**YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS SUPPORT STAFF**

People with disabilities have the right to vote. As their staff, you are responsible for supporting this right. You can help voters with disabilities in 3 easy steps, while keeping important considerations in mind.

- You must assist individuals with voter registration and getting to the polls even if you disagree with their candidate preference.
- It is illegal to coerce an individual to vote for a specific candidate. *NYS Election Law §17-154(1)*
- Only a judge can decide whether someone has the competency to vote. You cannot make that decision.
- A person can vote even if they have a guardian, unless a judge has specifically ordered that the individual is not competent to vote.
Step 1: Voter Registration

Check voter registration status at voterlookup.elections.ny.gov. Help register to vote at elections.ny.gov/votingregister.html.

Step 2: Learn About Candidates

Find factual information about candidates and issues at VoteSmart.org, FactCheck.org, and Vote411.org.

Step 3: Voting Options

Absentee Voting:

Voters may cast their ballot by mail using an absentee ballot. You can apply for an absentee ballot online at absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov. You can apply for an accessible absentee ballot which allows the ballot to be read on their computer and marked with personal assistive devices online at absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/home/accessible.

Early Voting:

Select polling places are open 10 days leading up to Election Day. Accessible voting equipment that can read and mark your ballot is available at all early polling places. You can locate the early polling places in your area by contacting your county board of elections office at elections.ny.gov/countyboards.html.

On Election Day:

Accessible voting equipment is available at all polling places. Identify polling location at voterlookup.elections.ny.gov.

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