



Advocating and advancing the human, civil and legal rights of persons with disabilities

Disability Rights New Jersey is a private, nonprofit, consumer-directed organization established to:

Advocate for and advance the human, civil and legal rights of citizens of New Jersey with disabilities;

Promote public awareness and recognition of individuals with disabilities as equally entitled members of society;

Advise and assist persons with disabilities, family members, attorneys and guardians in obtaining and protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities; and

Provide education, training, and technical assistance to individuals with disabilities, the agencies that serve them, advocates, attorneys, professionals, courts, and others regarding the rights of individuals with disabilities

“I am only one but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do.” ~ Helen Keller

Programs

Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PADD) provided legal assistance and advocacy services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) provides legal assistance and advocacy services to individuals with mental illness who receive mental health services and who live in residential treatment facilities and in the community.

Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR) provides legal assistance and advocacy services to individuals with severe disabilities not eligible for other federally funded protection and advocacy services.

The Client Assistance Program (CAP) assists individuals with disabilities who are seeking services from federally funded rehabilitation programs.

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) provides education and training on employment and Social Security Work Incentives, and provides assistance to SSDI and SSI beneficiaries with vocational rehabilitation, employment, and other support services.

Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI) provides legal assistance and advocacy services to individuals with head injuries.

Protection and Advocacy for Voter Access (PAVA) ensures that every qualified individual with a disability has the opportunity to vote on Election Day.

Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT) provides legal and non-legal advocacy services to individuals with disabilities who are seeking access to assistive technology devices and services.

The Richard West Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC) seeks to increase access to assistive technology for persons with disabilities.

Intake – Requests for assistance can be made to the DRNJ intake unit by telephone, e-mail, and online.

Member, National Disability Rights Network

“There is nothing I have accomplished without reaching out to empower others.” ~ Justin Dart

DRNJ is located at 210 South Broad Street in Trenton, New Jersey, in a barrier-free, fully accessible office near the corner of Broad and Market Streets.

Disability Rights New Jersey is New Jersey's designated protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities. DRNJ receives program funding through:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PADD) and (PAVA)/ Center for Mental Health Services (PAIMI), and Health Resources and Services Administration (PATBI)

U.S. Department of Education: Rehabilitation Services Administration (PAIR, CAP, PAAT); and through the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (ATAC).

Social Security Administration (PABSS).

This brochure is available in Spanish and alternate, accessible formats.

Disability Rights New Jersey is an Equal Opportunity Employer and provides services to all individuals with disabilities regardless of race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, marital status, familial status, sex, sexual or affectional orientation, ancestry or disability. Any concerns regarding the agency's compliance with these non-discrimination efforts may be brought to the attention of the Executive Director

As New Jersey's designated protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities, DRNJ operates the following programs:

PADD
PAIMI
PAIR
CAP
PABSS
PATBI
PAVA
PAAT
ATAC

For assistance and information, please call DRNJ's toll-free number:

(800) 922-7233 (New Jersey only)

or

(609) 292-9742

(609) 777-0187 (Fax)

(609) 633-7106 (TTY)

TTY users may also call the NJ Relay at: 711

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