Welcome!

Federal Advocacy – Special Guest!

- Voting & Elections
- Iowa Caucuses
- Opportunities & Resources
TIPS on Federal Advocacy

Congressional Schedule is Year Round

- **State Work Periods:**
  - July 31 – September 5 ("August Recess")
  - October 9 – 10
  - November 20-24
  - December 18-29

You are represented by 2 US Senators, 1 US Representative

- **US Senator Joni Ernst:** [www.ernst.senate.gov](http://www.ernst.senate.gov)
- **US Senator Chuck Grassley:** [www.grassley.senate.gov](http://www.grassley.senate.gov)
  - **August 28–29 (Grassley Town Halls)** – Missouri Valley & Ida Grove
TIPS on Federal Advocacy

You are represented by one US Representative (Congressperson)

Voting & Elections

Secretary of State Office:
- Great time now to double check voter registration
- 1-888-SOS-VOTE (1-888-767-8683)
- sos.iowa.gov
- sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/regtovote/search.aspx

2023 Election | Tuesday, November 7, 2023 (7 am to 8 pm)
- School board, Mayor, City Council
- Pre-Registration 15 days before the election (October 23)
- Early voting begins 70 days before election (today – August 25)
- Mail-in ballots must be received by auditor in the office before polls close.

2024 Election | Tuesday, November 5, 2024
- President/Vice President
- All US Representatives
- Half of Iowa Senate
- All of Iowa House of Representatives
- County elected officials
- Constitutional Amendments

Work at the Polls
pollworker.iowa.gov
Iowa Caucuses (First in the Nation for Republicans):
- January 15, 2024 (MLK Day) @ 7 p.m.
- New rules may be in place, like being registered to vote as a Republican months before

Iowa Caucuses (Democrats):
- Iowa lost first in nation status to SC (Feb. 3)
- No date confirmed.
- Could go before, but not sure delegates will count.
- May not do presidential preference at caucus; mail-in option still being discussed

Who Can Caucus?
- You must be eligible to vote in Iowa.
- You will be 18 years old by Nov. 5, 2024.
- You must be registered as a Democrat or Republican.

Who watched the first Republican debate? Fair Soapboxes?
SHARE YOUR thoughts
Iowa DD Council Resources

LIFT OFF TO ADVOCACY

August 30-31, 2023
Take Your Legislator to Work
• October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month
• Looking for advocates or DSPs to take their legislator to work
• Employment may be a big issue in 2024 Legislature
• iowaddcouncil.org/tyltw

Submit a story for DSP Recognition Week
• September 10-16
• iowaddcouncil.org/DSP-information

Town Hall & Capitol Advocacy Grants
• Meet with your elected officials now – town hall
• Plan your 2024 Capitol Day (Jan. 8 – April 16)
• iowaddcouncil.org/dd-council-town-halls
• iowaddcouncil.org/capitol-advocacy-days

Other Opportunities:
• Allies in Advocacy
• Trending Topics (iowaddcouncil.org/topics)
HHS Opportunities

Service Delivery Alignment

- [hhs.iowa.gov/service-delivery-alignment-assessment-project](hhs.iowa.gov/service-delivery-alignment-assessment-project)

- **Stakeholder Input - Consumer Survey (CLOSES AUGUST 26):**
  We want to hear from you! We want to know how we can do a better job. We want to make sure you can get the services you or your family needs, when you need them. Answering 10 quick survey questions will help us know what is important to you and how we can do better. Go to: [healthmanagement.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9nsp1I5shWk8IYe](healthmanagement.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9nsp1I5shWk8IYe)

HOME Initiative

- Hope & Opportunity in Many Environments (HOME)
- [hhs.iowa.gov/ime/HOME](hhs.iowa.gov/ime/HOME)
- Watch for input options: [hhs.iowa.gov/ime/HOME/get-involved](hhs.iowa.gov/ime/HOME/get-involved)