

# AUTISM-RELATED SERVICES

Protect. Advocate. Empower.







Disability Rights Louisiana provides free legal and non-legal advocacy for people with disabilities.

For people with Autism, there are a few specific ways in which we frequently help.

#### **Special Education:**

- Children with disabilities have a right to a free and adequate public education;
- Children with Autism often demonstrate behaviors at school that impede their learning. DRLA may be able to provide technical assistance or legal representation when school districts:



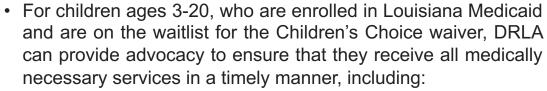
- Fail to provide the services necessary for the child to benefit from their education;
- Discipline a child for behaviors that are a manifestation of their disability; or
- Reduce the child's school hours or place them in an alternative school or on homebound.

#### **Supported Decision Making:**



Supported Decision making allows individuals with disabilities to make choices about their own lives with support from a team of people they choose. DRLA can provide information about this alternative to Tutorship.

## **Medicaid Advocacy:**





- Case Management
- Personal Care Services (PCS)
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation (CDE), for conditions like Autism.



- For individuals of all ages who are currently enrolled in a Medicaid Waiver, DLRA can provide individual advocacy to ensure that they receive the services they need to avoid unnecessary institutionalization.
- For individuals living in ICF/DD group homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, DRLA can provide support and advocacy to ensure that their medical needs are being met.

## **Employment:**



- DRLA can assist people to access vocational rehabilitation services that will help them obtain and maintain competitive integrated employment, and transition into that employment post-high school.
- For Individuals who receive SSI or SSDI, DRLA may be able to provide legal representation to help

## **Need Help?**

You can learn more about DRLA and the services we provide and request assistance by visiting our website <a href="https://www.disabilityrightsla.org">www.disabilityrightsla.org</a> or calling us at 504-522-5507 or 1-800-960-7705.