



taking on disability together

Advocacy

Disability touches us all. Your actions make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

Easterseals believes that everyone, regardless of ability, should have a life of opportunity, independence and contribution. As a member of our community, you have an opportunity to shape policy around causes you believe in and improve the lives of people in our community. Join us in making the world a better, more inclusive place—**through advocacy, we can help people of all ages and abilities reach their full potential.**



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Our Public Policy Objectives

- Raise community awareness around disability and disability issues
- Create opportunities for people with disabilities to live and participate in their own communities
- Eliminate barriers for people with disabilities so that public spaces are safe and accessible
- Expand opportunities for civic access
- Ensure equal access to new and emerging technology
- Pursue equal employment opportunities for people of all abilities
- Provide access to safe, affordable housing for people with disabilities

Here are six ways to help Easterseals Midwest give a voice to people with developmental disabilities:



Meet

your state Representative and Senators. Tell a personal story to educate them about people with developmental disabilities.



Plan

a tour of Easterseals Midwest's programs and invite your Representative or Senator. We can help you set it up.



Get Active

in your community. Speak up at public forums, school board meetings or other events and encourage your elected officials to remember people with developmental disabilities while in office.



Invite

your Representative or Senator and a representative of Easterseals Midwest to coffee. Discuss critical service needs in an informal setting and share the expertise of our staff.



Attend

your Representative or Senator's fundraiser or town hall. Cultivate a relationship with them and share your story.



Write

a letter to your local newspaper editor. Help educate the community about inclusion and people with developmental disabilities.

To learn more about how to get involved at Easterseals Midwest, please call **1.800.200.2119**, visit **eastersealsmidwest.org**, or email us at **friends@esmw.org**.