SARTAC Fellows:
Advancing Self Advocacy through LEADERSHIP AND POLICY
Fellowship Project: Voting Accessibility for ALL

Host: Catherine Nielsen, NV Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

State: Nevada
What was the main goal of the project? After modifying the initial project goal, this new goal is voting accessible to all, especially people who are ASL users. This included providing information to the public about the voting process in our state!
How did you plan to meet the goals? My host and I planned to meet the goals by meeting with the Secretary of State Deputy Mark Wlaschin, Vote Nevada, ASL Anywhere, the Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and other key stakeholders to share information about voting and the upcoming election cycle. We created 6 videos and are planning to produce a few more.
• **Did you have to make changes along the way?** Yes most definitely thanks to my amazing host. Director Nielsen was on top of it and helped me understand because there was a lot of moving parts to our voting process.

• **Did the project come together the way you thought it would in the end?** Not how we originally planned the project but overall, yes, it turned out even better than I was hoping for. However, I had hoped to star in the videos but was unable to due to a significant family emergency.
WHAT I LEARNED AS A FELLOW

► Nothing is set in stone as a Self-Advocate
► People with disabilities must learn to be flexible, compromise, be patient, and innovate.
RESOURCES CREATED

FOR FELLOWS

• 6 videos were created during the life of this grant.
• 8 videos have been created in total.
• Publicly available on NV DD Council YouTube and NV Secretary of State’s website.
LEADERSHIP & POLICY RESULTS

(Work on these together. May put on 2 slides.

What did this project teach you about leadership?)

There are now a total of 8 videos I have produced with the Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (6 with the help of this grant) that have provided the disability community with information on voting and being involved in the election cycle.
WHAT WAS THE ROLE OF THE HOST?

- Video Funding
- Meeting Support
- Documentation Support
I would like to be employed long-term making civil and policy changes in the community.
Q&A

You have Questions
We have Answers