Do's and Don'ts of Registering Your Clients To Vote

EVERY ONE VOTES

DO
Know the rules and guidelines for your state – including eligibility, address requirements, ID requirements, and how to complete paper and online registration forms.

DON'T
Begin a registration drive until you have all this information documented.

DO
Know what you can and can't do as a 501(c)(3) organization.

DON'T
Attempt to influence how your clients register or vote.

DO
Regularly and repeatedly communicate with clients about registering and voting.

DON'T
Assume your clients will tell you if they're interested.

DO
Begin your voter registration efforts ASAP.

DON'T
Wait until the week before your state's registration deadline.

DO
Be prepared for common registration challenges, such as when a client doesn't know their registration status, or needs to update their registration.

DON'T
Assume that everyone will have the same registration process.

DO
Ask your clients which policy issues matter to them, and take time to educate them on the issues that impact them the most.

DON'T
Engage in efforts that are explicitly partisan, or give explicit preference to specific candidates.

DO
Remember that voting is a fundamental American right, and a critical matter of social justice.

DON'T
Overlook or ignore your clients' right to participate in the nation's democracy.

For more information and resources, please visit the National Alliance to End Homelessness' "Every One Votes" toolkit, available at www.EndHomelessness.org/voting

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