WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO VOTE?

Everyone has different ideas of why it is important to vote. Voting is really just our way of being part of a community. Voting helps make decisions about the things that matter most to us in our daily lives.

Here are some reasons why voting is important, especially for people with disabilities:

- It is your right as a citizen and it gives you power to be part of making decisions about things that are important to you.
- As a person with a disability, you have the chance to let others know why certain things are important to you that they may not understand if they don’t have the same life experiences that you do.
- It is to your civic duty as a citizen to make sure your voice and opinions are heard because you are an important member of a country, city, county and community.
- Voting can help make sure people with disabilities get the services they need.
- Voting can affect the things that impact your daily life: issues like school or tax levies, services like police, EMS (Emergency Medical Services), the fire department, and issues in the community that you live in.
- Voting also impacts other parts of your life such as healthcare, housing, and public transportation.
- Voting allows you to help get people into important offices so that they can fight for the things you think are important.
- Voting helps protect your rights as a person with a disability.

DRO operates a voter hotline every Election Day from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. If you need help, call us at 614-466-7264 or 800-282-9181. We are working remotely, so leave us a voicemail and we will call you back.