

# PROTECTING THE RIGHTS & EQUALITY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

As President, Elizabeth will work in partnership with the disability community to combat ableism. And she will fight alongside them for justice across all aspects of life and to fulfill the goals of the ADA: equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency.

## **PLAN** MAKING DISABILITY RIGHTS A PRIORITY

Elizabeth will make clear that disability is a priority in her administration by **creating a National Office of Disability Coordination** to ensure that federal programs support people with disabilities. She will also:

- **Build economic security for people with disabilities** by ending the shameful subminimum wage, fighting for a \$15 minimum wage, fighting discrimination in the labor market, and investing in workforce training;
- **Rewrite the rules of government programs like Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance** to provide strong support for people with disabilities and move them toward financial security;
- **Ensure that technology is used to advance the interests of people with disabilities;**

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- **Build affordable and accessible housing** and protect the rights of renters;
- **Invest in safe, healthy, accessible, and green public housing and public transportation;**
- **Ensure that justice is at the center of our response** to climate change and protect the rights of people with disabilities in emergencies;
- **Safeguard the rights and liberties of people with disabilities**, from the criminal justice and immigration systems to parenting and voting; and
- **Establish an Office of Disability Rights at the State Department**, dedicated to protecting the rights of people with disabilities around the world and pursuing inclusive foreign policy and diplomacy.

## **PLAN** INVEST IN OUR KIDS

Elizabeth's plan will support children with disabilities and their families and ensure that people with disabilities get a great education. She will:

- Provide **crucial early interventions and access** to quality ADA-compliant child care;

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- Fight to fully fund IDEA, make school facilities accessible, and tackle discriminatory practices that harm students of color with disabilities;
- **Support English Language Learners and immigrant students with disabilities** and provide resources for **inclusive language development for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students**, their teachers, and their families; and
- Provide **access to affordable, high-quality higher education experiences**, by providing free public college and technical school.

## **PLAN** **END THE STRANGLEHOLD OF HEALTH CARE COSTS**

**Health care is a human right**, but too many people with disabilities are frequently denied coverage, subject to discriminatory treatment, or receive inadequate services. We need a system that empowers all people to live full lives. Starting on day one, Elizabeth will act to **bring down the high costs of many common prescription drugs**. Within her first 100 days, she will **give everyone the chance to join an improved Medicare program that covers vision, hearing, mental health, dental, and long-term care** at little to no cost. Her administration will also end the bias towards institutional care and guarantee seniors and those with disabilities the right to home and community-based services. By year three of her presidency, Elizabeth will push Congress to transition fully to Medicare for All.

**Because everyone in our country should have high-quality health care.**

**Want to read more?** Read Elizabeth's full plan here:

**<https://elizabethwarren.com/plans/disability-rights>**



### **ABOUT ELIZABETH**

**Elizabeth grew up on the ragged edge of the middle class in Oklahoma.** Like many Americans, her path wasn't a straight line — she dropped out of college at age 19, got married, and then continued her education thanks to a college that cost \$50 a semester. Elizabeth is the daughter of a janitor, who had the chance to become a teacher, a law professor, a United States Senator, and a presidential candidate because America invested in kids like her.

**After Wall Street crashed our economy, Elizabeth went after the big banks** who fleeced millions of Americans, fighting to create the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau — the country's first consumer watchdog agency — to hold financial institutions accountable for cheating people.

Running for office was never Elizabeth's plan. But this is the fight of our lives — the fight to build an America that works for everyone, not just the wealthy and the well-connected. **Elizabeth Warren is running for president because she knows what's broken, she knows how to fix it, and she's fighting for the big, structural change we need.**

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