

# NDSC Advocacy Training Boot Camp Advocacy Resource List

The National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) takes pride in presenting a comprehensive and invaluable resource list, encompassing reputable disability organizations, news outlets dedicated to policy tracking, and resources pertaining to education, labor, and healthcare within the disability community. This collection reflects NDSC's unwavering commitment to supporting individuals with Down syndrome and other disabilities, as well as their families and advocates.

National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC): NDSC

- National Down Syndrome Advocacy Coalition (NDAC)
  - NDAC FAQ: NDAQ FAQ
  - o NDAC Member Application: NDAC Member Application
  - o NDAC Group Member Application: NDAC Group Member Application
- Register for NDSC Action Alerts: NDSC Action Alerts
- NDSC One-Pager Examples:
  - SA one-pager sample A
  - SA one-pager sample B
  - SA one-pager sample C
  - SA One-Pager Template
- NDSC Advocacy Toolkit for Self-Advocates: NDSC Advocacy Toolkit for Self-Advocates

## National Organization Resources (\*Denotes chapters/affiliated organizations/offices in states):

- \*Center for Parent Information and Resources: Parent Information and Resources
- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (use Directory tab to find local attorney/advocate): <u>Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates</u>
- Global Down Syndrome Foundation (GLOBAL): Global Down Syndrome Foundation
- Justice In Aging: Justice in Aging
- \*National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities: NACDD
- National Council on Disabilities: NCD (Listed by State)
- \*National Disability Rights Network (Protection and Advocacy): NDRN
- National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS): NDSS

- National Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights: <u>Civil Rights ORG</u>
- The Advocacy Institute: The Advocacy Institute
- The Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN): ASAN
- The Autism Society: <u>Autism Society</u>
- \*The Arc: The ARC
- \*University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities: <u>AUCD</u>

#### **Organization Coalitions:**

- Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination (CPSD): CPSD
- Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD): CCD

#### **Retirement/Social Security Resources:**

• ABLE National Resource Center: ABLE RC

#### **National News Resources:**

- Disability Scoop: Disability Scoop
- The Hill: The Hill
- Politico: Politico

#### **Employment and Labor Resources:**

Association for People Supporting Employment First: APSE

#### **Educational Resources:**

- TIES Center on Inclusive Practices and Policies for Students with Significant Cognitive
   Disabilities: TIES Center
- Educating All Learners Alliance: Educating All Learners Alliance
- CAST (developers of UDL framework): CAST
- UDL Credentialing and Certification Initiative: <u>UDL Credentialing and Certification</u>
   Initiative
- UDL Implementation and Research Network: <u>UDL Implementation and Research</u>
   <u>Network</u>
- Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy WRIGHTSLAW
- #321Advocate Online Facebook Down Syndrome Advocacy Group: #321Advocate
- Think College: Think College

### **Healthcare Resources**:

• Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): HHS

## **Elected Officials and Bill Tracking:**

## **Contacting Your Elected Officials:**

• How to contact elected officials (comprehensive): <u>USA.GOV</u>

• US House of Representatives: <u>HOUSE.GOV</u>

• US Senate: <u>SENATE.GOV</u>

## **Tracking Federal Bills:**

• Congress Bill Tracker: CONGRESS.GOV

• Additional Congress Bill Tracker: GOVTRACK

• Additional Congress Bill Tracker: GOVINFO

## **Tracking State Legislature Bills:**

• State Legislature Bill Tracker: <u>LEGISCAN</u>

• State Legislature Research: NCSL

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