



## HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

The sole mission of the Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) is to protect and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities, as established in the constitutions and laws of the State of Hawaii and the United States.

HDRC, formerly known as the Protection and Advocacy Agency of Hawaii, is a private non-profit public interest organization established in 1977. It is Hawaii's Protection and Advocacy System for People with Disabilities, as authorized in federal and state law and designated by the Governor. It is funded by the federal and state governments and private sources, to fulfill its mandate.

### For Information or Assistance

On Oahu,  
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# Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)



Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) is authorized under Section 1150 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 122 of P.L. 106-170, the Ticket To Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 to:

- Provide information and advice about obtaining vocational rehabilitation and employment services, and
- Provide advocacy or other services that a beneficiary needs to secure or regain gainful employment.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR PABSS

Beneficiaries within the State who are entitled to Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDI), or eligible for Supplemental Security Income Benefits (SSI), based on disability or blindness.

## HOW CAN PABSS HELP?

- PABSS will provide assistance to Social Security beneficiaries seeking vocational rehabilitation services, employment services and support services from employment networks.

- PABSS will investigate and review complaints of improper or inadequate services provided to a beneficiary with a disability by a service provider, employer or others involved in a beneficiary's return to work efforts.
- PABSS will provide information and referral to beneficiaries with disabilities about work incentives and employment.
- PABSS will provide consultation and legal representation, if necessary, to protect the rights of beneficiaries with disabilities.
- PABSS will advocate to identify and correct deficiencies in the service system designed to assist beneficiaries with disabilities gain or regain employment.

**SSA has reviewed the following publication for technical accuracy only, however, this should not be considered an official SSA document.**



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