



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](#)

- NDAC FAQ: [NDAQ FAQ](#)
- NDAC Member Application: [NDAC Member Application](#)
- NDAC Group Member Application: [NDAC Group Member Application](#)
- Register for NDSC Action Alerts: [NDSC Action Alerts](#)
- NDSC Advocacy Toolkit for Self-Advocates: [Policy Advocacy Toolkit for Self-Advocates](#)
- NDSC Advocacy Training: [Advocacy Training Resources](#) including:
 - Basic Government Processes Video
 - Basic Government Processes Slide Deck
 - Creating an Elevator Speech Template
 - NDSC State Advocacy Engagement Plan
 - Self-Advocate (SA) One-Pager Template
 - SA One-Pager Sample - Blackburn
 - SA One-Pager – LaCour
 - SA One-Pager Sample – Mast
 - SA One-Pager Sample – Smart

- 2025 NDSC Advocacy Training Boot Camp Presentations

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

- ABLE National Resource Center: [ANRC](#)
- ABLE today: [Abletoday](#)
- *Center for Parent Information and Resources: [Parent Training and Information \(PTI\)](#)
- [Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates \(COPAA\)](#) (use Directory tab to find local attorney/advocate): [Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates](#)
- Global Down Syndrome Foundation (GLOBAL): [Global Down Syndrome Foundation](#)
- [Justice In Aging](#)
- *National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities: [NACDD](#)
- National Council on Disabilities: [NCD](#)
- *National Disability Rights Network (Protection and Advocacy): [NDRN](#)
- National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS): [NDSS](#)
- National Resource Center for Supported Decision Making (SDM): [Supported Decision Making](#)
- *The Arc: [The ARC](#)
- [The Advocacy Institute: The Advocacy Institute](#)
- [The Autistic Self Advocacy Network \(ASAN\): ASAN](#)
- The Autism Society: [Autism Society](#)
- *University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities: [AUCD](#)

Educational Resources:

- [CAST](#) – Developers of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework
- [Educating All Learners Alliance](#) – Resources for inclusive education
- [K-12 DIVE](#) – In-depth journalism on K-12 education issues
- [Think College](#) – College options for students with intellectual disabilities

- TIES Center on Inclusive Practices and Policies for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities:
 - [TIES Center](#)
 - [NDSC All TIES Document Clickable PDF](#)
- [UDL Credentialing and Certification Initiative](#)
- [UDL Implementation and Research Network](#)
- [Wrightslaw](#) – Special Education Law and Advocacy
- [#321Advocate](#) – Online Facebook Down Syndrome Advocacy Group

Elected Officials and Bill Tracking:

Contacting Your Elected Officials:

- How to contact elected officials (comprehensive): [USA.GOV](#)
- US House of Representatives: [HOUSE.GOV](#)
- US Senate: [SENATE.GOV](#)

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: [LEGISCAN\](#)
- State Legislature Research: [NCSL](#)

Employment and Labor Resources:

- Association for People Supporting Employment First: [APSE](#)

Healthcare Resources:

- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): [HHS](#)

National News Resources:

- Disability Scoop: [Disability Scoop](#)
- K-12 DIVE: <https://www.k12dive.com/>

- Politico: [Politico](#)
- The Hill: [The Hill](#)

Organization Coalitions:

- Alliance to Prevent Restraint, Aversive Interventions and Seclusion (APRAIS)
<https://tash.org/partnerships/aprais/>
- Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD): [CCD](#)
- IDEA Full Funding Coalition <https://www.ideafullfunding.org/>
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights: [Civil and Human Rights](#)

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