



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 Individual Rights (PAIR)

PAIR is authorized under the federal Rehabilitation Act, as amended.

Under PAIR, people with a disability who are not eligible for assistance under P&A's other federal programs (see our PADD and PAIMI brochures), and who have been discriminated against as a result of their disability are eligible for services. PAIR may use legal, administrative and other appropriate remedies to protect and advocate for their rights.

Who is ELIGIBLE for PAIR assistance?

PAIR may be able to assist you if :

- You have a disability which substantially limits one or more of your major life activities;
- You believe you have experienced a violation of your civil rights because you have a disability; and
- You are not eligible for services under HDRC's PADD or PAIMI programs.

Depending on annual priorities, PAIR 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 companion service 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.

PAIR strives to achieve the following OUTCOMES for people with disabilities

Accessible Communities People with a disability 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 disability 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 disability 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 disability advocate and make choices for themselves; select, control and evaluate the services they receive; and demonstrate their own competence.



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