

Mission

To advance the quality of life, dignity, equality, self-determination, and freedom of choice of persons with disabilities through collaboration, education, advocacy, as well as legal and legislative strategies.

About Us

Disability Rights Florida is the designated protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities in the State of Florida. Disability Rights Florida has authority and responsibility under eight federal grants. Established in 1987, Disability Rights Florida is a statewide, not-for-profit corporation.

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- Learn more about self-advocacy
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Priorities

- Abuse, neglect or rights violations for individuals who live in institutional and residential settings
- Community placement
- Access to publicly funded benefits and services, particularly home and community based services
- Self-empowerment and rights of individuals to gain greater control over important life decisions
- Control over use of public benefits and personal assets
- Equal access to public and private programs and services, including businesses, transportation, post-secondary education, housing, and assistive technology
- Access to vocational rehabilitation and blind services
- Access to a free and appropriate public education in the most inclusive environment
- Least restrictive alternatives to guardianship
- Voting rights and civic participation

Services to Individuals

- Information and referrals
- Self-advocacy support
- Technical assistance
- Investigations into complaints of abuse, neglect and rights violations
- Dispute resolution support
- Negotiation and mediation support
- Advocacy services

Statewide Initiatives

- Educating policy makers about the needs of people with disabilities
- Systemic and legal advocacy
- Collaborative work on disability rights issues
- Monitoring of public programs and facilities
- Workshops and trainings

When You Call

- We will gather information
- Review your request
- Provide follow-up information and referral
- Discuss other possible services

For more information or to access online intake, visit disabilityrightsflorida.org

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