



Legislative Newsletter

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State Issues

Preview of Fall Advocacy Efforts

As the Ohio House and Senate return from summer recess, we anticipate the upcoming months to be busy. Check out our legislative tracker to view the bills ODVN is currently monitoring!

[ODVN Legislative Tracker](#)

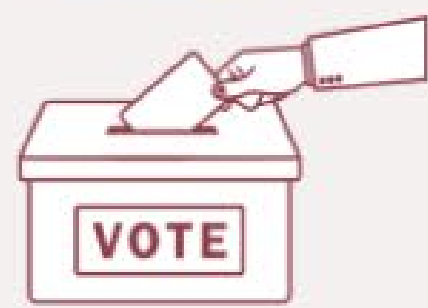
If you are interested in providing either in-person or written testimony on any of the tracked bills, please contact ODVN's Policy Director, Maria York, at: mariay@odvn.org

Voting and Privacy

With election season underway, domestic violence survivors might face unique obstacles when registering to vote, including privacy concerns related to voter registration. Survivors deserve a democracy that works for them and must have opportunities to contribute to elections without putting their safety at risk.

Safe at Home is an address confidentiality program that provides a substitute and confidential address for participants. The registration information of a program participant with a confidential voter registration record will not be accessible to the public.

Election Day
NOVEMBER 7



For more information on how to obtain a Safe at Home address, please visit the Ohio Secretary of State's [website on the Safe at Home program](#).

Public Input to Address the Needs of Young Children, their Caregivers, and their Families

Groundwork Ohio and Black Child Development Institute Ohio, in conjunction with early childhood stakeholders across the state, are learning from families, caregivers, and community leaders. To help influence a three-year plan addressing the needs of young children, caregivers, and their families from the prenatal-to-three timeframe in Ohio, please take this short [survey](#).

Federal Issues

Federal Government Shutdown Averted

Hours before the midnight deadline on September 30th, the Senate voted 88-9 to clear the House-passed funding patch, which generally mirrors the Senate version. The continuing resolution will end November 17th. [Read full story...](#)

Thank you for calling and emailing your legislators, urging them to keep the government open!

New Federal Actions to Support Children and Families in Foster Care

The federal administration released three regulations to strengthen services and supports for children and families in the child welfare system. Specifically, the regulations will:

- Support kinship caregivers – family members and loved ones who step forward to care for a child in foster care – by making it easier for them to access resources and financial assistance.
- Protect LGBTQI+ youth in foster care from abuse and mistreatment and ensure they have the services they need to thrive.
- Expand access to legal services for children and families at risk of entering or in the child welfare system.

First-Ever White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention

This new office will focus on implementing executive and legislative action to decrease gun violence in America. [Read full press release...](#)

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