

Priorities

Protect and advocate for persons with disabilities who are victims of abuse, neglect, and rights violations.

Eliminate the unnecessary institutionalization of persons with disabilities.

Promote an array of quality consumer-controlled and/or consumer-driven services to enable adults and children with disabilities to live and thrive in their own homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability.

Due to our limited resources, DRN cannot provide individual services to every person with advocacy and legal issues. DRN prioritizes cases that have the potential to result in widespread, systemic changes to benefit persons with disabilities. While we cannot provide assistance to everyone, we do seek to provide every individual with information and referral options.

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Protecting and Advancing
the Rights of People
with Disabilities



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Our Mission

To advance, protect, and advocate for the human, civil, and legal rights of Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania (DRN) is a statewide, non-profit corporation designated as the organization to advance and protect the civil rights of adults and children with disabilities. DRN works with people with disabilities, families, organizations, and advocates to ensure that people with disabilities can live in their communities free of discrimination, abuse, and neglect. DRN identifies systemic issues that are important to people with disabilities and seeks change and reform through litigation, public policy advocacy, administrative advocacy, and public education.

Services We Provide

Information, referral and short-term advocacy

Advocacy assistance for people with disabilities facing abuse, neglect and rights violations

Advocacy to promote inclusion and full participation in the community

Advocacy in special education matters and to promote inclusive educational practices and programs

Legal advice and representation

Systemic policy advocacy

Training and education on disability issues, services and rights to empower people with disabilities to achieve their goals

Technical assistance and information to groups interested in advocacy through the Disability Advocacy Support Hub (DASH)

DRN Can Help

DRN helps people with disabilities in many areas including:

- Abuse and neglect
- Access to community services
- Discrimination
- ADA compliance issues
- Education
- Assistive technology
- Voting access
- Access to Medical Assistance Services

DRN helps people with developmental disabilities, physical and sensory disabilities, brain injury, and people in mental health recovery.

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