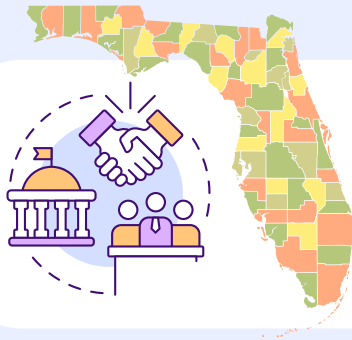
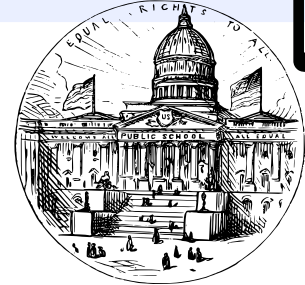


ONE VOICE COALITION FLORIDA ADVOCACY RESOURCES



Know Your Representatives

To find your Florida state representatives, visit myfloridahouse.gov and flsenate.gov, where you can enter your street address or ZIP code into the "Find Your Representative" or "Find Your Senator" search tools. Once identified, you will be connected directly to your lawmakers' official office profiles, local district staff contact information, and committee assignments,



Local Meetings

While trips to Tallahassee are impactful, the policies and budgets that directly shape your daily life are decided right at home during county commission, school board, city council, and legislative delegation meetings. You can easily find upcoming schedules and public comment details by searching the clerk or administrative pages on your local county, city, or school district websites.

Election Years

Because local leaders make key decisions regarding community accessibility, school district programs, and county services, participating in local elections is one of the most powerful tools a disability advocate has. Nationwide, midterm voter turnout historically **drops by 15% to 20%** compared to presidential years, making it crucial for advocates to visit the [Vote Brevard Portal](#) to find their voting information and ensure their community's voice is heard.



Where to Begin?

To plug into disability advocacy in Florida, you can connect directly with statewide networks like [Disability Rights Florida](#) for legal self-advocacy tools and [Florida Voices for Health](#) for storytelling and healthcare access campaigns. Additionally, state-level policy platforms through the [Florida Developmental Disabilities Council](#) and community coalitions offer toolkits, training, and legislative action alerts to help you elevate your voice locally.

Nothing About Us, Without US

With recent policy shifts—like federal revisions regarding [Olmstead community integration](#), local ballot discussions surrounding Florida amendments, and increased scrutiny on Medicaid service systems—family advocacy is more essential today than ever before. Grassroots voices from parents and self-advocates are vital to safeguard community-based supports, inform lawmakers, and ensure lived experiences guide policy decisions across Florida.



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