



Disability Victory is **building the political power** of disabled progressives through training, networking, & leadership development. We **envision** a country where disabled people have the information, support, and skills they need to successfully lead as candidates, elected officials, & campaign staff.

Building Progressive Disability Power

1 in 4 U.S. adults are part of the disability community, and our number is only growing. However, disabled people are **underrepresented at every level of government**. Among disabled elected officials, disabled women and people of color are even more greatly underrepresented.

While campaign training programs empower more progressive leaders to run for office, most of these organizations don't have accessibility in mind. Disabled leaders have to **fight for accommodations** and equal access, and these programs often **can't answer the questions** that disabled progressives have about running for office—from how to canvass in inaccessible neighborhoods to how to respond to ableist prejudice.

Disability Victory is the first organization working to empower disabled progressives to run for elected office with authentic, winning campaigns. We are a 501(c)4 campaign training organization that **creates accessible, disability-led programming**. We partner with and coach other campaign training organizations on how to create accessible, disability-inclusive programming and environments. Together, we can empower disabled progressives on the campaign trail and elected office to effect change in their communities.

Accomplishments

Since launching in May 2023, Disability Victory has **prioritized creating key resources and partnerships** to empower disabled leaders to run for elected office and work on campaigns. We have:

- **Launched** our first 3 virtual and accessible campaign training workshops;
- **Partnered** with organizations like Run for Something, the LGBTQ+ Victory Institute, and the League of Conservation Voters to talk about accessibility, inclusive campaigns, and disability policy.
- **Created** the #MakeAccessAPractice campaign to train progressive organizations on accessibility best practices.
- **Created** resources to empower more disabled people to run for office.
- **Endorsed** legislation that will make participating in elections and government more accessible to all Americans.
- **Joined** the Pipeline Initiative's National Steering Committee, working to build a pipeline of progressive leadership around the country.

First-Year Priorities

- **Increase key staff to full-time capacity and staff key positions** of program coordinator and development consultant
- Host the first seven-week-long **Disability Victory Academy** training cohort and facilitate additional training and skill building opportunities throughout the year.
- Create **accessible resources** to demystify the campaign experience and to help disabled leaders begin their journey towards running for elected office.
- Create the **Disability Victory Leadership Network** to offer ongoing support to program participants, connect them to additional opportunities for leadership development, and learn about their successes.
- **Train and partner with other progressive leadership development programs** to create accessible training opportunities for their audiences and expand awareness of the importance of accessibility.
- **Continue to establish Disability Victory as a subject matter expert on disability and political representation.**

2024 FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$653,500

Leadership

[Sarah Blahovec](#): Co-Founder | Co-Director | President

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