



DISABILITY RIGHTS LOUISIANA

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The Financial Access Inclusion and Resources (FAIR) Program

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.

Case Management & Financial Coaching Support for Formerly Incarcerated Job Seekers with Disabilities

The FAIR Program:

The FAIR Program provides financial coaching and case management services to formerly incarcerated people with disabilities to assist them in achieving their employment, financial, and reentry goals. The FAIR Program is housed in Disability Rights Louisiana, a non-profit organization that protects, empowers, and advocates for the civil rights of people with disabilities throughout the state.

Eligibility

Participants in the FAIR program should:

- Have been released from jail or prison within the last 10 years, or expect to be released within the next three-months;
- Live in or expect to live in Orleans or Jefferson Parish post-release;
- Be between 18 and 70 years old;
- Have a disability; and
- Be working or interested in looking for a job.

All referrals may be subject to additional eligibility determinations by DRLA staff.

Who has a disability?

A person may have a disability if they are experiencing a physical, mental or behavioral health condition that substantially impacts their daily life activities, such as difficulty with seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, communicating, or caring for oneself.

How to reach us

Contact Carolyn LeBrane Tilton at 504-272-2252 or email her at: clebranelilton@disabilityrightsla.org.

We can help clients remove employment and financial barriers in the following ways:

- Creating action plans to identify and break down barriers to their goals;
- Connecting them to the training, medical, counseling, housing, legal, transportation, and educational services that they need;
- Applying for public benefits like SSI, SSDI, SNAP, Medicaid, and Lifeline;
- Understanding how work and savings will impact their disability benefits;
- Addressing Social Security, Unemployment, and other benefits issues;
- Finding a job placement program that is receptive to their unique skills, experience, disabilities, and interests;
- Writing resumes, cover letters, and creating accounts on employment websites;
- Requesting accommodations so they can participate in jobs and programs;
- Understanding how to complete basic activities using smartphones;
- Finding the right financial product;
- Creating spending and savings plans;
- Identifying their debts and creating debt management plans;
- Addressing Orleans and Jefferson Parish municipal and traffic court fines, fees, and attachments that predated incarceration, with help from our contracting partners at the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana; and
- Pulling, understanding, and addressing errors on their credit reports.



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