

CAN WE HELP YOU?

DRNM services to individuals are based on the following factors:

- The individual has a disability, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act
- The problem or issue is directly related to the person's disability
- The problem or issue involves a violation of the person's rights
- The problem or issue is within the priority issues adopted annually by DRNM
- There is a reasonable likelihood of success

DRNM serves persons of all ages with any type of major disability, including developmental disabilities, mental illness, brain injury, physical disability, or sensory disabilities (blind or deaf)

AREAS WE DO NOT COVER

- Issues that are not directly related to a person's disability
- Criminal defense, personal injury damages, medical malpractice, or family law such as divorce or child custody
- Social Security (SSI or SSDI) determinations or overpayments
- Individual financial assistance (DRNM does not provide cash assistance of any kind for rent, food, utility bills, personal emergency, etc.)



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DISABILITY RIGHTS NEW MEXICO

*Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Persons
with Disabilities Since 1979*



New Mexico's designated Protection and Advocacy System

About Us

Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM) was founded in 1979 and authorized through federal law and an Executive Order of the Governor as the protection and advocacy system for the State of New Mexico. DRNM has authority and responsibility under eight federal programs. We are a statewide private, non-profit legal rights center for people with disabilities.

Our mission is to promote, protect and expand the legal and civil rights of persons with disabilities. Each year, after public hearings and comment, DRNM sets priorities for the cases and disability problems it will address.

For more information about our current priorities, visit:
www.drn.org

Contacting Us

You can request our services by calling us at (505) 256-3100 or 1-800-432-4682 or emailing us at info@drnm.org. During the intake process, you will be asked basic questions about your situation and then referred to an advocate in our Information and Training Unit. This team member will gather information about your request and conduct an interview to evaluate the situation. If DRNM accepts your request, your case will be assigned to an advocate or attorney to provide additional assistance.

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PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HAVE RIGHTS!

Individuals with disabilities have many legal rights under state and federal law. Examples of these rights include but are not limited to:

- Free, appropriate public education for school-age students
- Access to publicly-funded services for which the individual qualifies, such as vocational rehabilitation or Medicaid
- The right to register and vote, unless limited by court determination
- Equal employment opportunity, including reasonable accommodations on the job
- Making decisions for yourself, if an adult, unless limited by court order

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- **Information and Referral:**
Answer questions about disability issues and legal rights
Where to apply for disability services
Information about services disabled persons may be entitled to
- **Training and Outreach:**
Workshops and presentations on legal rights issues and self-advocacy
How to obtain benefits or services
Brochures on disability issues
- **Client Advocacy:**
Negotiate on individual's behalf to resolve problems
Support self-advocacy efforts
Legal advice
Representation in a hearing or in court
Investigations into complaints of abuse, neglect and rights violations in facilities and public programs
- **Public Policy Advocacy:**
Changes in funding, policies, regulations, or law
Public program and facilities monitoring
Work with state agencies and state legislature
Legal action to protect, improve and expand disability services or legal rights
Coalition work on disability rights issues

DRNM PROGRAMS

- **Developmental Disabilities (PADD):**
Persons who have severe disabilities which occur or develop prior to age 22 who need individually planned services and supports
- **Client Assistance Program (CAP):**
Questions or concerns about services offered by Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Commission for the Blind and Centers for Independent Living
- **Mental Health (PAIMI):**
Persons diagnosed as mentally ill or emotionally disturbed who live in or have recently left a facility providing mental health services or treatment; also persons receiving mental health services in community
- **Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS):**
Persons with disabilities who receive SSI/SSDI and who want to return to work
- **Individual Rights (PAIR):**
Persons with severe disabilities who are not eligible for other DRNM programs
- **Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI):**
Persons diagnosed with traumatic brain injury
- **Voting Access (PAVA):**
Ensure full participation in voting process for persons with disabilities
- **Assistive Technology (PAAT):**
Acquisition, utilization, or maintenance of assistive technology devices for persons with disabilities
- **Civil Legal Services:**
Advocacy and legal services for low-income New Mexicans with disabilities

DRNM receives funding from the following agencies: the Administration on Developmental Disabilities; the Health Resources and Services Administration; the Center for Mental Health Services within the U.S. Health and Human Services Department; the Rehabilitation Services Administration; U.S. Department of Education; the Social Security Administration; the New Mexico Civil Legal Services Commission; and the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council