



HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

The sole mission of the Hawaii Disability Rights Center is to protect and promote the human, civil and legal rights of individuals with disabilities, as established in the constitutions and laws of the State of Hawaii and the United States, through the provision of information and advocacy.

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, call 949-2922

On Neighbor Islands,
call 1-800-882-1057

Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)

PAIMI is authorized by the federal Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986, as amended, to:

- Protect people with a diagnosis of mental illness from abuse and neglect; and
- Advocate for rights of people with a diagnosis of mental illness, as established in our federal and state constitutions and laws.

Who is ELIGIBLE for PAIMI assistance?

Individuals who have a significant mental illness or emotional impairment, as determined by a mental health professional qualified under the laws and regulations of the State;

AND

Inpatient or resident of facility rendering care and/or treatment

OR 90 days post discharge from a facility

OR In transport to a facility or In process of being admitted to a facility

OR Involuntarily confined to a municipal detention facility without a criminal conviction

OR Lives in a community setting including their own home

AND

Alleged abuse or neglect or rights violation.

Depending on annual priorities, PAIMI may be able to help with the following ISSUES

Care and Treatment The right to receive care and treatment in the most integrated setting appropriate; which is free from abuse and neglect, and with due process, informed consent, confidentiality and privacy.

Citizenship The rights to accessible public facilities; to move about freely; to vote; serve on juries; to enter into contracts; to own and dispose of property; and to become naturalized citizens.

Education The rights to individualized educational programs and related services; integration into regular classrooms; freedom from discriminatory arrest, suspension, expulsion from school.

Employment The rights to freedom from discrimination in hiring, provision of reasonable accommodation, advancement, or termination in competitive, supported, or sheltered employment; the right to assistance resolving problems with Vocational Rehabilitation services.

Freedom of Association The rights to form and maintain relationships; to reproduce; to raise children.

Housing The right to freedom from discrimination in obtaining and maintaining housing; and to keep service companion animals in one's home.

Justice The right to be considered competent

and conduct one's own affairs, unless determined by a court of law to lack such capacity. Protection of civil rights in commitment and release proceedings. Right to humane treatment during confinement.

Programs and Services The right to accessible programs and services; and to freedom from discrimination in obtaining and maintaining services for which one is legally qualified, such as Assistive Technology, Medicaid, SSI/SSDI, transportation, etc.

PAIMI strives to achieve the following OUTCOMES for people with a diagnosis of mental illness

Accessible Communities People with a diagnosis of mental illness gain access to employment, public facilities, government programs and services and transportation as established in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Freedom from Abuse and Neglect People with a diagnosis of mental illness are free from acts, or failures to act, which result in their physical, psychological or financial harm or death.

Independence, Productivity, Integration and Inclusion People with a diagnosis of mental illness enjoy the opportunities to experience personal growth, to work and contribute to society; and to be accepted and recognized for their abilities. They have the right to accept challenges, to take risks, to learn from mistakes and to experience success. They have the right to live in interdependent relationships in their own homes and communities.

Self Determination People with a diagnosis of mental illness advocate and make choices for themselves; select, control and evaluate the services they receive; and demonstrate their own competence.



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