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**DISABILITY RIGHTS
LOUISIANA PROTECTS
AND ADVOCATES FOR THE
HUMAN AND LEGAL
RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES OF ALL
AGES ACROSS OUR STATE**



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About Us

Disability Rights Louisiana (DRLA), formerly known as the Advocacy Center of Louisiana, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization organized in 1977. that protects and advocates for the human and legal rights of people with disabilities of all ages statewide. Our work aims to empower the disability community to live an integrated life, free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Our Services

LEGAL ASSISTANCE & INVESTIGATIONS

We provide people with disabilities with free legal services in order to help them fight disability-related issues related to health, safety, and community integration.

We conduct investigations and monitoring activities to protect the rights of people with disabilities who live in institutions.

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Through our non-legal advocacy programs, we:

- Protect & advocate for the rights & safety of people with developmental disabilities living in group homes and in the community with home health & independent living supports.
- Support individuals with disabilities with removing barriers to employment & financial security.
- Ensure that individuals who receive help managing their Social Security benefits are treated fairly.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

We monitor legislative activity & work to inform relevant stakeholders and policy makers of the how such legislation may impact people with disabilities.



How We Decide What Cases We Take

Since demand for our services exceeds the capacity of our staff, cases are selected based on available resources & must fit within our priority areas. If we cannot help you directly, we will provide you with information & referrals.

Generally, we take on cases in which we can help remove disability-related barriers to:

- Public services, housing & disaster relief;
- Autonomy and self-direction;
- Quality education,
- Competitive employment;
- Voting opportunities;
- Home and community-based healthcare services; and
- Safety from physical and financial abuse and neglect.

