



MANY STORIES One Voice.

We are more powerful together. People deserve to live, learn, and work in their community of choice: Iowa's community providers make that possible. Use your voice and join IACP in advocacy for community providers!

GET INVOLVED

- **Know IACP Policy Priorities** and stay informed through weekly IACP member bulletins, bill watch, and policy webinars.
- **Visit** with your legislators at a local town hall meetings and the Statehouse.
- **Participate** in IACP's call to actions - Contact your elected officials.
- **Plan to attend** IACP Hill Day and visit with your legislators at the Statehouse. Bring your team and stakeholders.
- **Write** a letter to the editor supporting IACP Policy Priorities.
- **Contribute** to the Iowa Providers PAC.

PLAN YOUR MESSAGE

Knowing what to say and how to say it can be intimidating. Use this structure to get started:

1st Finger: Introduction

- My name is..., I live in..., I'm a constituent!

2nd Finger: What is my issue?

- I'm here to talk to you about...

3rd Finger: Why I care.

- This is important to me because...

4th Finger: Why legislators should care.

- This is an important issue because...

5th Finger: My ask.

- Can we count on you to support...

TELL YOUR STORY

Your experience is what matters to decision-makers. Personal stories give a face and a context to policies, challenges and solutions.

To ensure we communicate effectively, keep these points in mind when interacting with legislators:

- **Be polite**, even if you don't agree.
- **Be persistent.** Policy change takes time!
- **Plan your message** before you reach out (see below).
- **Share your story!** Personal experience and impact is what matters.
- **Be concise.** There is a lot of noise out there - share why this matters to you.





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