



## Worksheet for Integrating Nonpartisan Voter Engagement into Social Work Practice and Organizational Culture

Your organization/ school? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the groups you could engage to vote (i.e., clients, staff, students, parents, etc.)

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Potential partners (i.e., League of Women Voters)?

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### What steps can we take to help people to register

- When is the right time to ask clients whether they are registered to vote?

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- Can we offer to help look up voter registration status, address and polling location?

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- Can we run/support voter registration drives at events or meetings?

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- How can we share information about registration deadlines and resources in office, website and/or social media?

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- Other ideas \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nonpartisan voter education

Can you or your organization help educate clients/staff/community:

*When/where/how to vote:*

- How to look up where to vote
- Who represents them
- Voter bill of rights
- Who can vote with a felony record
- Voter id requirements
- Rules for special populations like the homeless and victims of domestic violence
- How to fill out absentee ballots
- Importance of voting
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Information about elections, candidates and who represents them:*

- Information on upcoming elections, including copy of the ballot
  - Nonpartisan candidate events and guides
  - Host a nonpartisan candidate forum or meeting at agency or school
  - Help clients find their elected officials.
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
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## Encouragement to vote in elections

Is your organization able to:

- Remind clients/staff/community about upcoming elections? How?
  - Run voter pledge drives (signing a “pledge to vote” increases likelihood of voting by 20+ %) Post answers on social media and/or display
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
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## BE COUNTED!

Ways your organization can support people to participate in the 2020 census?

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What barriers do you anticipate?

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What resources would be helpful?

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More ideas/best practices to integrate voter engagement into agency operations.

- Designate lead “voter ambassador(s)” for agency
- Add question about voter registration to client in-take form. Case worker (other\_\_\_\_\_) will assist with registration lookup and process. Receptionist (other\_\_\_\_\_) will be responsible for copying and mailing forms to local registrar within X days.
- \_\_\_\_\_ will conduct voter registration drives at events.
- Add online voter registration link, resources and/or deadlines to organization website
- Post promotional materials and voter information in waiting room
- Discuss voter registration and voting in support groups
- Email staff and clients about upcoming voter registration deadlines
- Partner with League of Women voters on voter education materials to distribute to clients
- Help clients or staff apply for absentee ballot
- Share information about candidate forums and/or nonpartisan candidate guides via email and waiting room.
- Post voter bill of rights
- Promote upcoming elections and post sample ballots
- Help clients and staff look up who represents them
- Encourage clients/staff to contact elected officials
- Host a forum or invite elected officials to agency
- Run visible voter pledge drive leading up to election (e.g., WHY I VOTE)
- Sign up for webinars and resources at [nonprofitvote.org](http://nonprofitvote.org)