



Timeline of organization activities/events

October Activities

- Voter registration through **October 10th** (cutoff date)
 - Be an agency with 100% of *every eligible* staff, board member, parent, family member and consumer registered to vote
 - Consumer and staff education about voting rights and the Gubernatorial Platform continues
- Grace Period Registration from **October 11th through October 24th**. **If you register under Grace Period Registration, and you intend to vote for the next closest election, then you must vote a “Grace Period” ballot on the day you register.** Potential voters needing to use the “Grace Period” Registration should contact his/her local election authority.
- Early voting begins **October 16th** and continues through **November 2nd**. Selected polling places are open for voting during this early period. Check with your local election authority to find out where voting is available or call the State Board of Elections at (217) 782-4141. This early voting period can be very advantageous for persons with special needs or who require special accommodations to exercise their right to vote.
- Schedule events in your communities- some ideas...
 - Event with candidates at your agency, i.e. board meetings, parent meetings, lunch with the candidates and consumers
 - Local club meeting presentations, i.e. business networks, Chamber meetings
 - Media event at your agency highlighting personal stories or campaign planks
 - Schedule meeting with newspaper editorial board(s) to discuss platform and importance of our issues and your agency to the community.
- Localize press releases around general topics – remember that IARF will be distributing a general press release to media statewide on these issues. These are perfect opportunities to energize voters around the issues.
 - **October 3- Education**
 - **October 4- Special press release- Transition Services**
 - **October 9 – Healthcare**
 - **October 16 – Employment**
 - **October 23 – Housing**
 - **October 30 – Human Rights**
- IARF will distribute the responses from the gubernatorial candidates to our platform document in a special edition of *Newsbreak* magazine entitled: Voter Guide and will publish them on the One Illinois website (www.oneillinois.info). Organizations are asked to distribute the material to community constituency groups for their education before the election.
- Mail post cards **October 30th** for November 1st blitz day. Post card templates will be provided to organizations by October 16th.
- Coordinate Letters-to-Editor(s) with consumers and their families, staff, board members, etc. Be vocal. **Please do not copy letters-to-editors verbatim, but feel free to use parts of them.** Sample letters-to-editor(s) are in the ‘Resources’ section of the One Illinois website.

November Activities

- Post card blitz – November 1st (more information to come)

- **November 7th - Encourage people to vote!**

If you have questions, please contact IARF at (217) 753-1190. Don't forget to check out www.oneillinois.info!