My Vote
Election Workshop
2016
ID Action is a nonpartisan, statewide project dedicated to creating greater civic and political involvement among people with disabilities.
15.6 million people with disabilities voted in national elections in 2012, **BUT**
the rate is still 5.7% lower nationally than for people who do not have disabilities. (It’s 6.3% lower in Iowa.)

**WHY??**
REASON NUMBER 1:

I don’t know if it really matters if I vote
I don’t know if it really matters if I vote

If people with disabilities voted at the same rate as people without disabilities, approximately 10 million more votes would be cast.

That could make a difference!
REASON NUMBER 2:

I don’t know if I can vote
I don’t know if I can vote

- Will you be 18 years old on or before Election Day?
- Do you live in Iowa?
- Are you a U.S. citizen?
- Are you voting only in Iowa?
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REASON NUMBER 3:

I am not sure how to register to vote
I am not sure how to register

Register early
- By October 29 at 5:00 p.m.
- Complete the paper registration form
- Complete the online registration on the Secretary of State website – www.sos.iowa.gov
I am not sure how to register

Register on Election Day
• Prove who you are and where you live
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REASON NUMBER 4:

I don’t feel informed
I don’t feel informed

How can you find out about the issues and the candidates?

infoNET
Iowa’s Disability Policy Resource
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REASON NUMBER 5:

I’m worried voting will be a hassle
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You have the RIGHT to:

• vote independently and privately
• have help
• an accessible polling location
• accessible voting equipment
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REASON NUMBER 6:

I don’t know how to vote
I don’t know how to vote

• Vote an absentee ballot from home
  • Deadline to request is November 4, 2016

or

• Vote at a Satellite Center or County Auditor’s office

or

• Vote in person on Election Day
5 Easy Steps to Vote

1. Register
2. Get informed
3. Know YOUR RIGHTS
4. Find out when and where
5. Vote