

State Leadership Information

A State Leader is a rewarding position that helps initiate and support much-needed public policy in your state. Leaders will learn the legislative process in their state, engage with elected leaders, support bills until passage, have a recognized position, and ultimately make a difference in their state.

Passing Laws: The primary purpose of a State Leader is to support bills until passage. Bills can be created by NDC and initiated through state leadership, or currently active in the state by other means. All actions and initiatives by a state leader are linked to the primary purpose of supporting the passage of bills.

Understanding the Legislative Process: Understanding the legislative process in your state is very important, and the first task as a State Leader. States primarily operate as a bicameral legislature having both a House of Representatives and a Senate, but also have unique intricacies in their process of passing laws. Information about the legislative process can typically be found through your state legislature's main page.

Policies that We Support: I'm sure you've noticed that we do not like pornography. Online pornography is way too easy to access for anyone, especially children, and legislatures, especially Congress, need to take action to curb this crisis. Therefore, creating and supporting policies that prevent children from accessing pornography is our primary focus.

Additionally, because we require State Leaders to support three state bills (more info on that below) each yearly session, we ask that State Leaders consider supporting bills that protect children from LGBT and transgender forced agendas and ideologies in schools, libraries, and the like, and oppose LGBT and transgender forced agendas and ideologies in schools, libraries, and the like. We also believe in State Leaders having

the freedom to support bills of many different topics, so long as they don't contradict the values of NDC. Please reach out to us if you feel that a bill that you'd like to support may contradict the values of NDC.

Meeting your State Legislators: Wherever you live, you fall into the constituency of a Representative (or Assemblyman), and a Senator. Both persons are typically attentive to the needs and concerns of their constituents. Therefore, as an early task, we ask State Leaders to set meetings with both members, and introduce yourself on a personal level, and as a State Leader for NDC.

Meeting State Legislators in General: While the legislature is convened for the year, we ask that State Leaders set meetings with other legislators to introduce yourself and share your vision as a State Leader, as well as establish a good connection. We believe in working with both major political parties, and even though NDC may support/oppose legislation that a certain person or party may otherwise support/oppose, we believe this can be done in a spirit of unity and understanding. Meeting legislators will happen naturally, but more commonly it will be done intentionally through scheduled meetings, or NDC hosted bill briefings.

Meeting Other Groups: There are usually a handful of other groups and organizations with similar agendas as the National Decency Coalition. You are encouraged to connect with like-minded groups as you continue as a State Leader. Many times, you'll find yourself supporting/opposing the same bill as other groups, and you'll naturally connect in that way, and similar ways. Having an ally support base can be very helpful in your efforts.

Building a Team: Building a team of volunteers from your friends, church, or community, is a great way to find assistance to further your progress. Volunteers may be given titles, provided business cards, and be added to the NDC state's webpage.

Support Three Bills: We ask that state leaders support a minimum of three active bills in the legislature each yearly session. These bills can be initiated by NDC, or active through other means.

Ways to Support Bills: There many different way that you can support a bill until passage such as notifying the bill sponsor that your group is in support of their bill, developing promotional material to be delivered to offices sharing support of the bill, meeting with opposing members in order to convince them to why they should vote for the bill, testifying during committee hearings, hosting a lunch briefing, and more.

Bi-weekly Call: You will be invited to a bi-weekly with other state leaders and Executive Leadership to discuss actions within the state. This call is very helpful for supporting and developing ideas, and learning from other participants. State leaders are required to attend one call each month, and each call is 30 minutes long and takes place during an evening.

Financial Support: State leaders are provided with a financial stipend through debit card to assist with gas and general materials needed for action. Fiscal requests may be made for larger events. After the first year, we ask that State Leaders help raise financial support through a reasonable means of asking friends, family, and colleagues to support.