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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. For 35 years, VOR has been the only truly grassroots national advocacy organization supporting a full continuum of care options for people with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities, and their families. 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.

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

Membership in VOR entitles you to receive the *Weekly E-Mail Newsletter*, a thrice annual print newsletter (*The Voice*), 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 this truly grassroots national advocacy organization. VOR provides you with the information, networking opportunities, and tools to be a better advocate for your loved ones with I/DD.

### **VOR Members Work for You**

Our committees work on issues that affect your family:

- VOR's Issues Oversight Committee has written to the American Bar Association, The National College of Probate Judges and other associations to support the rights of guardians in the face of those who are trying to replace guardianship with alternatives that fail to protect the most vulnerable.
- VOR's Legislative Committee has written officials to support all levels of employment opportunities, from day programs to center-based services offering specialized wages to full competitive employment, as best suited to the needs and abilities of the individual, and we have partnered with peer organizations that support providers of center-based services.
- VOR's Quality of Care Committee has been promoting ways to expand high quality dental services to those unable to access them. Members of the "Q of C" are currently working to develop and promote comprehensive studies on morbidity and outcomes for individuals with I/DD who have been forcibly transferred from their years-long ICF homes and placed into smaller, often less suitable, HCBS waiver settings.
- VOR members and our Executive Director have met with leadership of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Department of Justice (DOJ) to advocate for better reporting of critical incidents, especially those involving abuse and neglect in HCBS waiver settings, as well as for better pay, training and certification for Direct Support Professionals in all settings.
- VOR's State Coordinators program has enlisted members as representatives of their states, to help advocate for issues within their state, to coordinate their activities with the actions and experience of members in other states, and to understand how to coordinate their state actions with national advocacy.

### **Supporting VOR is a Good Investment**

This year, your generosity enabled us to:

- Organize and participate in hearings in the House Judiciary Committee on the harm caused by class action lawsuits against Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs)
- Advocate for a bill to end / limit class action suits against ICFs and to ensure notification of and the power to opt-out of the class in these proceedings resulting in the introduction of bill H.R.6786.
- Fund our Action Alert software system which allowed members to send individualized letters and e-mails to members of Congress or state legislators and speak out against bills that would close ICFs, or to help support bills that help our loved ones, and to protect them from abusive incidents in single-state and national campaigns.
- Schedule and attend in-person meetings with legislators and their aides on Capitol Hill.
- Schedule and attend in-person meetings with members of HHS, CMS, DOJ, ACL and the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID)

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**To join or donate through our secure online portal, please go to: <http://www.vor.net/online-membership-form> or use the form on the back of this page.**

*Gifts to VOR are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, as no goods or services are provided in consideration of a gift.*



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## To join or contribute:

- \$45 per year per individual membership
- \$200 per year per family organization membership
- \$250 per year per provider/professional organization membership
- Additional donation included     Donation Only (no membership)

Thank you for joining VOR or renewing your existing membership.  
We deeply appreciate your generosity through additional gifts.  
You may pay by check or credit card.

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