



## HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

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### HDRC

is a private non-profit public interest organization established in 1977 as the Protection and Advocacy Agency of Hawaii.

### HDRC

is Hawaii's Protection and Advocacy System for People with Disabilities,



as authorized in federal and state law and designated by the Governor.

### HDRC

protects and promotes the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities through the provision of information and advocacy.

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**PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS TO  
PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

*“Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently; enjoy self-determination; make choices; pursue meaningful careers; and enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of American society.”*

## HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER **PROGRAMS & SERVICES PRIORITIES**

Numerous federal and state laws create entitlements and services to benefit and support people with disabilities so that they can live independently and enjoy self determination. Examples of these are:

- ▶ Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988 (“Tech Act”) establishes a right to Assistive Technology for qualified people with disabilities.
- ▶ The Social Security Act provides Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare and Medicaid benefits for qualified people with disabilities.

- ▶ **Assistive Technology**
- ▶ **Specific services for certain disabilities:**
  - **Developmental Disabilities**
  - **Mental Illness**
- ▶ **Financial Entitlements**
  - **Food Stamps**
  - **Supplemental Security Income**
- ▶ **Medical Entitlements**
  - **Medicaid**
  - **Medicare**

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