

Preparing for Local Advocacy Visits

- Understand that YOU are the expert
- Senate & House District Work: April 14-25, 2025
- Schedule request NOW
- Google: who are my zip code elected representatives?
- Their website has on-line meeting request form.
- Request meeting with legislator but staff meeting likely
- Provide Name & include Nurse & Voting Constituent
- Reason: Voting Nurse's view on Health & Medicaid
- Find District office address & phone at bottom of their webpage

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- They are elected and work for you as a constituent
- Be prepared to meet with a staff member
- Expect the meeting will be short- 15-20 minutes
- Mentally prepare a story or two of the importance of accessible healthcare by telling a challenge to success story from you family, patients or HIV advances
- Don't worry about data points, statistics, etc- it's the people story that sticks

At the Local Advocacy Visits

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- Be on time, but be prepared to wait & meet with a staff member
- Expect the meeting will be short- 15-20 minutes
- Introduce yourself as a Nurse & Voting Constituent
- Be friendly- thank them for their service to the district.
- You are there as a voting citizen & not as a representative of your employer
- But can name the healthcare sites & how important they are to the community
- Focus on 1-2 topics

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- Focus on 1-2 topics: “ I’m here to talk about”
 - Saving Medicaid & Medicare
 - Saving HIV funding:
 - Treatment (HHS/HAB)
 - Prevention (CDC)
 - Restoring & improving Veteran services
 - Restoring NIH research grants
 - ICE has gone too far
- **Tell a personal story that relates**

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- **Tell a personal story that relates**
- If there are questions you don't know- say so & volunteer to get info back to them
- At end- thank them, ask for business card or email
- Follow up with a direct email with more info or restating your concern & thank you again