Get to Know Indiana Disability Rights

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What We Will Cover

• Who We Are
• What We Do
• How We Do It
• Our Resources
• Case Studies
Who We Are

“The Protection & Advocacy (P&A) System Explained”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2tbZf3SLP0
Mission

To protect and promote the rights of individuals with disabilities through empowerment and advocacy.

Indiana Disability Rights

• Serves all 92 counties
  – Office is located in Indianapolis
  – Six field staff

• Indianapolis Office
  – 4701 N. Keystone Ave.,
    Indianapolis, IN 46205

• Located on IndyGo Bus Routes 19 and 26.
Indiana Disability Rights

• Staff of 26
  – Advocates
  – Attorneys
  – Communication & Outreach
  – Finance
  – Operations

What We Do
Teams

- Community Integration
- Education
- Employment
- Investigate
- Justice
- Monitor Service Providers
- Voting Rights

Voting Rights

- Ensure accessibility at polling locations
- Provide educational materials about voting rights
- Provide training with and for self-advocates
- Staff Election Day Hotline
How We Do It

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP6g-kfK37A

How We Do It

The Intake Process

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP6g-kfK37A
Types of Advocacy

- Self-Advocacy
- Individual Advocacy
- Systemic Advocacy

Resources
Intake Advocates

How to Contact Us

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nvm7ODPKt3Q

Website

www.IndianaDisabilityRights.org
Online Help Form

Hoosiers Vote Website
Social Media

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2nAqidRiPfQa53Yaf9qeCg

YouTube Channel
Voter Information Videos

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2nAqidRiPfIqa53Yaf9qeCg

Polling Location Resources

Do you have a question about voting? Contact Indiana Disability Rights.

800.622.4845
TTY: 800.838.1131
IndianaDisabilityRights.org
Polling Location Resources

Signs for Deaf and Hard of hearing voters

Polling Location Resources

Welcome to Polling location 1234.

We will need to see your photo ID, such as a driver’s license or Indiana photo ID card, to find your name in the poll book.
Polling Location Resources

Please sign next to your name.

This is your ballot. Take it to the voting booth and read the instructions at the top of the ballot. Remember to complete both sides of the ballot.

When you are done, take your ballot to the machine and put it in the slot. The poll worker can help you, if needed.

Thank you for voting today!

ADA Checklist

https://www.ada.gov/votingck.htm
Case Studies

Case Study #1

FAIL.

All animals must be on Leash to enter building

Service Animals must have Certification Papers

Vote Here

VOTE
IDR Advocacy

- IDR was tagged in a Facebook post during early voting
- Tom Crishon, Managing Attorney, contacted county clerk’s office to educate them on the rights of people with service animals, there are no “Certification Papers”, and requested the sign be removed
- Clerk’s office complied the same day

Case Study #2
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IDR Advocacy

• IDR was notified of an inaccessible voting center
• IDR staff member was dispatched to visit location and took pictures
• IDR notified County Election Board and Clerk’s Office that all polling locations must be accessible
• IDR discovered that this location had not been accessible for many election cycles
IDR Advocacy

- IDR worked with local disability advocates and voting rights advocates and provided in-person testimony at and Election Board meeting.

- Election Board and County Clerk were willing to work with IDR and local advocates to ensure all polling centers were accessible for the next election.

IDR Advocacy

- All voting centers were reviewed before the next election by request of the County Clerk.

- Reviewers were:
  - County Clerk
  - People with disabilities
  - Natasha, IDR Advocate
  - League of Women Voters
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