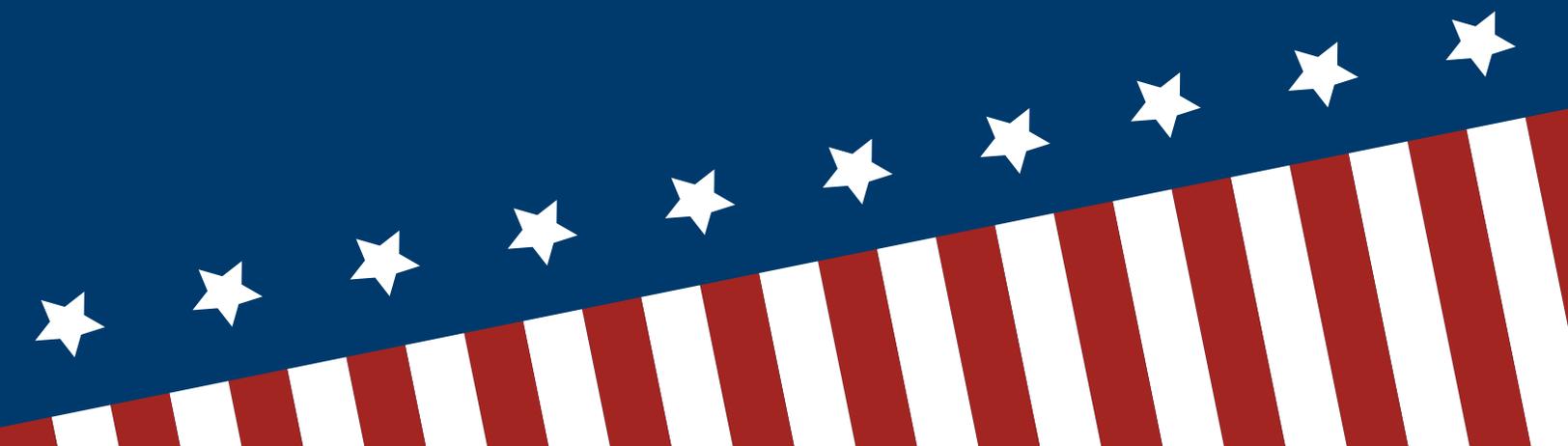




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*For people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities*

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We came up with some questions to ask candidates about disability.

You can learn what candidates think about these important problems.

The Arc is not for or against any candidates.



Many people with disabilities, like [me/my child/etc.], need home and community-based services (HCBS). HCBS helps with things like making food, getting dressed, going to work, and keeping a job.

**Do you have a plan for expanding HCBS for people with disabilities?**



People with intellectual and developmental disabilities do not want to live in institutions. They want to live in their communities. Most people with disabilities get LTSS from Medicaid. Medicaid lets people get long-term supports and services (LTSS) in their communities.

But millions of Americans with disabilities are stuck on waitinglists.

Some have to wait 10 years to get LTSS in their community.

**How would you get rid of these waiting lists?**



Direct support professionals (DSPs) help people with disabilities live in the community.

But DSPs do not get paid an adequate wage for their work.

Now there are not enough DSPs.

People with disabilities cannot get the help they need without DSPs.

**What is your plan to fix this problem?**



Almost all workers have to take time off at some point. They might get sick or have a baby.

They may need to take care of themselves or a family member.

Right now, some people can take time off but will not get paid.

Other people cannot take any time off.

They may have to choose between their family, their job, and their home.

I think it is important that people can take care of their families without having to make this choice.

**Will you make sure people can get paid family leave?**



It has been over 30 years since the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became the law.

**What are you doing to protect the ADA?**

**How will you make sure people with disabilities get treated fairly?**



The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) became the law in 1975.

The IDEA says the U.S. government will pay schools to help students with disabilities.

It says they will pay 40% of the costs.

But right now, they only pay for 14% of the costs.

**Will you help make sure the government pays its fair share of the cost of IDEA?**



Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) help millions of people with disabilities.

But parts of the program need to be better.

We need to make sure people with disabilities can get married and keep their SSI.

**How would you make the Social Security program better for people with disabilities?**