



# 2017 Priority Rating Survey

**Disability Rights New Jersey** is the state’s designated protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities. DRNJ is a consumer-directed, non-profit agency that advocates for and advances the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities. To ensure that DRNJ’s limited resources are used to address issues of importance to people with disabilities, we are seeking input from people with disabilities, their families, professionals, health care and service providers, and the general public to guide DRNJ in determining its priorities.

This survey provides important input for DRNJ’s staff, advisory committees and governing board in planning programs and services in the coming years. We greatly appreciate your time and attention in completing it.

Individuals can also submit comments on DRNJ’s priorities in writing (210 S. Broad Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608 or email [advocate@drnj.org](mailto:advocate@drnj.org)), over the phone (800-922-7233 toll-free in NJ only or 609-292-9742), and online at [www.drnj.org](http://www.drnj.org).

## Current Priorities

Below are the current priorities for DRNJ. Please indicate whether each should remain a priority.

|                          | Remain a Priority        | Not a Priority           |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Abuse and Neglect        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Discrimination           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community-Based Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health Care              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Informed Decision Making | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Children                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Assistive Technology     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employment               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Training and Outreach    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional comments regarding DRNJ’s current priorities.

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## Abuse and Neglect

DRNJ responds to allegations of abuse and neglect in psychiatric hospitals, developmental centers, nursing homes and community residences. The following are the priority issues involving abuse and neglect. Please indicate whether each should remain a priority.

|                                    | Remain a Priority        | Not a Priority           |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Inappropriate Institutionalization | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Restraints and Seclusion           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Violation of Patient Rights        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unusual or Suspicious Deaths       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional abuse and neglect issues that you believe should be priorities for DRNJ.

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## Community-Based Services

DRNJ provides assistance to persons with disabilities residing in the community to obtain access to community-based services. The following are DRNJ's priority issues involving access to community services. Please indicate whether each should remain a priority.

|   | Remain a Priority        | Not a Priority           |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Access to Residential, Treatment, and Habilitation Services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Access to Treatment and Habilitation Services for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Accessible Transportation   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional community-based services issues that you believe should be priorities for DRNJ.

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## Discrimination

DRNJ responds to complaints alleging disability-based discrimination. The following are DRNJ's priority issues involving disability-based discrimination. Please indicate whether each should remain a priority.

|                       | Remain a Priority        | Not a Priority           |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Housing               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employment            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Voting                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Accommodations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Government Services   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional discrimination issues that you believe should be priorities for DRNJ.

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## Health Care

DRNJ provides assistance to persons with disabilities who are experiencing problems regarding access to health care. The following are DRNJ's priority issues involving access to health care. Please indicate whether each should remain a priority.

|                                       | Remain a Priority        | Not a Priority           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dispute with Medicaid / Medicare      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dispute with Private Health Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional health care issues that you believe should be priorities for DRNJ.

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## Informed Decision Making

DRNJ provides assistance to persons with disabilities to ensure their rights are protected through informed, supported individual and/or surrogate decision making. The following are DRNJ's priority issues involving informed decision making. Please indicate whether each should remain a priority.

|  | Remain a Priority        | Not a Priority           |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Promoting Psychiatric Advance Directives   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Promoting the Use of Supported Decision Making for Individuals with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional informed decision making issues that you believe should be priorities for DRNJ.

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## Children

DRNJ provides assistance to students and families seeking appropriate educational and community-based services. The following are DRNJ's priority issues involving children. Please indicate whether each should remain a priority.

|  | Remain a Priority        | Not a Priority           |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Education in the Least Restrictive Environment                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Early Intervention   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community-Based Services and Supports                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bullying   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Children in the Juvenile Justice System<br>And School-to-Prison Pipeline | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional educational issues that you believe should be priorities for DRNJ.

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## Assistive Technology

DRNJ provides assistance to individuals with disabilities seeking access to assistive technology devices and services. The following are DRNJ's priority issues involving assistive technology. Please indicate whether each should remain a priority.

|  | Remain a Priority        | Not a Priority           |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Demonstrations of Assistive Technology Devices                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Loans of Assistive Technology Devices  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recycling of Assistive Technology Devices                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Individual Advocacy and Assistance to Obtain<br>Assistive Technology Devices | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional assistive technology issues that you believe should be priorities for DRNJ.

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## Employment

DRNJ provides assistance to individuals with disabilities who are working or looking to work and are applying for or receiving vocational rehabilitation services. The following are DRNJ's priority issues involving work and vocational rehabilitation services. Please indicate whether each should remain a priority.

|   | Remain a Priority        | Not a Priority           |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Disputes with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation<br>Services or Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social Security Work Incentives   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social Security Work-Related Overpayments   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transition to Adult Life  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employment First  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional work and vocational rehabilitation issues that you believe should be priorities for DRNJ.

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## Training and Outreach

DRNJ staff conducts training programs on a wide variety of topics of interest to persons with disabilities, their families, as well as providers and advocates. If you are interested in having a member of DRNJ's staff speak to your group about any of these topics, please check the appropriate box.

|   | Interested in Training   | Not Interested           |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DRNJ Programs and Services                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disability-Based Discrimination                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Impact of <i>Olmstead</i> Decision              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Education                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vocational Rehabilitation & SSA Work Incentives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Self-Advocacy Training                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Assistive Technology Devices & Services         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Voting Rights                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Psychiatric Advance Directives                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Guardianship and End-of-Life Decision Making    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use this space to add any additional training and outreach topics you believe should be priorities for DRNJ.

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## Thank you for your input!

Please check below all that apply to you. This information is requested on a voluntary basis and need not be provided to complete the survey. It will, however, assist us in assuring that this survey represents the full diversity of New Jersey.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person with a disability/consumer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Family member/guardian/friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a public agency      | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislator                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional/advocate/service provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                  |

**When you have completed the survey, simply fold and tape it closed and drop it in the mail.**

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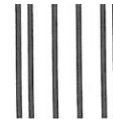
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