
Number of people =

2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?
Mark all that apply.

- Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children
- Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- People staying here temporarily
- No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark ONE box.

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? (Include home equity loans.)
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented?
- Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number?
We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.
Telephone Number - -

7. What is this person's race?
Mark one or more boxes. Print origins.

White

Asian American, Black, English, Italian, Mexican, Arab, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hawaiian Native, Other, Spanish, etc.

Some other race — Print race or origin.

Census 2020 (Continued)

→ **Federal Funding**

Guides how \$1.5 trillion in federal funds are allocated every year – including programs like Medicaid, housing vouchers, SNAP, etc. and much more!

→ **Congressional Seats**

Determines how many seats in Congress each U.S. state will receive.

→ **District Boundaries**

Influences where the boundaries of legislative, school, and voting districts are drawn.

An Accessible 2020 Census

“The 2020 Census is accessible for everyone.”- US Census Bureau

→ Online

Section 508 Compliant and a video guide in American Sign Language

→ By Phone

Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD/TTY) technology

→ By Mail

Braille and large print language guides (“Sample Ballots”)

Census 2020 Resources

Issues

- ADA & Civil Rights
- Census 2020
- Community Integration
- Education
- Fires, Disasters & Emergencies
- Employment
- Funding
- Hate Incidents
- Justice System
- Mental Health
- Representative Payees
- Self-Determination
- Transportation
- Veterans
- Voting

Census 2020

Count Everyone, Include Everyone

The 2020 Census will serve as the nation's 24th decennial census. It is important to include everyone in the census outreach process, including people with disabilities. NDRN is committed to advocacy efforts for an accurate population count, and is working with groups and organizations to keep outreach efforts as accessible as possible.



The Arc United States Census 2020

YOU COUNT! BE COUNTED.

WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

The government counts everyone in the country. They ask questions about every home in the country. One person from every home answers the questions. This is called the census. **The census is when the government counts everyone in the country.**

The census happens every 10 years. **We will have a census in 2020.**

The government will send you a letter in the mail. They will send the letter in March. This letter has instructions on how to fill out the census.

The census asks one person in every home to answer a few questions. A home can be a house or apartment.

WHAT QUESTIONS DOES THE CENSUS ASK?

The census asks two kinds of questions. It asks questions about your home. Then, it asks questions about each person who lives in your home.

The census asks these questions about your home:

- What is your phone number?
- Do you own your home or rent it?
- How many people live in your home?

Only one person needs to respond to the census in each home. If you live with other people, you should talk to them about who will fill it out.

Your answers to the census are **secret**. The government will not share your answers with anyone. Your answers are used to count how many people there are in the country. **The law does not allow your answers to be shared for any other reason. The census does not ask if you are a citizen of the United States.**

FOR MORE RESOURCES, VISIT thearc.org/census.

Search... Resource Types

CENSUS 2020

An Accessible 2020 Census: FAQs by the Disability Community About Census Operations

November 27, 2019

Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality and NDRN published this FAQ to provide more information about census operations and accessibility for the disability community.

GENERAL

CENSUS 2020

NDRN's Fall Public Comment to the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations

November 8, 2019

NDRN submitted a letter of public comment to the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations committee asking that they discuss the needs of people with disabilities.

COMMENTS

CENSUS 2020

Census Bureau Says Census 2020 will be Accessible for Everyone

October 30, 2019

The US Census Bureau recently released a new factsheet entitled "The 2020 Census is Accessible for Everyone".

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Census 2020 Resources (Continued)

- [Get out the Count \(GOTC\) Toolkit](#)
- [An Accessible GOTC Plan](#)
- [An Accessible 2020 Census: Frequently Asked Questions by the Disability Community about Census Operations](#)
- [the 2020 Census is accessible for everyone](#)
- [Public Comment to the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations](#)
- [NDRN Partners with Census Bureau to Ensure a Fair and Accurate 2020 Census](#)
- [Cherokee Bradley Appointed to Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations](#)
- [Census 2020 Social Media Tool Kit](#)
- [Disability Community Highlighted at Senate Hearing on Census 2020](#)
- [Census 2020 will Not Include a Citizenship Question](#)
- [States Ranked by Percent of People with Disabilities Living in Hard-to-Count Census](#)
- [Why the Census Matters for People with Disabilities: A Guide to the 2020 Census Operations & Challenges](#)
- [NDRN Urges Census Bureau's NAC for Disability Representation](#)
- [An Accessible 2020 Census](#)
- [The Arc | Census 2020](#)
- [DisabilityCounts.org](#)

Census – Have You?



- If not, visit 2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 today!

Voting

- NDRN is working to extend PAVA funding to the two remaining P&As currently not eligible for these funds.
- NDRN is advocating for a private right of action and lifting the P&A litigation prohibition under HAVA.
- NDRN is working with its partners for federal prohibition of state voter competency laws.
- NDRN is pushing for research and development funding to support accessible voting technology and funding for polling place updates.

Federal Legislation

- H.R.5510 - PAVA Program Inclusion Act
- S.3206 - Accessible Voting Act of 2020
- H.R. 1 - The For The People Act
- H.R.2722 - Securing America's Federal Elections (SAFE) Act
- H.R.4 - Voting Rights Advancement Act
- S.1472 - Protecting American Votes and Elections (PAVE) Act
- H.R. 1799 - Voting Rights Amendment Act

PAVA Program Inclusion Act

- H.R.5510 was introduced by Representative Gallego (AZ-7) in December 2019.
- Bipartisan support in the House.
- H.R. 5510 would extend PAVA funds to the American Indian Consortium and Northern Marianas P&As.

Accessible Voting Act of 2020

- S.3206 was introduced by Senators Bob Casey (PA) and Amy Klobuchar (MN) in January 2020.
- Establishes an Office of Accessibility.
- Funds to implement voter accessibility upgrades.
- Lifts the P&A litigation prohibition under HAVA.
- Provides protections for individuals subject to guardianship and ensure their right to vote is not arbitrarily removed.

Blocking the Ballot Box: Ending Misuse of the ADA to Close Polling Places



Blocking the Ballot Box

Ending Misuse of the ADA to Close Polling Places

January 2020



- The report examines counties with recent Department of Justice settlements for polling place accessibility.
- Recommendations and suggestions are available in the conclusion section of this report.

Elections: Security vs. Accessibility

- Elections accessibility is supported by multiple federal laws:
 - Americans with Disabilities Act, Help America Vote Act, Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act

Elections: Security vs. Accessibility (Continued)

- Security advocates have made hand marked paper ballots their primary solution.
- Security advocates are pushing for limited or no use of ballot marking devices (BMDs).

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