

Americans with Disabilities Act:

Title II of the ADA requires state and local governments to ensure that people with disabilities have a full and equal opportunity to vote.

Recent Research:

A 2020 study revealed that most individuals with intellectual disabilities were not registered to vote, and had not received voting-related instruction.

Accessible Voting Options in Nebraska:

Early Voting

Vote by Mail

Curbside Voting

An Accessible Polling Place

Use of AutoMARK ballot-marking technology

Assistance from voter's designee with reading or marking the ballot

For more information go to <https://bit.ly/32NuCNb>



How Guardians Can Help Wards Exercise their Right to Vote:

1. Talk to your ward about what voting is and why it's important.
2. Teach your ward about political parties and issues.
3. Don't impose your own political views on your ward; empower them to form their own opinions and understand their rights.
4. Help your ward get involved in their chosen political community through campaigning or volunteering to help get out the vote.



GUARDIANSHIP AND VOTING IN NEBRASKA EXPLAINED

MENTALLY INCAPACITATED

If an adult is under guardianship, a court has deemed them "mentally incapacitated" in some way.

In Nebraska people deemed mentally incapacitated by a court can still vote in local, state, and federal elections.

Being under guardianship alone does not mean someone is ineligible to vote.



MENTALLY INCOMPETENT

A person may be deemed "non compos mentis" or mentally incompetent in a court of law.

People deemed mentally incompetent by a court cannot vote in Nebraska.

"Mentally Incompetent" is not synonymous with being under guardianship/mentally incapacitated.

Help your ward register to vote by visiting:

<https://bit.ly/2WQvEUY>

Report voting accessibility issues to the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office Election Division:

(888) 727-0007

Confirm your ward's eligibility to vote by contacting the county court where your guardianship exists:

<https://bit.ly/3g7lkhX>



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