Contacting Disability Rights Florida

To apply to get help from us, submit an online request. An intake specialist will contact you and ask for some general information about you and a brief summary of your issue. Your information will be submitted for review. Our services are free and confidential.

ONLINE: DisabilityRightsFlorida.org
TOLL FREE: 800-342-0823

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Statewide Initiatives

- Educating policy makers about the needs of people with disabilities
- Advocacy for statewide, long-term remedies to problems that affect all people with disabilities
- Collaborative work on disability rights issues
- Monitoring of public programs and facilities
- Trainings for people with disabilities

Disability Rights Florida was founded in 1977 as the designated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system for individuals with disabilities in the State of Florida. The P&A system exists to ensure the safety, well-being, and success of people with disabilities.

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WHO WE ARE

Disability Rights Florida is a nonprofit organization that provides legal advocacy and rights protection for adults and children with a wide range of disabilities. We are a part of the National Disability Rights Network, comprised of 57 agencies that protect people with disabilities in every state and U.S. territory. We also have a federally granted power called access authority, which means we can investigate and monitor facilities that provide care and treatment to people with disabilities to protect resident rights.



OUR SERVICES

- Discrimination in **housing, architectural barriers, service animals, transportation**, and access to public and private programs and services.
- **Abuse, neglect, and rights violations** in an institution, prison or jail.
- Rights to a least restrictive environment, privacy, choice, dignity, and other **basic human and civil rights**.
- Barriers to a **free and appropriate education**, K-12 special education, transition services, and post-secondary education.
- Access to **mental health and support services** that provide individualized treatment including adults and students with psychiatric disabilities.
- **Employment accommodations**, as well as accessing, maintaining or regaining employment, and **vocational rehabilitation** (through our Client Assistance Program).
- Disputes involving **Medicaid eligibility** including Protected Medicaid, Home & Community Based Services Waivers, and Medicare Savings Programs.
- Rights to **effective and accessible communication** like American Sign Language and accessible print and electronic information.
- Investigation of stolen or misused funds, exploitation, or neglect by **representative payees**.
- **Voting** registration, vote casting, and accessible polling places to ensure full participation in the electoral process.
- Access to **assistive technology and devices** such as communication devices and power wheelchairs.
- Alternatives to guardianship including **Supported Decision Making**.

