

A Resource Guide for Election 2016: Presidential Candidates' Proposed Policies on Issues Affecting the Disability Community

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This is a resource guide for anyone who seeks information on key issues affecting the entire disability community. The proposed policies of candidates for the President of the United States on these issues are listed, if they could be found.

Before we continue, a few disclaimers. First, we've included homophobia, transphobia, and racism in this document as well as women's rights, immigration and welfare & poverty. This is because there are people with disabilities (PWD) who are multiply-marginalized (disabled people of color, for example.) We want to ensure that the full disability community is included in this guide. Second, if content for a particular candidate appears brief or lacking, it is in no way a reflection on Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC). We researched each candidate intensely to ensure this guide is as accurate as possible. Likely, the candidate may not have proposed policies yet on some issues at the time this document was created. Lastly, check our sources at the end of this document to learn more about each candidates' proposed policies.

Hillary Rodham Clinton	Donald J. Trump
Child Care: Federally mandated paid family leave for mothers and/or fathers for up to 12 weeks with at least 2/3 rd of one's income paid. The cost of childcare would cap at 10% of your income. She endorses the creation of universal pre-k. Clinton will raise the wage for child care workers. Additionally, Clinton "will double the number of children served by Early Head Start and the	Child Care: Federally mandated paid maternity leave for up to six weeks using unemployment benefits. The cost of child care would remain at its average cost, but be tax deductible and up to four children and "elderly dependents" could receive care. Trump will create incentives for employers to provide childcare at the workplace.

<p>Early Head Start–Child Care Partnership program. Clinton will increase “funding for campus-based child care centers” to increase access to childcare for student parents. Funding for this plan would come from taxing the wealthiest Americans.</p>	
<p>Disability Policy: Clinton promises to support the Disability Integration Act. She’ll also work with: the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of Labor (DOL), and other government agencies to uphold the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ensure quality of life for persons with disabilities (PWD). Lastly, Clinton plans to fight to ensure the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by our Congress.</p>	<p>Disability Policy: Trump “is committed to a comprehensive review of all programs related to people with disabilities with the mandate to modernize, streamline and disentangle the current bureaucratic labyrinth with programs strewn across multiple departments, agencies and offices with little or no coordination.” Additionally, he’ll consider creating a National Office for Disability Coordination. Collaborating with Congress, Trump will remove any and all legislation that is unneeded.</p>
<p>Economy: Clinton will create new jobs in clean energy, manufacturing, etc. She will also make college debt-free and make it so the executives have to share their profits with their employees.</p>	<p>Economy: Trump promises to create 25 million new jobs as President. He also promises to grow the GDP, reform economic policies, and boost economic growth.</p>
<p>Education: Clinton will enforce the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). She will fight to increase funding of services of young people with disabilities in K-12 schools. Clinton will also fight for the passage of the Keeping All Students Safe Act and enforce other Department of Education guidance to keep students with disabilities safe from bullying as well as harmful restraint and seclusion. Lastly,</p>	<p>Education: Trump will work with Congress to decide the fate of IDEA funding. Additionally, he believes that removing waste in spending as well as ineffective and similar programs will produce “better outcomes.” He believes the federal government should have a small “role in local public education.” Trump will use “a Cabinet-led task force” to respond to young people with disabilities being bullied in school, by students and/or staff. This task force would “work with Executive Branch</p>

<p>Clinton will make sure students with disabilities have access to assistive technology that would help them learn and communicate with teachers.</p>	<p>agencies and Departments and Congress as appropriate.”</p>
<p>Employment for PWD: Clinton will make sure Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is enforced. Clinton will also enforce Section 503 of the same act. Clinton will lessen burdens on “community banks and credit unions” that hinder small business lending to make it easier for PWD to start small businesses. Clinton will aid in the employability of youth with disabilities by increasing access to a high-quality (college) education. Additionally she will “protect and expand funding” for our communities to help PWD, including youth with disabilities, work. Ensuring a reform of public programs like SSDI and SSI, Clinton will build on Obama’s work so PWD would be allowed to work if receiving aid from these programs.</p>	<p>Employment for PWD: Trump will make sure Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is enforced. His administration will work with Congress “to set an example of the importance and value of hiring individuals with disabilities.” Trump promises to create an employment system free of discrimination. Trump’s administration will work with Congress to help train young PWD so they’re ready to enter the work force. Trump believes that federal governmental programs serving PWD shouldn’t discourage anyone from having a job. He will also evaluate existing programs for PWD and remove the ineffective ones if he is elected President.</p>
<p>Healthcare (Medicare and Medicaid): Clinton will expand upon the Affordable Care Act (ACA), popularly known as “Obamacare” while protecting Medicare and expanding Medicaid. She’ll also make enrollment under both the ACA and Medicare easier. Additionally, Clinton will limit the out-of-pocket cost of prescription drugs and other out-of-pocket costs. She’ll also protect the consumer from corporations unjustifiably raising the price on prescription drugs. Clinton adds to this, saying she’ll expand</p>	<p>Healthcare (Medicare and Medicaid): Trump will reform Medicaid regulations, and the regulations of similar programs, to increase their flexibility, thus making them better serve PWD. Trump also wants to change the way our healthcare marketplaces do business. He also wants to work with Congress so people have higher quality care that’s more affordable. Lastly, he wants to work with state governments to make sure people who have no health insurance can get covered.</p>

healthcare accessibility for rural Americans while also expanding funding for community health centers.	
HIV/AIDS: Clinton will implement a national strategy to fight HIV/AIDS, and invest in research for a cure. She will also put a cap on “out-of-pocket expenses” for people with HIV/AIDS. Clinton will also increase the accessibility of HIV/AIDS medication like PrEP. Additionally, Clinton will expand Medicaid to include HIV/AIDS coverage. She will lastly decriminalize HIV/AIDS, and increase the amount of people around the world treated for it.	HIV/AIDS: Trump has made conflicting statements on this issue. Check out Impact 2016 in our sources to learn more.
Homophobia & Transphobia: Clinton will fight for the passage of the Equality Act , and end conversion therapy once and for all. She will honor LGBT+ members of the military, and fight to end HIV/AIDS. Lastly, she’ll protect the rights of trans Americans and the rights of LGBT+ people around the world.	Homophobia & Transphobia: <u>None found.</u>
Housing: Clinton will strengthen the Olmstead Supreme Court decision, which guaranteed PWD the right to be integrated into their communities, by funding effective community-based housing programs like Section 811 . She will also expand on the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s <i>Olmstead</i> guidance.	Housing: Trump will enforce existing federal laws making: discrimination against PWDs illegal, reasonable accommodations necessary, and accessibility typically encouraged based on the year the building in question was built. Additionally, he is open to improving these laws.
Immigration: Clinton will create a	Immigration: Trump believes American

<p>pathway to citizenship and “fix the family visa backlog.” She’ll also make it so immigrant families aren’t broken up during the quest to earn citizenship via “three and 10 year bars.” Clinton will also defend DACA and DAPA and do everything she can to protect immigrant families. Relatedly, Clinton will “end family detention and close private immigration detention centers.” Lastly, she will create an Office of Immigrant Affairs and more to help integrate immigrants into our communities.</p>	<p>jobs should go to American citizens instead of undocumented people. Popularly, Trump has promised to build a great wall no immigrant below the border can cross paid for by Mexico. He will deport any immigrant found without documentation or citizenship, and repeal DACA and DAPA. Visas will no longer be handed out under a Trump Presidency until immigrants can be properly screened. However, he will help immigrants with citizenship, permanent residence, or visas/green cards. Trump will make sure that countries of deported immigrants take their people back at our order.</p>
<p>Mental Health Policy: Clinton will promote early diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses/psychiatric disabilities. She will also launch a national initiative for suicide prevention. Clinton will also “integrate our nation’s mental and physical health care systems” so they’re focusing on the whole person. Clinton will make mental health treatment more important than jail for non-violent low-level offenders. She’ll also enforce the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. Lastly, Clinton will make sure that people with mental illness/psychiatric disability have access to housing.</p>	<p>Mental Health Policy: Trump believes “mental health programs and institutions” are in need of reform.</p>
<p>Police bias and killings of PWD(especially POC with Disabilities):Clinton will better train police officers to respond to mental health crises.</p>	<p>Police bias and killings of PWD (especially POC with Disabilities):<u>Nothing found.</u></p>
<p>Racism: Clinton will reform the criminal justice system and protect</p>	<p>Racism: During the 1st Presidential Debate, Trump claimed strengthening</p>

<p>the right of POC to vote. She'll also "protect immigrants' rights and keep families together" as well as "end the epidemic of gun violence in our communities." Additionally, she'll fight racist environmental injustice and help POC achieve more in schools. She'll also end violence against trans women of color, revitalize poor communities, and make sure that Puerto Ricans are treated equally by government programs like Medicare, Medicaid, etc.</p>	<p>America's police force would end racism.</p>
<p>Social Security: Clinton will defend this vital program from any attacks, and expand it for those who need it. She'll also ensure everyone under Social Security is treated fairly and ask the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share to preserve it. Lastly, she'll expand social security so America's elders "can retire with dignity."</p>	<p>Social Security: Trump will increase jobs and decrease waste to save Social Security. He also believes that the wealthiest Americans should give up their Social Security since they don't need it.</p>
<p>Sub-minimum wage: Clinton says PWD deserve a better wage, and that PWD need to be included in the standard minimum wage. She will also push for the Transition to Independence Act to become law.</p>	<p>Sub-minimum wage: Trump will work with Congress to ensure the fair treatment of PWD "by labor laws."</p>
<p>Taxes: According to The Tax Foundation, Clinton plans to increase taxes on the wealthiest Americans. She also plans to create a \$1,200 tax credit for caregivers. She'll also create a deduction for small businesses. Additionally, Clinton aims to increase "the healthcare tax credit for small employers with up to 50 employees</p>	<p>Taxes: Trump plans to cut taxes for all Americans. He will also cut taxes for corporations and businesses while increasing "the business tax credit for on-site childcare." His website details a simplification of the tax brackets. He plans to repeal some taxes all together, such as "the Obamacare tax on investment income" and what many call the "death tax." Trump also plans to increase tax deductions and</p>

through the Affordable Care Act (ACA).” She'll also make it so that more businesses can get this tax credit and get covered under the ACA.	deduction caps.
Technology: Clinton will work with the Government Services Administration (GSA) to make sure information technology is accessible to people with disabilities in and out of the workplace by enforcing Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 .	Technology: Trump will enforce all existing legislation relating to disability and technology if it's “technologically feasible.” Part of this law includes responding to any existing discrimination from technology companies against PWD.
Transportation: Clinton has produced a \$275 billion infrastructure plan to make sure every American has access to public transportation. Additionally, Clinton will work with the Department of Transportation (DoT) to make sure PWD are included in the development and integration of self-driving vehicles onto our nation's roads. She'll also work with the DoT to ensure safe and accessible air travel for PWD.	Transportation: Trump believes “we should integrate into our investments in infrastructure and transportation assets policies to provide to the extent possible services required by people with disabilities.” Trump will consider regulating Uber and Lyft if Congress does. Trump will increase training for TSA employees to improve air travel for PWD, with a promise to “review possible gaps” when it comes to disability law and related training.
Veteran Affairs (VA) Reform: Clinton will reform the VA's healthcare system for veterans so veterans can receive “timely and high quality care.” Clinton will also connect our veterans to the jobs they need to thrive. Lastly, she'll improve the quality of life of military families in a variety of ways.	Veteran Affairs (VA) Reform: Trump will make sure veterans have constant access to the care they need no matter the circumstances. He will also greatly reform the VA as a whole and make sure our country cares about more than just the physical health of our nation's veterans.
Voting: Clinton will enforce existing laws which includes HAVA (Help America Vote Act) to ensure	Voting: Trump will support funding to states so they can carry out their constitutional duty of conducting elections,

accessibility of polling sites for PWD.	including accessibility of polling sites.
<p>Welfare and Poverty: Clinton will raise wages and create affordable housing while “expand[ing] rental assistance” and fighting homelessness. She’ll also help low-income communities afford healthcare. Additionally, she’ll provide American children with “a world-class education.” Lastly, she’ll make sure that communities suffering from “decades of neglect” are benefiting from government investments.</p>	<p>Welfare and Poverty: Trump is on the record as saying food stamps should be temporary. He also believes that the welfare-to-work provision of the 1996 Welfare Reform Act should be expanded to the other 76 welfare programs. Making it so that you can only receive any welfare if you are either “enrolled in job training or trying to find work.”</p>
<p>Women’s Rights: Clinton will work to close the gender pay gap and “confront violence against women.” She will support Planned Parenthood and protect women’s health and reproductive rights.</p>	<p>Women’s Rights: Trump wants a complete ban on abortion, and a defunding of Planned Parenthood. If abortion was outlawed, then Trump wants it to become a punishable crime. He has promised “to nominate anti-choice justices to the Supreme Court.”</p>
<p>Autistic Community Policies: Clinton will ensure autism screening is covered by all Marketplace plans, and that Medicaid covers “all medically necessary services for [autistic] children.” Additionally, Clinton will encourage state medical providers to include autism screening information in the Medicaid renewal packets. Clinton aims to provide awareness campaigns targeting “African-American and Latino families, low-income families, and women and girls, so people of all backgrounds can get screened [for autism].” Clinton also plans to increase funding for autism research and study autism prevalence in adults. Lastly, Clinton will launch the</p>	<p>Autistic Community Policies: <u>None found.</u></p>

"Autism Works Initiative" to connect autistic people to meaningful employment.	
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