



Removing Barriers to  
Opportunity and Equality

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## Programs

### **Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (PADD)**

PADD serves people with a developmental disability which is a severe and chronic cognitive or physical condition that begins before age 22 and results in at least 3 functional limitations.

### **Client Assistance Program (CAP)**

CAP serves people who have applied for or are getting services from the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services, a Center for Independent Living, or other programs funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, as well as provides information about the employment title of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

### **Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)**

PAIMI serves people with significant mental illness.

### **Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT)**

PAAT serves people with disabilities to get the assistive technology devices and support services they need to maintain or improve their skills and independence.

### **Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR)**

PAIR serves people with disabilities that substantially limit one or more major life activities and who are not eligible for advocacy under PADD, PAIMI or CAP programs.

### **Medley/Hartley Advocacy Program (MHAP)**

MHAP is a state grant that provides advocacy to individuals with developmental disabilities in compliance with state and federal court directives in Civil Action 81-585 E.H. v. Matin (1983), Hartley Decree, and Civil Action 78-2099 Medley vs. Ginsberg (1981), Medley Decree. MHAP helps assure all active Medley and Hartley Class Members receive individualized services and supports in the most integrated setting. The interests and expressed wishes of the Class Member are the guiding force for advocacy.

### **Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI)**

PATBI serves people with traumatic brain injury.

### **Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)**

PABSS serves people who receive SSI or SSDI and are experiencing barriers in getting or keeping employment.

### **Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA)**

PAVA carries out the mandate of the "Help America Vote Act," legislation passed to ensure that individuals with disabilities can fully participate in the voting process.

### **Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries with Representative Payees (PABRP)**

PABRP monitors and investigates how social security representative payees are administering Social Security funds.

# Who We Are

Disability Rights of West Virginia (DRWV) is a private, non-profit agency dedicated to protecting and advocating for the legal rights of West Virginians with disabilities. We are designated as West Virginia's Protection and Advocacy System (P&A). Every state is mandated by the federal government to have a P&A.



DRWV works to ensure that West Virginians with disabilities have access to the same opportunities afforded to all members of society, and can live full, productive lives totally integrated into their communities with as much self direction and independence as possible.

DRWV strives to promote systematic and policy change to increase access to services, promote equality, and protect legal rights.

**DRWV's services are confidential and free of charge.**

# What We Do

DRWV provides advocacy and/or education to people with disabilities of any age for: abuse, neglect, or rights restrictions; school/education; employment; access to assistive technology; access to programs & services in their home and community; supported decision making; independent living services; housing rights; service/emotional support animal access; voting rights; etc.

## We help people with disabilities by providing:

- Information and Referrals
- Abuse/Neglect Investigations
- Direct Advocacy
- Training on Self-Advocacy
- Legal Representation

## We do not provide legal representation for:

- Issues of Family or Criminal Law
- Bankruptcy
- Probate of an Estate
- Personal Injury
- Eligibility for Social Security Benefits
- Non-Disability Issues
- Legal Proceedings that Provide Court-Appointed Attorneys
- Legal Proceedings to Establish Guardianship
- Individuals who have Private Counsel, Court-Appointed Counsel or any Other Type of No-Fee Legal Representation

# Intake Process

1. Contact DRWV to request our services:

Phone: 1-800-950-5250

E-mail: [contact@drowv.org](mailto:contact@drowv.org)

Mail: 5088 Washington St. W  
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Charleston, WV 25313



2. Intake Advocates will make all reasonable efforts to contact you within 3 business days to do an intake.

**Note:** Service requests identified as an emergency that are received during the normal business hours are processed immediately if they are related to abuse and neglect allegations involving: imminent danger; life threatening emergencies; and termination of services, evictions, and hearings occurring within 7 days.

# Notice

Disability Rights of West Virginia (DRWV) serves individuals with disabilities including persons with mental health, developmental, intellectual, and physical disabilities, as well as traumatic brain injury. DRWV's Intake Department will provide Information and Referral services to anyone who requests assistance.

DRWV's acceptance of direct advocacy and legal cases is determined by a variety of criteria including disability related eligibility criteria established by our funders, our current priorities and objectives, as well as available resources. Due to limited resources, we cannot provide everyone who requests our services with direct advocacy or legal representation.



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