



Speaking out for people
with intellectual disabilities

VOR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

TANGIBLE BENEFITS TO MEMBERS (see also “[The Value of VOR Membership](#)”)-

- ✓ **VOR’s Weekly E-Mail Update**, that provides members with “real time” news items from across the country.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Invitation to [VOR’s Annual Membership Conference and Washington Initiative](#) 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 is able to attend 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.
- ✓ Impressive [milestones](#) over 27 years of advocacy.

THE INTANGIBLE BENEFITS TO MEMBERS -

- ✓ **VOR speaks up for families** when results of legal precedents in other states will affect your loved ones, whether or not you are aware of these cases in other states.
- ✓ **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 defend the spectrum of residential choices, including large or small, state or private, or home.
- ✓ **VOR speaks up for families** on national issues that affect funding and quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, like DD Act reform, Medicaid, and more.
- ✓ **VOR speaks up for individuals** who require the specialized care at licensed Medicaid facilities (ICFs/MR) provided onsite by physicians, dentists, dieticians, therapists, and compassionate employees, all who care about your loved ones.

**A membership form is available for printing on the next page or join using our [online](#) form.
THANK YOU!**

Membership and Contribution Form

To join VOR please return the form below.

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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__ \$25__ Other _____

Name _____ Home Phone _____

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Location your loved one calls home: _____ State: _____

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