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## 2010 HAVA Grant Goals

On October 1, 2009 the Administration on Developmental Disabilities awarded a one year *Help America Vote Act Training and Technical Assistance for Protection and Advocacy Systems* grant to the National Technical Assistance Center for Voting and Cognitive Access, one to the National Disability Rights Network, and one to the National Federation of the Blind.



These grants will provide training and technical assistance to protection and advocacy agencies in their promotion of full participation for

individuals with disabilities in the electoral process including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places.

In the next few pages we will give a short description of each of these projects and their goals for 2010.

The National Technical Assistance Center for Voting and Cognitive Access is a partnership of Self Advocates Becoming Empowered, Portland State University, Oklahoma Disability Law Center, Georgia Advocacy Center, University of Illinois, Self Advocacy Coalition of Arizona, and TheArcLink Incorporated.



## The National Technical Assistance Center for Voting and Cognitive Access' goals for the year include:

1. Conduct **three intensive on-site Project Vote trainings** with state P & As and their community partners. This year we will work with state P & As from Maine, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.
2. Host **informational teleconferences** for P & As and their community partners. Topics for teleconference include: supporting voting in congregate care settings, poll worker training, and creating accessible voting materials.
3. Create a **resource clearinghouse** on the [www.govoter.org](http://www.govoter.org) website that will provide voting information, trainings, games, and downloadable tools.
4. Create **video testimonies** of people with disabilities sharing their stories and thoughts about voting access. Videos will feature people with cognitive disabilities across the country and will be placed on the [www.govoter.org](http://www.govoter.org) website for everyone to view. If you have any specific voting access questions you would like us to ask then please contact one of the project co-directors.
5. Providing **individualized technical assistance** to P&As upon request. If you would like any assistance with your HAVA activities then please contact one of the project co-directors. Past support has included building partnerships with self-advocacy groups, creating understandable materials, and identifying barriers to voting.
6. Provide training at **national conferences** and be a voice for cognitive access on disability vote committees.

For more information about the National Technical Assistance Center please visit our website at [www.govoter.org](http://www.govoter.org).

The National Disability Rights Network is the voluntary membership association for the Protection and Advocacy System. The National Disability Rights Network serves as a national information and training clearinghouse for the Protection and Advocacy system and provides legally-based training and technical assistance. The National Disability Rights Network has long been recognized as a key player in the disability rights movement, helping to develop significant disability coalitions and policies on the national level.



For this Fiscal Year's grant award, through the delivery of state-of-the art training, technical assistance and networking, the National Disability Rights Network will provide Protection and Advocacy agencies with the tools and skills to address the following identified needs:

1. **Assist states** in complying with the Help America Vote Act's accessibility provisions and sustain such compliance through expanding and ensuring polling place access.
2. **Provide training** to poll workers and election officials on the rights of voters with disabilities and on state mental competency laws covering who can vote.
3. **Discover barriers** to full participation for individuals with disabilities in registering for and participating in elections.
4. **Reach out** to elderly and disabled voters in long-term care facilities including improving access to mobile polling.

For more information about the *National Disability Rights Network* and its Help America Vote Act, Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access program, see [www.ndrn.org](http://www.ndrn.org).

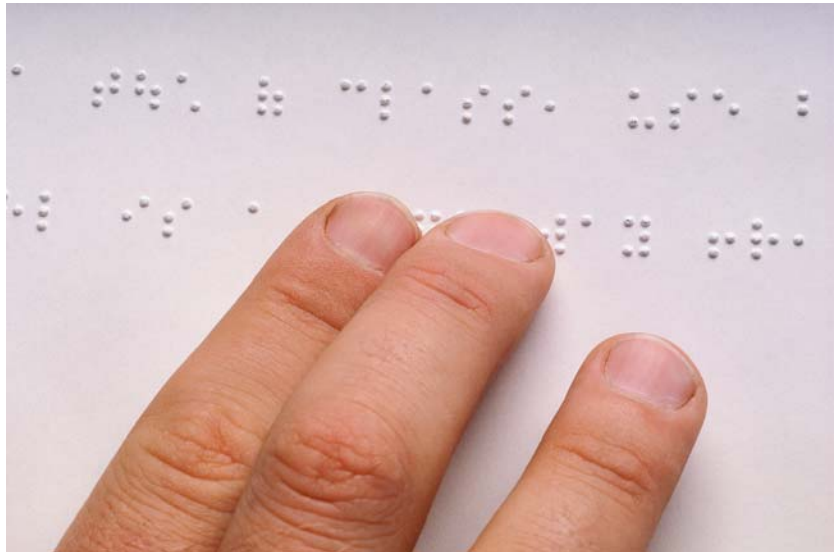
The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Nonvisual Election Technology Project has again been funded for fiscal year 2010 under the Administration on Developmental Disabilities Help America Vote Act grant program. The primary objectives of our project are:

1. To **promote the full participation** of blind people in the electoral process through the identification and evaluation of barriers to voting.
2. To demonstrate and evaluate the usability of **nonvisual election technology**, ensuring that such technology best serves those seeking nonvisual access to the voting process.
3. To provide protection and advocacy systems personnel, election officials and other advocates with **independent reliable expertise** and information about nonvisual election technology.
4. To provide protection and advocacy systems personnel and election officials with a curriculum to **educate poll workers** on accessible voting technology and its use by the blind.



One of the tasks to be completed under this year's grant will be the development of a voter registration and education program. It will consist of materials in accessible formats that can be utilized by grassroots organizations to promote voter registration and voting among the blind in their community.

The NFB will also continue to provide consultation on nonvisual access to voting technology developers. A nonvisual election technology seminar will be held to provide election technology developers an opportunity to meet with NFB access technology specialists and to discuss assistive technology and the needs of blind voters.



In addition, the NFB will continue to operate and maintain the National Center on Nonvisual Election Technology (NCNET) where current voting technology is housed for display, demonstration, and evaluation.

Finally, the NFB will continue to update the existing online poll worker training curriculum as required by changes in nonvisual election technology. This will provide election officials and protection and advocacy systems personnel with a way to educate poll workers about the needs of blind voters and how nonvisual election technology works.

To download the free poll worker training curriculum and other materials developed to promote the full participation of blind people in the electoral process, please visit [http://www.nfb.org/nfb/HAVA\\_intro.asp](http://www.nfb.org/nfb/HAVA_intro.asp).



## The [www.govoter.org](http://www.govoter.org) Website

The [www.govoter.org](http://www.govoter.org) website is the place to go to find information about the National Technical Assistance Center for Voting and Cognitive Access or to find information about voting and cognitive access. This article gives an overview of and details about each area of the website.

This picture of the [HOME PAGE](#) will help you see where each tab or section is on the screen.

The screenshot shows the GoVoter.org website. At the top left is a logo of the United States with 'USA' written on it. To the right of the logo is the text 'GoVoter.org' in large blue letters, followed by 'National Technical Assistance Center for Voting and Cognitive Access' in smaller blue letters. Below this is a navigation bar with tabs: HOME (highlighted in red), ABOUT US, DOCUMENTS & TRAINING, STATE CONTACTS, IN THE NEWS, and SITE MAP. Below the navigation bar, it says 'You are here: Home' and 'Register | Login'. The main content area has a heading 'Welcome to the National TA Center Website!' followed by a paragraph: 'The National Technical Assistance Center for Voting and Cognitive Access assists protection and advocacy systems, election officials and people with disabilities to make voting accessible for all citizens. The Center is managed and operated by leaders in the self-advocacy movement.' Below this is a public service announcement: 'Watch our public service announcement about voting' with a video player labeled 'Vote PSA v3'. On the right side, there are two sections: 'New Updates' with a link to 'Application for Project Vote training. Deadline for applications is December 7th.' and 'Quick Links' with a link to 'Free Conference Calls'.

On the [HOME PAGE](#) above you can see a welcome greeting, several tabs across the top and **New Updates** and **Quick Links** on the right side. This page also has a Public Service Announcement about voting. The **New Updates** section will have links and the latest information about projects or deadlines that are coming up.

The **Quick Links** area has a link to information about [Conference Calls](#). There you can register to be on a call or see information about calls from the past. Eventually we will have a link to the latest



Newsletter here as well.

Leaving the Home Page you can click on the [ABOUT US](#) tab. This will take you to a page where you can learn about the National Technical Assistance Center and see the Key Center Activities. Near the bottom of the page you will see a list of six groups in the partnership as well as links to each of their websites.

If you put your mouse over the [ABOUT US](#) tab you will see other tabs. One says [Vote Team](#) and will take you to a page where you can learn about how the group started and see photos of the people on the team. If you click on a name you can read information about that team member. Another tab in [ABOUT US](#) is [Contact Us](#). This lets you write an email message to the Center. If you have a comment or question this might be the place for you! You will also see a tab that says [Fundors](#). This tab tells you where the Center gets its funding from and has a link to the Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

The next tab is [DOCUMENTS & TRAINING](#). This tab has four sections in it. Just click on the picture to visit one.

The first section is [Free Conference Calls on Voting Access](#). This takes you to the [Conference Call](#) page where you can register for a

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**Free Conference Calls on Voting Access**

Click on the picture below to go to our Conference Call page. On this page you can register for one of our free conference calls, fill out an evaluation form, or learn about our past conference calls.



**Resource Clearinghouse**

Click on the picture below to go to our resource clearinghouse. On this page you can download voter education and training materials.



**Resource Newsletter**

Click on the picture below to go to our quarterly Voting and Self-Advocacy Resource Newsletter page. On this page you can sign-up for our mailing list and download past copies of the Voting and Self-Advocacy Resource Newsletter.



**Project Vote Training**

Click on the picture below to go to our Project Vote Training page. On this page you can learn more about the Project Vote Voter Education Toolkit, fill out an application for a Project Vote mini-grant, and read about past Project Vote trainings.





call, fill out an evaluation form, or learn about calls from the past.

The next section is our [Resource Clearinghouse](#). Clicking on this picture takes you to an area where you find voter education and training materials plus many more resources. This Clearinghouse will be updated through the next few months so new items could appear.

Then there is the [Resource Newsletter](#) section – exactly what you are reading now! This has the latest quarterly Newsletter as well as those from the past. You can sign up for the mailing list here.

Last is the [Project Vote Training](#) page. This page talks about Project Vote Training and shows you what is in the Project Vote Voter Education Toolkit. On this page is a link to apply for the training.

The next tab is [STATE CONTACTS](#). This tab takes you to a map of the United States. Click on any state on the map or on the state's name to find contact information about that state's Self-Advocacy Group, Protection and Advocacy Group, Secretary of State, and Disability Vote Projects.

If you hover over the [STATE CONTACTS](#) tab you can choose to see all states' Self-Advocacy Groups, Protection and Advocacy Groups, and Disability Vote Projects.

The screenshot shows the GoVoter.org website interface. At the top, there is a logo for "GoVoter.org" and the text "National Technical Assistance Center for Voting and Cognitive Access". Below this is a navigation menu with tabs for "HOME", "ABOUT US", "DOCUMENTS & TRAINING", "STATE CONTACTS" (which is highlighted in red), "IN THE NEWS", and "SITE MAP". Under the "STATE CONTACTS" tab, there is a heading "State Contacts" and a sub-heading "You are here: State Contacts". Below this, there is a text box that says "Click on any state (on the map or by name) to get contact information for that state's Self-Advocacy Group, Protection & Advocacy Group, Election Directors, Secretaries of State, and Disability Vote Projects, if available." Below the text box is a map of the United States with a list of states on either side. The list of states includes: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, and New York. Each state name is preceded by an asterisk.



Finally the [IN THE NEWS](#) tab shows links to articles in the news about voting rights and disability issues from around the country.

Hopefully you will use and explore our website. We want to provide helpful information and materials in an easy to use format. If you have questions, comments or suggestions please let us know!

