



# GOVERNMENT ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

## TALKS TRAININGS TOOLS

Every single policy, decision, and system intersects and affects people with disabilities. But too often, there are no disability voices included in our governments and leadership. And, when we are not included, there will inevitably be gaps and challenges that affect our everyday lives.

We have the power to change the world around us and the ***Government Access for People with Disabilities*** educational package is a great place to start. We must increase the badly needed representation of the disability community and it starts with your voice, your lived experience, and the steps that you take next.

### **TALKS** – [Policy & Power: A Disability Community Story](#)

30-Minute Documentary

This is the inspiring and emotional story of what can happen when a disability community comes together to use their voice for change. Through following the Colorado state legislation, [HB25-1017 \(Community Integration Plan for Individuals with Disabilities\)](#), this documentary features the voices of local changemakers with disabilities and allies in leadership. With lived experiences at the front-and-center, this community will motivate you to be the change you want to see!

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### **TRAININGS** – [Policy & Power for People with Disabilities](#)

30-Minute Online THINK+change Academy Course

Lawmakers don't know your lived experience and they need you to speak up to make their work better! This THINK+change course is here to help you take the first steps to making your voice heard. Pushing for change and inclusion can truly start with small steps. Watch these educational videos for resources and ideas to get you involved with government decisions and systems change today!

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### **TOOLS** – [Civic Engagement Guide for People with Disabilities](#)

Printable PDF Guide

This guide shows people with disabilities, caregivers, and families how to get involved in government. It includes clear steps for tracking issues, speaking up, and taking action. Dive in and commit to your first step today!

# **“Government Access for People with Disabilities” Social Media Kit**

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## **HOW TO TAG US:**

Facebook: @THINKchangeTTT -- Instagram: @arcofaurora

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### **Post 1 – Full Package**

We have the power to change the world around us and the Government Access for People with Disabilities educational package from THINK+change is a great place to start. We must increase the badly needed representation of the disability community and it starts with your voice, your lived experience, and the steps that you take next.

- TALKS documentary about the Colorado disability community making change happen in a powerful and inspirational way
- TRAINING on how you can get your voice heard
- TOOL to break down your first steps to accessing your government

Check it all out! Head to: [thinkchange.info/GovAccessPACK](http://thinkchange.info/GovAccessPACK)

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Image description: Think Change green and black text logo with Talks Trainings Tools written below it. Text reads Government Access for People with Disabilities. Below is a graphic of a government building dome in

front of a disability pride flag. Made possible through support from Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council, Developmental Pathways, and The Arc of Aurora.

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## Post 2 – TALKS Series

From THINK+change, this is the inspiring and emotional story of what can happen when a disability community comes together to use their voice for change. With lived experiences at the front-and-center, this community will motivate you to be the change you want to see!

[thinkchange.info/GovAccessTALKS](http://thinkchange.info/GovAccessTALKS)

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Image description: Think Change Storytelling Talks logo that includes a black microphone with a cord. Below are the five storytellers featured in this documentary, a man with short grey hair, a man with medium brown hair and glasses, a man with light brown hair and glasses, a woman with long brown hair, and a man with short black hair and glasses. Text reads Policy & Power: A Disability Community Story. Made possible through support from Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council, Developmental Pathways, and The Arc of Aurora.

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## Post 3 – THINK+change Academy

Lawmakers don't know your lived experience and they need you to speak up to make their work better! This THINK+change course is here to help you take the first steps to making your voice heard.

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Image description: Think Change Storytelling Talks logo with Talks Trainings Tools written below it. Text reads Policy & Power for People with Disabilities. Below are graphics of a government building with two people in silhouette walking up to it, one pushing the other in a wheelchair. Made possible through support from Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council, Developmental Pathways, and The Arc of Aurora.

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#### Post 4 – Downloadable TOOL

This civic engagement guide from THINK+change shows people with disabilities, caregivers, and families how to get involved in government. It includes clear steps for tracking issues, speaking up, and taking action. Dive in and commit to your first step today!

Download for yourself at [thinkchange.info/GovAccessTOOL](https://thinkchange.info/GovAccessTOOL)

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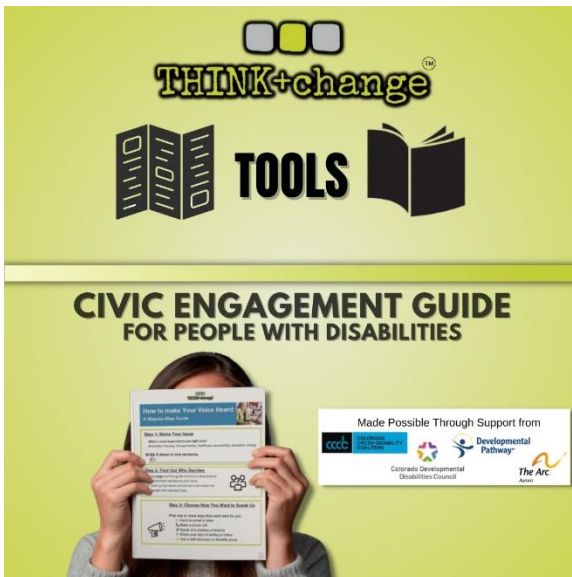


Image description: Think Change Tools logo that includes silhouettes of a pamphlet and book. Below is a woman with long brown hair holding up the guide in front of her face. Text reads Civic Engagement Guide for People with Disabilities. Made possible through support from Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council, Developmental Pathways, and The Arc of Aurora.

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## Post 5 – TALKS Advertisement Reel

[\*\*REEL VIDEO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD HERE\*\*](#)

Watch our newest documentary, the inspiring story of the disability community coming together, using their voice to make change!

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