Worksheet for Integrating Nonpartisan Voter Engagement into Social Work Practice and Organizational Culture

Your organization/ school? ____________________________________________________________

Who are the groups you could engage to vote (i.e., clients, staff, students, parents, etc.)

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Potential partners (i.e., League of Women Voters)?

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What steps can we take to help people to register

☐ When is the right time to ask clients whether they are registered to vote?

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☐ Can we offer to help look up voter registration status, address and polling location?

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☐ Can we run/support voter registration drives at events or meetings?

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☐ How can we share information about registration deadlines and resources in office, website and/or social media?

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☐ Other ideas ________________________________________________________________

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Nonpartisan voter education

Can you or your organization help educate clients/staff/community:

When/where/how to vote:

☐ How to look up where to vote
☐ Who represents them
☐ Voter bill of rights
☐ Who can vote with a felony record
☐ Voter id requirements
☐ Rules for special populations like the homeless and victims of domestic violence
☐ How to fill out absentee ballots
☐ Importance of voting
☐ Other __________________________________________________________

Information about elections, candidates and who represents them:

☐ Information on upcoming elections, including copy of the ballot
☐ Nonpartisan candidate events and guides
☐ Host a nonpartisan candidate forum or meeting at agency or school
☐ Help clients find their elected officials.
☐ Other __________________________________________________________

Encouragement to vote in elections

Is your organization able to:

☐ Remind clients/staff/community about upcoming elections? How?
☐ Run voter pledge drives (signing a “pledge to vote” increases likelihood of voting by 20+ %) Post answers on social media and/or display
☐ Other __________________________________________________________

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Ways your organization can support people to participate in the 2020 census?

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What barriers do you anticipate?
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What resources would be helpful?
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More ideas/best practices to integrate voter engagement into agency operations.

☐ Designate lead “voter ambassador(s)” for agency

☐ Add question about voter registration to client in-take form. Case worker (other _____) will assist with registration lookup and process. Receptionist (other_____ ) will be responsible for copying and mailing forms to local registrar within X days.

☐ ______ will conduct voter registration drives at events.

☐ Add online voter registration link, resources and/or deadlines to organization website

☐ Post promotional materials and voter information in waiting room

☐ Discuss voter registration and voting in support groups

☐ Email staff and clients about upcoming voter registration deadlines

☐ Partner with League of Women voters on voter education materials to distribute to clients

☐ Help clients or staff apply for absentee ballot

☐ Share information about candidate forums and/or nonpartisan candidate guides via email and waiting room.

☐ Post voter bill of rights

☐ Promote upcoming elections and post sample ballots

☐ Help clients and staff look up who represents them

☐ Encourage clients/staff to contact elected officials

☐ Host a forum or invite elected officials to agency

☐ Run visible voter pledge drive leading up to election (e.g., WHY I VOTE)

☐ Sign up for webinars and resources at nonprofitvote.org