

Countdown to Election Day 2020 is an interactive guide designed to prepare you and your family for this year's election. We have 5 different sections that you can work on each weeknight (about 15 minutes) or you can tackle it all at once!

Why is it so important to vote and involve the whole family?

Elections ensure that a government is chosen by the people, for the people. Research shows that when families are involved in elections together kids are much more likely to vote as adults and parents are more likely to show up to the polls. AND Durham benefits by having more engaged citizens now and in the future.

This week we cover:

Get out the Vote!

P.S. Don't forget to share this info with your friends and family.



Did You Know?

Early Bird Gets The Worm...or The Vote!

Early voting starts this week, Thursday, October the 15th to be exact! Are you excited to have your voice count?


For anyone under 18, Kids Voting is available beginning Thursday Oct. 15 and you can cast your vote on the same candidates as adults at www.kidsvotingdurham.org/elections. For adults eligible to vote, One-Stop early voting, where you can register if needed and vote, accounts for over 75% of North Carolina voters in most elections. The Durham Board of Elections (dcovotes.com) offers 14 One-Stop sites this election and has taken extra steps to insure distancing and sanitation that will allow adults to cast a safe vote at early voting sites.

Everyone that is eligible can and should vote.

Kids cast your **vote** here with [Kids Voting Durham](#) Durham Adults can find an early voting site near them using [this tool](#) -- DCoVotes.com even lets you check waiting times!

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Need more encouragement? Let Mayor Schewel and some of the 2020 candidates tell you why youth and families should take part in this year's voting and elections. .

Mayor Schewel and the 2020 Candid...



Chat Attack

Let's Talk About It.

Make some time during dinner, car rides, or at special family time to slow down and discuss the following points below.

1. What are some of the reasons that people should vote? How can you let people in your life know that voting is important and encourage them to cast a vote?
2. What are some of the reasons people give for not voting? How can you help others get to the polls?

So...What Can We Do?

Take Action!

While not everyone in your family may be old enough to cast a vote that determines who gets elected, everyone can have an impact on elections no matter their age.

Small Things You Can Do This Week That Make A Difference:

Help Get out the Vote...And make it fun!

Join Kids Voting and other NC voting partners at Moms Rising's Family Voting Celebration at 10 am on Saturday, October 17. There will be dancing, story time, and of course a change for kids to cast their vote with Kids Voting Durham. [RSVP now to get your free](#)

virtual ticket!

Can't make it Saturday? Host your own virtual voting party with the [Moms Rising Voting Celebration](#) tool kit. Make crafts, stickers and more! Help both youth and adults know that their vote counts!

Have a Election Pledge Drive with Teaching Tolerance and Invite friends& family of all ages to talk about how important it is to be involved in your community and [make a commitment to vote](#) or [be involved in elections](#)! If you aren't sure what to talk about check out [tolerance.org](#) to start talking...I bet you might even recognize one of the videos.

Has your family voted? Make sure you wear your vote proudly! Search Facebook frames for "Kids Voting" to let those who view your profile pic that "My kid voted" or "I Voted Today" or to the [Kids Voting Giphy page](#) to share KVDs animated GIFs and stickers in your social media posts. Make sure to tag [@kidsvotingdurham](#) [#ourfamilyvotes](#) so we can cheer you on!

#YouthInAction

Any Age, Any Day, Making Change Happen!

Protecting the Vote

In 2013, at just 12 years old, [Madison Kimry starting lobbying and organizing people for voter rights](#) -- including the rights of young people to preregister -- in North Carolina. This year, after many years of making a difference in elections, Madison cast her first vote!

Look at your local community or even on the national level, think of things that you would change for the better.

Talk to your parents about your idea and brainstorm what you can do to make the change and how you can do it.



Mark Your Calendar!

Dates You Probabaly Didn't Know About.

OCTOBER 2020

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★ Early Voting Starts
Oct. 15

★ Mom's Rising Voting Party
Oct. 17



Cooperative Extension

Early Voting

Early Voting starts on October 15th and lasts through the 31st. This is the case for North Carolina early voting and Kids Vote Durham early voting. Learn more at Vote.org and where to vote at Durhamnc.opendata.arcgis.com.

Mom's Rising Early Voting Election Party (virtual)

On October 17th the Mom's Rising will be hosting an Early Voting Election party and Kids Voting Durham will be attending...we hope to see y'all there! [RSVP Now!](#)



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