



## DISABILITY RIGHTS LOUISIANA

Protect. Advocate. Empower.

# ADVOCACY FOR OLDER ADULTS

Disability Rights Louisiana (DRLA) is a statewide non-profit agency providing **FREE** legal services, advocacy, and other supports to people with disabilities of all ages..

As we get older, many of us can develop issues including those that affect our ability to see, hear, or get around safely. Many of us may develop chronic illnesses that also affect our lives such as diabetes, arthritis, memory loss, and hypertension, among others. As challenges arise, we may find that we become more restricted from activities of work, public life, or even getting around safely within the home.

Even if we do not think of ourselves as having a disability, sometimes these challenges can rise to the level that meets the definition of disability according to the ADA, and affords the protections that come under the law.

More than 30% of Americans over age 65 have some kind of disability, as do over 50% of those older than 75.

Disability Rights Louisiana wants you to know that we work to protect, advocate for, and empower people with disabilities of all ages. If you are an older adult in need of legal advocacy, programmatic support, or referrals specific to your needs, we may be able to help.

We work to advance independence, promote home and community based supports and services and combat abuse, neglect and exploitation of older individuals with disabilities.



- If you are an older person with a disability and are at risk of long term nursing home residency or currently residing in a nursing home, but would rather be provided supports in the community, we may be able to help.
- If you are an older person with a disability that is at risk of losing your right to make your own decisions or would like information about how to get assistance in maintaining your right to make decisions, we may be able to help.
- If you are an older person with a disability who is experiencing abuse, neglect, or exploitation, we may be able to help.

**If you would like to know more about the services we provide or would like to get in touch with us:**

**Call 1-800-960-7705 or visit our website: [www.disabilityrightsla.org](http://www.disabilityrightsla.org).**