



Speaking out for people with intellectual & developmental disabilities

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The Value of VOR Membership!

VOR is a national, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization advocating for high quality care and human rights for all persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). VOR is the only national advocacy organization supporting a full continuum of care options for people with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities, and their families.

VOR is 100% privately funded and receives more than 95% of its financial support from families of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Individuals investing in VOR through membership dues and donations will receive the Weekly E-Mail News Update, a print newsletter (The Voice) three times a year, an invitation to an Annual Conference and Initiative in Washington, D.C., Action Alerts, individual advocacy, and legislative and legal advocacy. Members and supporters also enjoy the intangible benefit of supporting the only national organization We recognize and champion the right of individuals and their families to be the primary decision-makers regarding care and policy decisions, regardless of service setting.

Thousands of individuals, families, professionals and organizations across the country support VOR through annual membership dues and additional contributions. The membership's ongoing financial and advocacy support speaks directly to the grassroots' confidence in VOR's ability to succeed in its mission on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities.

Supporting VOR is a good investment!
Thank you for your membership and financial support!

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To join VOR, please enclose dues payment: Individual \$40 Family Organization \$200 Professional Assn. \$250
An extra donation is enclosed. \$1000 \$500 \$100 \$50 Other

Name Home Phone
Street Address Work Phone
City, State, Zip
E-Mail Fax
Facility/Organization Affiliation Title:
Please Charge my: MC Visa Discover Card number:
Expiration Date Three Digit Security Code: Signature:
Location your loved one calls home: State:

Thank you for supporting VOR.

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VOR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

TANGIBLE BENEFITS TO MEMBERS:

- ✓ **VOR's Weekly E-Mail Update**, that provides members with “real time” national news.
- ✓ VOR's print newsletter, **The Voice**, that includes legislative, legal and state news, along with VOR organizational updates, published three times per year.
- ✓ Regular **Action Alerts** with background information, template messages and contact information enabling members to respond to legislative and other policy proposals impacting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- ✓ An annual **VOR's Conference** and related events which feature prominent speakers and timely topics in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ **Individual advocacy assistance** via access to VOR's Board Members, State Coordinators, staff and key leaders.
- ✓ A vibrant **Legislative Advocacy** program, including an annual **Washington Initiative** and a year-round Washington Representative who attends legislative meetings, hearings, and conferences on VOR's behalf, ensuring a regular presence in our nation's capitol.
- ✓ A vibrant **Legal Advocacy** program which includes legal advocacy and, when available, pro bono legal representation for nationally significant litigation. VOR has had a presence and impact in cases in Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey; Washington State, California, Massachusetts, and Virginia.
- ✓ An **informative website** (www.vor.net) which some members regard as a “one-stop advocacy shop.”
- ✓ Access to VOR speakers and grassroots training opportunities.
- ✓ The right to select VOR's Board of Directors through an annual vote.

THE INTANGIBLE BENEFITS TO MEMBERS:

- ✓ **VOR speaks up for families and gets involved** when results of legal precedents in other states will affect your loved ones.
- ✓ **VOR speaks up for individuals** to make sure that the quality of care in all settings meets the individual needs of each resident.
- ✓ **VOR speaks up for families and individuals** to choose from a spectrum of residential choices, including large or small, state or private, or home.
- ✓ **Only VOR speaks up for families** on federal issues that affect funding and quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, like *Olmstead*, DD Act reform and Medicaid.