OCTOBER - EARLY NOVEMBER IS VOTING SEASON

WE HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE

Every year, on the 1st Tuesday* in November and for 10 days before** we vote for who will run our government.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A PLAN TO VOTE
MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSE HAS A PLAN TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO NEED IT

*IF THE 1ST TUESDAY FALLS ON NOVEMBER 1ST, THEN ELECTIONS HAPPEN ON THE 2ND TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER
**IN NEW YORK STATE VIA EARLY VOTING
My Plan to Vote Checklist

Remember: no one has to know who you vote for.
You can use this form to share with your support people or as a checklist for yourself.

I am registered to vote at my current address: □ Yes □ No
□ I would like help registering
   To check, go to https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/
   To register, go to https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html
   Or call your county board of elections

My method (pick one):
□ Mail in Absentee Ballot
   □ I have requested an absentee ballot
   □ I need help requesting an absentee ballot
      (to request a ballot go to https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/
       or call your county board of elections)
   □ I need to know how to fill out an absentee ballot
   □ My ballot has been sent in or dropped off

□ Early Voting at Any Polling Place in My County
   □ I will vote on this date and time: ______________
   □ It is on the staff calendar / transportation has been arranged

□ On Election Day
   □ I have a ride or can walk/bike there
   □ Time of day I will go: ______________
   □ If needed, I have a staff going with me
   □ It is on the staff calendar / transportation has been arranged

□ I need help learning about who I may vote for/candidates.
   (Websites: VoteSmart.org, Vote411.org, FactCheck.org or call your board of elections)

After you vote: I had difficulty when I went to vote...
□ Staff could not take me/I could not get there
□ I had a problem at my polling place
□ I had a problem with my absentee ballot
Contact DRNY PAVA 1-800-993-8982 to tell them about the problem
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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