



VALENTINE'S DAY

at the Statehouse
February 13, 2020

*Please plan to join in The Arc of Indiana and Self-Advocates of Indiana annual
Valentine's Day at the Statehouse event on Thursday, February 13.
This annual event helps us connect with state legislators and thank them for their work.*

Valentine's Day at the Statehouse 2020 Theme:

Ability is the Heart of The Arc

The goal of this event is to make your legislators feel special and remind them that people with developmental disabilities and their families throughout the state are real people with real needs and dreams who they should consider when making decisions for our state.

We encourage you to take some time to create something unique to show your appreciation for your elected officials. These messages can be artwork, letters, or any other token of thanks! You might also include a short note, letting your legislators know what is important to you and that you are a constituent who has a loved one with a disability, you have a disability, or you serve people with disabilities.

If you are coming to the Statehouse, please contact your Senator and Representative to let him or her know you will be there and try to schedule a time to meet. Visit [Indiana General Assembly – Find Your Legislator](#) to learn who represents you and get contact information.

If you do not have a scheduled time, the best time to find your legislators is when they are in session in the House and Senate chambers on the third floor of the Statehouse. On February 13, the House is scheduled to go into session at 10:00 a.m.* and the Senate is scheduled to go into session at 1:30 p.m.

Please also plan to create valentines for Governor Eric Holcomb, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of State Connie Lawson, State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, FSSA Secretary Dr. Jennifer Sullivan, and DDRS Director Kylee Hope. **To be respectful of their time, please do not visit these offices outside of scheduled times.**

**Let us know you will be at the Valentine's Day event by contacting
Hannah Carlock at hcarlock@arcind.org**

* We will have people who can bring you from the Government Center to the Statehouse to talk to your representatives at 10 AM

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Schedule

- 9:30 AM – Noon Indiana Government Center – Conference Room A
- 9:30 AM Voting Rights
Catherine Vest- Communication and Outreach Specialist at Indiana Disability Rights
- 10:00 AM House Goes Into Session
Meet with your representative outside of the House chambers unless you have scheduled a private meeting. We will have people who can bring individuals who wish to go from the Government Center to the Statehouse and then return to the Government Center.
- 10:30 AM Why Your Vote Matters
Secretary of State Connie Lawson
- 11:00 AM Indiana ABLE Program
Treasurer Kelly Mitchell
- 11:30 AM Medicaid Waiver Redesign Presentation / Discussion
Family and Social Services Administration
- 12:00 PM Lunch Break
Cafeteria at the Government Center and other options outside of the Statehouse
- 1:15 PM Meet in Statehouse Rotunda
- 1:30 PM Senate goes into Session
Meet with your senator outside of the Senate chambers unless you have scheduled a private meeting.

Additional Information

The Statehouse is located in downtown Indianapolis, 200 W. Washington Street, on the block bordered by Washington, Senate, Ohio, and Capitol streets.

Parking is available on the street (meters), at the White River State Park Garage, or at one of the Circle Center Mall Parking Garages. Van accessible parking is available in the MOON GARAGE at Circle Center Mall (Maryland or Illinois Street access).

There are several options for lunch downtown. The Government Center has a cafeteria, there is a food court on the third floor of Circle Center Mall, and there are restaurants in the mall and near the Statehouse.

The main public entrance for the Statehouse is located on Capitol Avenue.

The accessible entrance is located on the west side of the building, off of Senate Avenue. If you need to drop off individuals at the accessible entrance, you may turn onto Senate Avenue from either Washington Street or Ohio Street, but you will have to turn around and exit to the same street you entered from.

The public entrance to the Government Center is also located off of Senate Avenue.

Security - Be sure that you have no sharp objects, firearms, or weapons of any kind.

We will have volunteers at the Statehouse throughout the day to help connect you with your legislators and answer any questions.

If you do not have a meeting with your representative or senator, and want to request to talk with them when they are in session in the House and Senate Chambers, you will need to give a message to a doorman to ask them to come out to the lobby to meet with you. For the House, doormen for Democrats are located on the right side of the chamber and doormen for Republicans are located on the left side of the chamber. For the Senate, doormen for Democrats are on the left and doormen for Republicans are on the right.

If you are not able to connect with your senator or representative, Hannah Carlock will be gathering valentines to deliver to your legislators.