



SARTAC  
Fellows:

Advancing  
Self Advocacy  
through  
**LEADERSHIP  
AND  
POLICY**



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## **Fellowship Project:**

Voting Accessibility for ALL

**Host:** Catherine Nielsen, NV  
Governor's Council on  
Developmental Disabilities

**State:** Nevada



# Make Voting Accessible for ALL!

- **What was the main goal of the project?** After modifying the initial project goal, this new goal is voting accessible to all, especially people who are ASL users. This included providing information to the public about the voting process in our state!



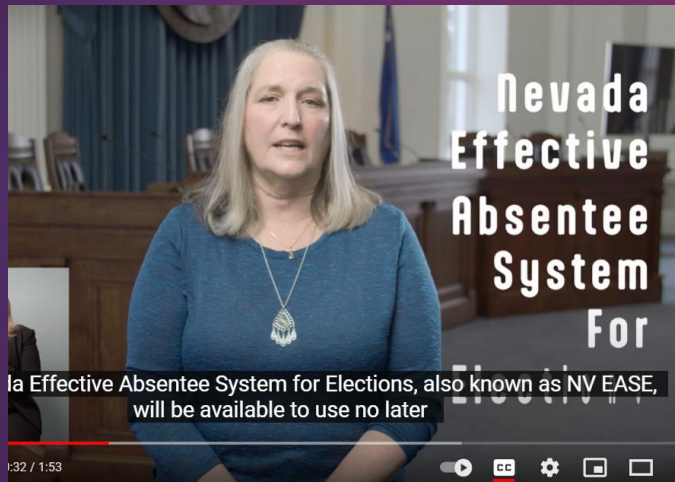
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- **How did you plan to meet the goals?** My host and I planned to meet the goals by meeting with the Secretary of State Deputy Mark Wlaschin, Vote Nevada, ASL Anywhere, the Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and other key stakeholders to share information about voting and the upcoming election cycle. We created 6 videos and are planning to produce a few more.

# Make Voting Accessible for ALL!

- **Did you have to make changes along the way?** Yes most definitely thanks to my amazing host. Director Nielsen was on top of it and helped me understand because there was a lot of moving parts to our voting process.
- **Did the project come together the way you thought it would in the end?** Not how we originally planned the project but overall, yes, it turned out even better than I was hoping for. However, I had hoped to star in the videos but was unable to due to a significant family emergency.

# WHAT I LEARNED AS A FELLOW

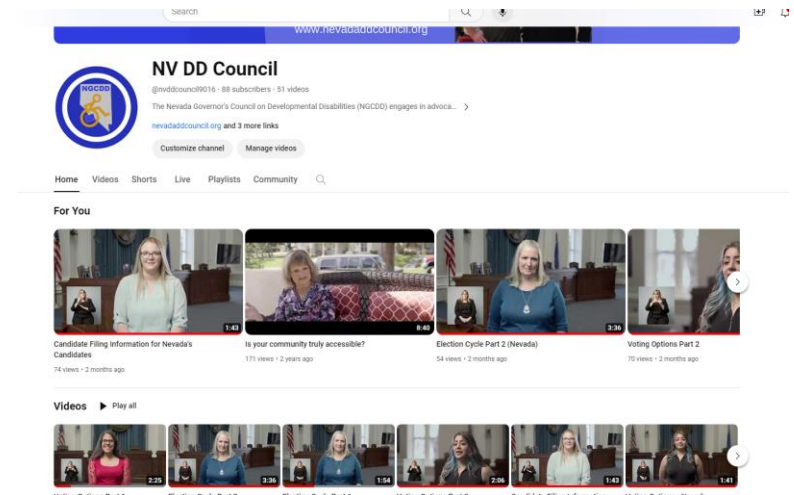


- ▶ **Nothing is set in stone as a Self-Advocate**
- ▶ **People with disabilities must learn to be flexible, compromise, be patient, and innovate.**

# RESOURCES CREATED

## FOR FELLOWS

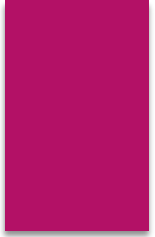
- 6 videos were created during the life of this grant.
- 8 videos have been created in total.
- Publicly available on NV DD Council YouTube and NV Secretary of State's website.



# LEADERSHIP & POLICY RESULTS

**(Work on these together.  
May put on 2 slides.**

What did this project teach you  
about leadership?)



There are now a total of  
8 videos I have  
produced with the  
Nevada Governor's  
Council on  
Developmental  
Disabilities (6 with the  
help of this grant) that  
have provided the  
disability community with  
information on voting  
and being involved in the  
election cycle.



# WHAT WAS THE ROLE OF THE HOST?

- Video Funding
- Meeting Support
- Documentation Support

# EMPLOYMENT RESULTS OR GOALS

- I would like to be employed long-term making civil and policy changes in the community.



Q&A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers