

Capitol Hill Advocacy Days | June 12-14, 2022

The 2022 RESULTS International Conference will be held virtually on **June 4-5** (get more details at results.org/conference). This will include all the conference plenary sessions, plus workshops, and networking with advocates around the world. The virtual conference kicks off a month of congressional advocacy, with local groups working together to secure online or in-person meetings with congressional offices.

As part of the national advocacy month, RESULTS will hold a small Capitol Hill advocacy summit in-person in DC from **Sunday, June 12 to Tuesday, June 14**. We hope to welcome delegations representing every RESULTS chapter and all 50 states, and a particular focus on advocates who have taken on new leadership within RESULTS and who have never been to Capitol Hill.

We are asking each RESULTS group to select one delegate to attend the June event in DC, in addition to any active members of the Experts on Poverty program or 2022 Fellowship class. We also have space available for additional volunteers to indicate their interest in attending as part of a limited additional pool of at-large delegates. We will select delegates from those who are interested based on congressional coverage and key representation in DC.

This June event is just **one of three in-person events RESULTS will host this year**. While space is limited at each event, our hope is that by year end, everyone who is interested will be able to attend one of these events in DC.

The June event will focus on skill building, advocacy basics, growing as a leader, and culminating in a powerful day of advocacy on Capitol Hill. The programming will be designed primarily for advocates who have joined RESULTS in the last 2-3 years, including the 2022 class of RESULTS fellows. This is an exciting opportunity for new volunteer leaders, advocates who have not joined an in-person RESULTS event, and advocates eager to grow within RESULTS.

Delegates and groups will work together to strategize and organize a powerful advocacy day in DC that will complement virtual and in-district lobbying by the group. Your delegates will also have the support of RESULTS staff and Regional Coordinators while lobbying in DC.

RESULTS is committed to removing financial barriers to attendance, and **funding is available for delegates**, including up to the full cost of travel and attendance.

We will encourage each RESULTS chapter to work together to select a delegate.

Suggested criteria for selecting your group's delegate

- Advocates who have joined RESULTS since 2019
- Advocates who have never been to an in-person International Conference
- Advocates who are committed to continuing their advocacy with RESULTS
- Advocates who are willing to coordinate with the group on organizing lobby meetings
- Advocates who are seeking a deeper leadership opportunity within RESULTS
- Advocates who have lived experience with poverty
- Advocates who represent the diversity of the RESULTS network

Once your group has selected a delegate, communicate the name and contact information to your Regional Coordinator. We'll contact them with an application.

In addition to RESULTS Fellows, and the one delegate per group, there will be a pool of "at large" delegates. To be considered for an at-large slot, a separate application will also be made available. If the group had a hard time deciding on a delegate due to having too many good candidates, they should consider applying for the at-large slots.

More Details on the June In-Person Event

Preparation and Commitment:

Before the event:

- ✓ Submit proof of vaccination
- ✓ Confirm meetings with key congressional targets (RESULTS staff can help!)
- ✓ Coordinate and strategize with your local group to determine which meetings will be held in district or virtually, and which will happen in DC
- ✓ Review all prep materials from RESULTS

During the event:

- ✓ Embrace and uphold RESULTS anti-oppression values
- ✓ Participate in all scheduled events
- ✓ Maximize your time on Capitol Hill for effective, bipartisan advocacy

After the event:

- ✓ Complete advocacy meeting report forms for each congressional meeting
- ✓ Debrief with your group, and plan a follow up strategy for your congressional offices
- ✓ Participate in additional congressional meetings in the district/state

Agenda Overview

Sunday, June 12

- Midday arrivals
- Late afternoon opening session & evening social event

Monday, June 13

- Issue briefings, skill building, and strategy break outs
- Advocacy day prep

Tuesday, June 14

- Advocacy day on Capitol Hill
- Evening departures

Logistics for In-Person DC Event

- The in-person DC event will have a separate registration process from the virtual International Conference.
- **RESULTS is committed to removing financial barriers to attendance.** All delegates will have the option to have their travel and lodging arranged and paid for directly by RESULTS. If additional meals, incidentals, or airport transfers are cost prohibitive, participants can also have these costs covered directly (indicated during the registration process).
- **All participants will be required to provide proof of COVID vaccination** via a third-party confidential system. All attendees must also certify they will follow the latest CDC guidance, all relevant local mandates, and event-specific protocols.