

As President, Bernie will:

1. Protect and expand the Social Security Disability Insurance Program (SSDI)

SSDI is vitally important to more than 11 million Americans, including more than one million veterans and nearly two million children. The average disability benefit is about \$1,200 a month. For many people, that is their entire income.

2. Increase employment and educational opportunities for persons with disabilities.

In the year 2016, it is unacceptable that over 80 percent of adults with disabilities are unemployed. We need to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and vocational education programs. We also need to expand funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), which aim to provide “one-stop shopping” for information on long-term services and support.

3. Fight for the U.S. ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Bernie will continue to fight for equal access and equal rights for people with disabilities. That’s why Bernie strongly supports the ratification of this important treaty.