

**Help America Vote Act (HAVA)      Protection & Advocacy Systems (P&As)**  
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**NARRATIVE REPORT for funds received under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), P.L. 107-252, Title II, Subtitle D, Section 291, Payments for Protection and Advocacy Systems used to provide education, training and assistance to individuals with disabilities that will promote their participation in the electoral process (42 U.S.C. 15461).**

Per the requirements set forth under the Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, Title II, Subtitle D, Section 291, Payments for Protection and Advocacy Systems to assure access for individuals with disabilities (42 U.S.C. 15461), **each grantee is required to ANNUALLY submit a narrative report describing the work performed with the funds authorized under 42 U.S.C. 15461 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.**

The narrative report should be written as a detailed summary of the HAVA activities, number of individuals served, types of training, assistance and education, impact on people with disabilities and funds spent to carry out the activities during the reported fiscal year. The emphasis of the narrative report is to address the States Protection & Advocacy System's progress of the activities accomplished during Fiscal Year 2017. The narrative report should also identify the funds used to ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities as authorized under 42 U.S.C. 15461 of the Help America Vote Act.

The narrative report should review the Protection and Advocacy System activities carried out for each area. These areas include full participation in the electoral process; education, training and assistance; advocacy and education around HAVA implementation efforts; training and education of election officials, poll workers and election volunteers regarding the rights of voters with disabilities and best practices; assistance in filing complaints; assistance to State and other governmental entities regarding the physical accessibility of polling places; and obtaining training and technical assistance on voting issues. It is highly recommended that the following questions and statements be considered when summarizing the status of these areas:

- ✓OTE Describe the activities completed in FY2017 to ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities and provide a status update on these activities i.e. activities performed and completed, barriers affecting completion, and number of individuals served.
- ✓OTE What types of outreach and education utilized?
- ✓OTE Describe any activities carried out by the P&A that displayed innovation and can be shared with others as "best practices".
- ✓OTE Describe the total amount of money spent to carry out the activities i.e. name of activity and amount spent on the activity.
- ✓OTE Describe the feedback received from the citizens regarding the improvements and/or changes to ensure full participation in the electoral process. If such information is available.

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**✓VOTE** Synopsis of funding carried over from previous fiscal years, i.e. - FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016 an explanation of spending trend.

**✓VOTE** **DUE DATE**

The annual narrative report which includes activities and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017 (*October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017*) is due no later than **December 31, 2017**. Please submit the narrative report electronically to your assigned AIDD Program Specialist according to your State/Territory. Please see the table below:

REGION	STATE	AIDD PROGRAM SPECIALIST
1	Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont	<b>Clare Huerta</b> (202) 795-7301 <a href="mailto:clare.huerta@acl.hhs.gov">clare.huerta@acl.hhs.gov</a>
2	New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Virgin Island	<b>Clare Huerta</b> (202) 795-7301 clare.huerta@acl.hhs.gov
3	District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia West Virginia	<b>Clare Huerta</b> (202) 795-7301 clare.huerta@acl.hhs.gov
4	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee	<b>Clare Huerta</b> (202) 795-7301 clare.huerta@acl.hhs.gov
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10	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington	Melvenia Wright (202) 795-7472 <a href="mailto:melvenia.wright@acl.hhs.gov">melvenia.wright@acl.hhs.gov</a>

If you are unable to submit an electronic copy of the narrative annual report, please mail a hard copy to the identified AIDD Program Specialist:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
 Administration for Community Living  
 Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
 330 C Street, SW  
 Washington, DC 20201  
**Attention: AIDD Program Specialist**



**QUESTIONS**

Should you have any questions regarding the Annual Narrative Report for **Fiscal Year 2017** (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017). Please contact your AIDD Program Specialist utilizing the table above or Melvenia Wright, Lead HAVA Program Specialist.



**ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT**

The Fiscal Year 2017 Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&A) annual narrative report **MUST** be submitted with the following information.

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**PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY VOTING ACCESS ANNUAL REPORT**

**OMB NUMBER:** 0970-0326

**DATE SUBMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE/TERRITORY:** New York

**NAME OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY:** Disability Rights New York

**FISCAL YEAR:** 2017 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017) **FISCAL YEAR 2017 AWARD AMOUNT:** \$ 173,461

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**Area 1**  
❖ To ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities  
○ Activities may include, but not limited to registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places.

**Goal/Activity for FY2017:**

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 1	Description of activities in Area 1 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
<b>October 12, 2016: DRNY ARC of Rensselaer Voter Registration Drive – Rensselaer, NY</b> DRNY collaborated with ARC of Rensselaer County to	177	DRNY conduct a voter registration drive at the County Community Partners Lunch. DRNY assisted voters with registration, changing voter registration, and provided information about accessible voting.		\$25,326	DRNY collaborated with a local ARC to conduct a voter registration drive. Through this event, DRNY educated voters about the DRNY programs, poll site accessibility issues, and the work DRNY is doing to ensure people with disabilities have access to their polling location.

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conduct a voter registration drive.					
<b>July 10, 2017: DRNY Voter Registration Drive at Downtown Buffalo Library – Buffalo, NY</b> Voter registration event in partnership with Western region’s Self Advocacy Association of NYS (SANYS).	5	DRNY facilitated a voter registration drive at Downtown Buffalo Library. DRNY assisted voters with registration, and provided voting rights information.			DRNY collaborated with a local self-advocacy organization to conduct a voter registration drive. Through this event, DRNY educated voters about the DRNY programs, poll site accessibility issues, and the work DRNY is doing to ensure people with disabilities have access to their polling location.
<b>July 19, 2017: DRNY Voter Registration Drive at Downtown Rochester Public Library – Rochester, NY</b> Voter registration event.	2	DRNY hosted a voter registration drive at the Rochester Public Library. DRNY provided assistance with voter registration, changing registration, and provided voter rights information.			Through registration drives and outreach opportunities, DRNY educated voters about the DRNY program, poll site accessibility issues, and the work DRNY is doing to ensure people with disabilities have access to their polling location.
<b>July 20, 2017 Voting Rights Presentation and Voter Registration Drive at Buffalo Regional SANYS Picnic – Buffalo, NY</b> Voting rights presentation and voter registration drive.	104	DRNY educated participants with disabilities on voter rights and accessible voting options. The presentation was followed by a voter registration event, during which DRNY assisted voters with registration, changing voting registration, and			

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		provided literature on voting rights.			
<b>July 21, 2017: DRNY SAIL Voter Registration Drive (NDVRW) – Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center in Queensbury, NY</b> DRNY hosted a voter registration drive and voting information booth.	31	DRNY participated in the REV UP led National Disability Voter Registration Week by hosting voter registration drives and voting information tables. DRNY assisted voters with registering, updating their voter registration, and assisted in learning about voter accommodations and other information useful to voters with disabilities.			
<b>July 2017: DRNY Voter Registration Drives in NYC (NDVRW) – Brooklyn, NY</b> DRNY participated in the REV UP led National Disability Voter Registration Week by hosting voter registration drives and voting information tables.	28	DRNY participated in the REV UP led National Disability Voter Registration Week by hosting voter registration drives and voting information tables. In Brooklyn, NY, this included hosting voter registration drives at the Coney Island Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library and the Bay Ridge branch of			DRNY partnered with national and state voter advocacy groups to promote voter registration across the state. DRNY used public events and public spaces to raise awareness about the rights of voters with disabilities, the services DRNY provides relating to voter access, and the importance of accessible polling locations.

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		the Brooklyn Public Library. In addition, a voting registration drive and information table was staffed by DRNY at the Brooklyn 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave street fair.			
<b>July 2017: DRNY Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library Voter Registration Drive (NDVRW) –</b> DRNY hosted a voter registration drive and voting information booth.	23	DRNY participated in the REV UP led National Disability Voter Registration Week by hosting a voter registration drive and voting information table at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library. The drive included information about voting rights and accessible voting options.			
<b>July 19, 2017: DRNY Mechanicville Public Library Voter Registration Drive (NDVRW) – Mechanicville, NY</b>	5	DRNY participated in the REV UP led National Disability Voter Registration Week by hosting a voter registration drive and voting information table at the Mechanicville Public Library. The drive included information about voting rights and			



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		accessible voting options.			
<b>September 26, 2017: DRNY National Voter Registration day at Watervliet Public Library – Watervliet, NY</b> Voter registration drive at local library.	10	DRNY hosted a voter registration drive and voter information table at the Watervliet Public Library. DRNY assisted voters with registration, changing their voter registration, and learning about accessible voting options and accommodations.			
<b>September 28, 2017: DRNY-led Discussion on the Importance of Voting to promote Disability Rights Advocacy Including Bottom Dollars Screening – Rochester, NY</b> Voter engagement and education discussion.	65	DRNY screened Rooted in Rights documentary Bottom Dollars and facilitated a discussion on the role of voting in disability rights advocacy and in addressing issues that affect people with disabilities.			DRNY highlighted the importance of voting to change policy that affects people with disabilities by screening a documentary exposing wage issues in the Fair Labor Standards Act that allow businesses to pay people with disabilities sub-minimum wage. After the screening, DRNY facilitated a discussion about the importance of voting to change policies that affect people with disabilities, and to highlight the need for polling locations to be accessible.
<b><u>Area 2</u></b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ To provide education, training and assistance to individuals with disabilities that will promote their participation in the electoral process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Activities may include, but not limited to education regarding voter registration, providing individuals with disabilities regarding their legal rights that pertain to voting, and providing assistance to individuals with disabilities in accessing the polls on Election Day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
<b><i>Goal/Activity for FY2017:</i></b>					
<b>Description of activities performed and completed</b>	<b>Number of individ</b>	<b>Description of types of outreach and education</b>	<b>Description of Activities NOT completed and the</b>	<b>Total amount of HAVA</b>	<b>Description of activities in Area 2 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&amp;A’s</b>



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	individuals served	activities	barriers and/or reasons	funding expended on activities in Area 2	outcomes
<b>May 7, 2017: Voting Rights and Accessible Voting Options Presentation to American Counsel for the Blind – Albany, NY</b> DRNY provided education and training regarding the rights of voters with disabilities and Ballot Marking Devices.	25	The presentation covered the rights of voters with disabilities, the value and use of Ballot Marking Devices, and comprehensively explained the HAVA administrative complaint process.		\$60,530	
<b>June 2, 2017: DRNY Voting Rights and Accessible Voting Presentation for Rochester Regional Self Advocacy Conference – Rochester, NY</b> Voting rights training.	20	DRNY provided a training on the rights of voters with disabilities, accessible voting options, and tools for being an informed voter.			DRNY trained volunteers to conduct poll site surveys that measure a polling location’s accessibility. Volunteers conduct assessments on election days across the state. Volunteers survey polling locations using an online or paper form that is then submitted to DRNY for review. With the data collected by volunteers, DRNY communicated barriers to accessibility to the state and county boards of elections through findings letters and public reports.
<b>June 15, 2017: Voter Outreach through Self-Advocacy Partnerships Presentation at NDRN Conference</b>	30	The presentation covered the benefits of partnering with self-advocates, collaboration for the promotion of voter participation, strategies			

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<p>DRNY collaborated with SABE to present the role of partnership with self-advocate organizations in voter outreach.</p>		<p>for effective partnerships, SABE Voter tool kit, and the SABE Voter Survey.</p>			
<p><b>July 10, 2017: DRNY Voting Rights and Accessible Voting Presentation for Western SANYS at McKinley Mall – Buffalo, NY</b> Voting rights training.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>DRNY trained self-advocates on the legal rights of voters with disabilities, accessible voting options, and tools for being an engaged and informed voter.</p>			
<p><b>July 11, 2017: DRNY BMD demonstration in Jamestown – Jamestown, NY</b> Presentation on the use of Ballot Marking Devices.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>DRNY and the Jamestown Board of Elections (BOE) provided a training on the right to use Ballot Marking Device (BMD) and the accessibility tools included with the BMD. Participants marked and cast mock ballots using BMDs provided on site. Participants learned about the BMD through a hands on experience and with the assistance of DRNY and BOE staff.</p>			<p>DRNY partnered with a county BOE to educate the BOE about the importance of providing an accessible polling location and a BMD in working order. The BOE staff learned how to use the BMD in a stress-free environment. This knowledge was transferred to poll site workers on or before election day to reduce the uncertainty and stigma of using the BMD.</p>

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<p><b>July 17, 2017: DRNY Voter Training at SANYS NYC Chapter, New York, NY</b>          DRNY provided education and training regarding the rights of voters with disabilities and Ballot Marking Devices.</p>	20	<p>The presentation covered the rights of voters with disabilities, the value and use of Ballot Marking Devices, and the HAVA administrative Complaint process. The training also included tools for becoming an informed voter.</p>			
<p><b>July 20, 2017: DRNY Voting Rights and Accessibility Voting Presentation at Creekview Nursing Home – Rochester, NY</b>          Voting rights and accessible voting options presentation.</p>	12	<p>DRNY trained residents at the Creekview Nursing Home on the rights of voters with disabilities, particularly the rights of voters in institutional settings, and about accessible voting options.</p>			<p>People in institutional settings must have access to their polling location during every election. DRNY educated people in residential facilities about their right to vote and the accessibility features required at each polling location. With this information, DRNY empowered people with disabilities in residential settings to cast their vote during each election.</p>
<p><b>July 21, 2017: DRNY Voting Rights and Accessible Voting Presentation at Hilton East Nursing Home – Hilton, NY</b>          Voting rights presentation.</p>	25	<p>DRNY trained residents at the Hilton East Nursing Home on the rights of voters with disabilities, including the rights of voters in institutional settings, and accessible voting options.</p>			
<p><b>August 7, 2017: DRNY Participation in SANYS NYC</b></p>	12	<p>DRNY provided a training on the rights of voters with disabilities,</p>			

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<p><b>Regional Conference, New York, NY</b>          DRNY Advocates facilitated a workshop on voting rights and informed voter practices. DRNY Advocates tabled at the conference to provide information about the organization and to hand out factsheets about a voter's right to an accessible voting experience.</p>		<p>accessible voting options, and offered tools for being an informed voter. DRNY staffed a table at the conference where participants learned about DRNY services and were provided with factsheets covering topics related to the rights of and resources for voters with disabilities.</p>			
<p><b>August 9, 2017: DRNY Voter Training at Center for Family Services – New York, NY</b>          DRNY provided voting rights and resources training to clients at CFS.</p>	40	<p>DRNY provided a training on the rights of voters with disabilities, accessible voting options, tools for being an informed voter, and self-advocacy tools. The training included question and answer section, discussion among participants, and trainees were provided with informational literature.</p>			
<p><b>August 29, 2017: DRNY BMD Training and Demonstration at</b></p>	20	<p>DRNY and the NYC BOE provided a training on the right to use a BMD, and the accessibility tools</p>			

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<p><b>SANYS NYC Office, New York, NY</b>          In collaboration with the NYC BOE, DRNY provided training on the use of BMDs and demonstration of the machine.</p>		<p>included with the BMD. Participants marked and cast mock ballots using BMDs provided on site. Participants learned about the BMD through a hands on experience and with the assistance of DRNY and BOE staff.</p>			
<p><b>September 6, 2017: DRNY Voter Training on Preparation for local elections in NYC at the Center for Family Services – New York, NY</b>          DRNY trained voters with disabilities on participation in local elections and becoming informed about local politics.</p>	<p align="center">13</p>	<p>DRNY provided a training to New York voters with disabilities to prepare for the local elections. The training explained the difference between primaries and general elections, the roles of local representatives and the mayor, and tools for learning about local politicians and local political issues. The training included a mock election exercise to help illustrate the differences between voting in primaries and general elections. DRNY highlighted the accessibility voting options offered by</p>			<p>DRNY provided training to highlight the importance of accessible local elections. DRNY trained voters and voter advocates about the accessibility requirements for local elections and explained how individuals with disabilities can ensure their polling location will be accessible when casting a ballot.</p>

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		NYC BOE during both elections.			
<b>September 19, 2017: Voting Rights and Accessibility Training for Niagara County Self Advocacy Organization – Niagara County, NY</b> Presentation on voting rights and accessible voting options.	15	DRNY provided a training on the rights of voters with disabilities, accessible voting options, tools for being an informed voter, and self-advocacy tools. The training included a question and answer session, discussion among participants, and provided trainees with informational literature.			

**Area 3**

- ❖ Participate in advocacy and education efforts revolving around HAVA implementation efforts in their State or Territory.
  - Activities may include, but not limited to participation on HAVA State Planning Committee, subcommittee or coalition efforts regarding the State Plan, and review, advocacy, and education concerning the enactment of HAVA State Legislation.

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<b>January through September 2017: DRNY Use of BMDs at School Elections – New York State</b>	n/a	DRNY submitted letters to 481 school districts across New York State educating them of the importance of using accessible voting equipment at		\$44,068	DRNY contacted school districts to educate on accessible voting options the school can implement to accommodate people with disabilities. This advocacy effort resulted in education of the federal and state laws protecting people with disabilities and informed school districts of DRNY’s voter advocacy efforts and

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<p>DRNY advocated for the use of BMDs at school board elections in New York State.</p>		<p>school board elections. Through this correspondence, DRNY offered assistance to school districts seeking to use BMDs at local elections. DRNY assisted over 10 school districts to implement BMDs into their election program, and confirmed over 20 school districts currently used BMDs.</p>			<p>services. DRNY made connections with school district superintendents that can lead to future collaboration.</p>
<p><b>November 2016 – Present: SABE Vote Assessment Advisory Committee</b> DRNY worked with SABE and other advocacy groups to investigate issues around voting for people with disabilities, and provide technical assistance to improve their voting experience and increase the number of voters.</p>	<p>810</p>	<p>DRNY assisted with the creation and implementation of the 2016 Voter Experience Survey. The advisory committee met to discuss and suggest modifications to the survey and discuss plans to collect the survey for the 2018 election.</p> <p>This year, 810 voters with intellectual and developmental disabilities completed the SABE Voter Experience Survey.</p>			



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<p><b>November 2016 – Present: NYAIL Election Reform Committee (ERC)</b>          DRNY participated in the New York Association of Independent Living’s Election Reform Committee’s monthly call.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>DRNY worked with the ERC to improve voting advocacy efforts throughout NY and to address current HAVA proposed changes. Issues such as funds allocated to replace BMDs, Democracy Project (i.e. Cuomo voting reform proposal), lawsuits regarding accessible online voter registration, and BMD surveys and poll site surveying work were discussed.</p>			
<p><b>April 2017 – Present: REV UP! Advisory Committee</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>DRNY helped NYS prepare for National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW). DRNY participated in NDVRW and National Voter Registration Day, hosted by REV UP. DRNY worked on the REV UP state coalition strategy, general voter registration strategies, and REV UP state partners’ activities. DRNY also assisted in</p>			

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		bridging relationship between REV UP and SABE.			
<p><b>Area 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Training and education of election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers regarding the rights of the voters with disabilities and best practices in working with individuals with disabilities.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Activities may include, but not limited to providing training and participating in the development of training education programs for election officials and poll workers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Goal/Activity for FY2017:</b></p>					
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<p><b>July 2017: DRNY Public Comment on NYS BOE HAVA Administrative Complaint Regulations Change Par 6216.2 – New York State</b></p> <p>Through a public comment letter, DRNY educated policymakers on accessibility needs and requirements for the HAVA administrative complaint process.</p>	n/a	<p>DRNY filed administrative complaints on behalf of voters who were denied access to vote. These complaints uncovered problems in New York State’s administrative complaint protocols. DRNY highlighted these problems to the NYS BOE. DRNY provided detailed explanation of the issues, and the need for changes to the HAVA administrative complaint protocols. DRNY’s</p>		\$39,763	<p>DRNY worked with the NYS BOE to highlight barriers to accessible voting. DRNY details these barriers in letters, emails, and at fair hearings to ensure the NYS BOE makes changes at a state-level. With the support of the NYS BOE, DRNY has been effective in working with the county BOEs to ensure accessible polling locations.</p>

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		<p>recommendations included providing materials related to HAVA administrative complaints online in accessible formats, an online complaint form in an accessible format, removal of submission burdens such as using certified mail to submit complaint, recognize hearing testimony over the phone, and guarantees that complainants would be able to communicate in a format that accommodates their abilities during hearings. The NYS BOE adopted DRNY's recommendations.</p>			
<p><b>March 16, 2016: DRNY Training of Hamilton County Poll Workers – Hamilton County, NY</b>          DRNY trained Hamilton County poll workers on setting up an accessible polling site.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>DRNY trained seven Hamilton county poll workers and BOE commissioners on how to assess poll sites for accessibility. DRNY provided trainees with informational literature regarding disability etiquette at the polls. DRNY's training</p>			

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		<p>addressed many accessibility issues on Election Day, including how to set up a polling site to meet accessibility standards. The poll workers determined after DRNY’s training that the Piseco Common School polling site is an accessible voting location.</p>			
<p><b>September 2017: DRNY Poll Site Surveying Training Video – New York State</b>          DRNY created the poll site survey training program for on-demand viewing across NYS.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>DRNY created a training video. This comprehensive training on assessing polling sites for accessibility covers legal standards for poll site accessibility, tools for assessing accessibility at a polling site, and information on using DRNY’s survey tool to submit information to DRNY about polling site accessibility. The video will be shared with volunteers and Boards of Election to help educate election workers and election</p>			<p>DRNY created training materials in an accessible format to train poll site surveyors across New York State. DRNY relies on trained volunteer surveyors, but the available in-person trainings are limited by DRNY resources and volunteers’ schedules and ability to travel. On-demand training videos accommodate people across the state and allow more volunteers to participate in the surveying to ensure polling locations in communities across NYS are accessible.</p>

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		authorities on voting accessibility.			
<p><b>Area 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assist individuals with disabilities in filing complaints under the State-based administrative grievance procedure required by HAVA and represent individuals with disabilities in any hearing that may be held regarding the complaint.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal/Activity for FY2017:</b></p>					
Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 5	Description of activities in Area 5 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
<p><b>November 2016: Individual HAVA Complaint – Erie County, NY</b> DRNY represented a voter through a HAVA administrative complaint with the New York State Board of Elections after Erie County BOE denied voter access to a functioning BMD on Election Day.</p>	1	<p>DRNY represented a voter with blindness through a HAVA administrative complaint after the BMD malfunctioned while the voter cast his ballot, and, as a result, the voter could not vote independently or privately.</p> <p>The NYS BOE determined the Erie County BOE failed to provide voters with an accessible polling place and violated the complainant’s privacy and independence. The NYS BOE ordered Erie</p>		\$11,397	<p>DRNY represented individuals through HAVA complaints as a strategy to effect systemic change at the state level to ensure counties provide functioning BMDs at county- run elections. A voter denied use of a functioning BMD to cast a ballot can file a HAVA complaint with the NYS BOE. Based on the complaint submission and hearing testimony, the NYS BOE makes a determination and directs the county BOE to remedy issues related to the BMDs. This effort ensures that the BMDs are available county-wide for use in future elections.</p>

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		County BOE to produce a report on the remedies it will implement to ensure polling locations are accessible.			
<b>November 2016: Individual HAVA Complaint – Kings County, NY</b> DRNY represented a voter through a HAVA administrative complaint with the New York State Board of Elections after a poll worker for Kings County BOE interrogated the voter about his disability when he asked to use the BMD.	1	DRNY represented the voter through a HAVA administrative complaint after he reported being interrogated by poll workers at his polling site about his disability, and not getting assistance from poll workers in using the BMD. The NYSBOE found in favor of the voter and ordered the NYC BOE to produce a report detailing remedies it would implement to avoid the recurrence of similar HAVA violations.			
<b>November 2016: Individual HAVA Complaint – Erie County, NY</b> DRNY represented a voter in filing a HAVA administrative	1	DRNY represented a voter through a HAVA administrative complaint after the Erie County BOE failed to offer sufficient support when voter attempted to use the BMD at her			

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<p>complaint with the NYS BOE.</p>		<p>polling place. The BMD malfunctioned when the voter attempted to use it, and the poll workers were not equipped to assist. The voter withdrew the complaint prior to a determination.</p>			
<p><b>November 2016: Individual HAVA Complaint – Columbia County, NY</b>          DRNY represented a voter through a HAVA administrative complaint with the New York State Board of Elections after Columbia County BOE denied voter access to a BMD on Election Day.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>DRNY represented a voter through a HAVA administrative complaint after the Columbia County BOE failed to provide a functioning BMD for a voter.</p> <p>The NYS BOE determined the Columbia County BOE failed to provide voters with an accessible polling place. The NYS BOE ordered Columbia County BOE to produce a report on the remedies it will implement to ensure polling locations are accessible.</p>			
<p><b>November 2016: Individual HAVA</b></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>DRNY represented a voter through a HAVA administrative</p>			



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<p><b>Complaint – Albany County, NY</b> DRNY represented a voter through a HAVA administrative complaint with the New York State Board of Elections after Albany County BOE failed to provide a voter with a functioning BMD.</p>	<p>complaint after the Albany County BOE failed to provide a functioning BMD for a voter.</p> <p>The NYS BOE determined the Albany County BOE failed to provide voters with an accessible polling place. The NYS BOE ordered Albany County BOE to produce a report on the remedies it will implement to ensure polling locations are accessible.</p>			
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**Area 6**  
 ❖ To provide assistance to States and other governmental entities regarding the physical accessibility of polling places.  
 ○ Activities may include, but not limited to surveying polling places, identifying potential modifications to make specific polling places accessible, and developing criteria for identifying accessible polling places.

***Goal/Activity for FY2017:***

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 6	Description of activities in Area 6 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
<p><b>October 27, 2016: DRNY Surveyor Training at Lehman College 2016 – Bronx, NY</b></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>DRNY trained volunteers on the legal standards of poll site accessibility, and on using DRNY’s survey</p>		<p>\$64,836</p>	<p>DRNY trained volunteers to conduct poll site surveys that measure a polling location’s accessibility. Volunteers conduct assessments on election days across the State. Volunteers survey polling locations using an online or paper form</p>

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<p>DRNY trained student volunteers at Lehman College to conduct accessibility surveys at polling sites during the 2016 General Election.</p>		<p>tool to conduct accessibility surveys at polling sites in NYC, for the purpose of collecting data on accessibility of the NYC voting program.</p>			<p>that is then submitted to DRNY for review. With the data collected by volunteers, DRNY communicated barriers to accessibility to the State and County boards of elections through findings letters and public reports.</p>
<p><b>November 08, 2016: Volunteer Surveyor county at SUNY Oneonta – Otsego County, NY</b>          DRNY trained student volunteers from SUNY Oneonta on conducting poll site accessibility surveys.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>DRNY trained volunteers on the legal standards of poll site accessibility, and on using DRNY’s survey tool to conduct accessibility surveys at polling sites in Otsego County, for the purpose of collecting data on accessibility of the Otsego County voting program. DRNY will compose a report based on the data collected and submitted by surveyors in the November 2016 election, and succeeding elections. The report will be published and submitted to the Otsego BOE and NYS BOE.</p>			
<p><b>March 16, 2017: DRNY Accessibility Assessment of</b></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>DRNY assessed a newly selected polling location in Hamilton</p>			

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<p><b>Hamilton County New Poll Site – Hamilton County, NY</b>          DRNY conducted a poll site accessibility assessment of a new polling location selected by Hamilton County BOE.</p>		<p>County at the request of the county BOE. The assessment ensures that the new polling location meets all accessibility standards and is capable of accommodating Hamilton County voters with disabilities.</p>			
<p><b>September, 2017: DRNY Albany County Poll Site Accessibility – Albany County, NY</b>          DRNY demanded full accessibility of Albany County polling sites, following notification of accessibility barriers.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>DRNY submitted a letter to Albany County Board of Elections, specifying accessibility barriers reported to us by voters in Albany County. The letter detailed the accessibility barriers and offered recommendations to remedy the issues. DRNY surveyed polling sites in Albany during the November 2017 election for continued monitoring of the accessibility of the Albany County voting program.</p>			
<p><b>October 19, 2016: DRNY Schenectady County Poll Site</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>DRNY provided technical assistance to the Schenectady County Board of</p>			

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<p><b>Accessibility</b> –  <b>Schenectady, NY</b>          DRNY provided technical assistance and advocated for improved poll site accessibility in Schenectady County.</p>		<p>Elections to help ensure poll site accessibility compliance. DRNY provided education and guidance for improved accessibility. DRNY will compose a report based on the data collected and submitted by surveyors in the November 2016 election and succeeding elections. The report will be published and submitted to the Schenectady BOE and NYS BOE.</p>			
<p><b>October 24, 2016: DRNY Surveyor Training at SUNY Downstate – Kings County, NY</b>          DRNY provided volunteers training on conducting accessibility surveys at poll sites during the 2016 General Election.</p>	12	<p>DRNY trained volunteers on the legal standards of poll site accessibility, and on using DRNY’s survey tool to conduct accessibility surveys at polling sites in the NYC area, for the purpose of collecting data on the accessibility of NYC’s voting program. Volunteers submitted completed surveys from the General Election.</p>			

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<p><b>June 2017: DRNY Greene County Voting Access – Greene County, NY</b> DRNY surveyed polling locations in Greene County to monitor accessibility during the 2016 General Election. DRNY published a report on poll site accessibility in Greene County during the 2016 General Election.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>DRNY surveyed polling locations in Greene County during the 2016 General. DRNY used data gathered during the 2016 General Election to compile a report detailing access limitations identified in the Greene County voting program. The report includes photographic and statistical data on Greene County poll site accessibility during the 2016 General Election. The report was published through DRNY’s website <a href="http://bit.ly/2r36eRW">http://bit.ly/2r36eRW</a>, on DRNY social media, and through media outlets. The report was submitted to Greene County BOE and NYS BOE for comment and as part of DRNY’s advocacy effort.</p>			<p>DRNY surveyed polling locations among various counties in NYS to find barriers people with disabilities face when voting. DRNY issued public reports of findings and recommended remedial steps. DRNY sent the reports to the county BOEs and NYS BOE with recommended corrective action.</p> <p>DRNY created a universal report format to publish reports. DRNY will routinely publish reports after elections to highlight barriers to accessibility at polling locations throughout NYS. In FY 2018, DRNY will publish reports with data collected in FY 2017 for the following NYS Counties: Erie, Greene, Wyoming, Rensselaer, Genesee, and NYC.</p>
<p><b>July 2017: DRNY Erie County Voting</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>DRNY surveyed polling locations in Erie County during the</p>			

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<p><b>Access – Erie County, NY</b>          DRNY published a report on poll site accessibility in Erie County during the 2016 General Election.</p>		<p>2016 General. DRNY used data gathered during the 2016 General Election to compile a report detailing access limitations identified in the Erie County voting program. The report includes photographic and statistical data on Erie County poll site accessibility during the 2016 General Election. The report was published through DRNY’s website <a href="http://bit.ly/2fdOH5E">http://bit.ly/2fdOH5E</a>, on DRNY social media, and through media outlets. The report was submitted to Erie County BOE and NYS BOE for comment and as part of DRNY’s advocacy effort.</p>			
<p><b>September 12, 2017: DRNY Poll Site Surveying in Kings County during NYC Mayoral Primaries – Kings County, NY</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>DRNY surveyed polling sites in Kings County during the 2017 NYC Mayoral Primaries to determine barriers to accessibility. DRNY used data</p>			

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<p>DRNY surveyed polling sites for accessibility during the primary election.</p>		<p>gathered during the election to inform the NYC Board of Elections about access limitations identified in Kings County. DRNY assessed a total of 36 polling sites through Kings County and documented data regarding each sites accessibility status.</p>			
<p><b>Ongoing: DRNY BMD Use Experience Survey Campaign – New York State</b> DRNY created and promoted a Ballot Marking Device user experience survey.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>DRNY developed a survey tool to collect data from voters about their experience with using Ballot Marking Devices in 2017 New York elections. DRNY shared the tool via email, community networks, and social media. Voters answered questions and reported their BMD use experience. DRNY used the data to assess New York’s voting systems and observance of HAVA regulations and to advocate for improvements.</p>			

**Area 7**



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- ❖ To obtain training and technical assistance on voting issues, including education regarding accessible voting equipment and systems. Once educated, the information may be used to inform others of the availability of accessible voting equipment and its use.

**Goal/Activity for FY2017:**

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<p><b>June 2017: DRNY at NDRN Annual Conference 2017</b> DRNY attended an annual conference for training, orientation, and professional development.</p>	n/a	DRNY attended the National Disability Rights Network’s annual conference and participated in a variety of workshops and trainings, including voting related advocacy programs as well as trainings covering other disability advocacy issues.		\$7,345	
<p><b>Citizen feedback regarding the improvements and/or changes to ensure full participation in the electoral process.</b></p>					
n/a					
<p><b>Funding carried over from previous fiscal years –</b></p>					

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FY 2013- \$

FY 2014 - \$

FY 2015 - \$

FY 2016 - \$7,546.24

**Explanation of spending trend** (use of funds and/or lack of funds used *particularly any FY2012 funds sent back to treasury as of September 30, 2017*)

