



Disability Rights Arkansas

MEDIA KIT

WHO WE ARE

DRA ADVOCATES FOR AND DEFENDS THE CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS OF ARKANSANS WITH DISABILITIES.

Disability Rights Arkansas (DRA) is the independent, private, nonprofit organization designated by the Governor of Arkansas to implement the federally funded and authorized **Protection and Advocacy (P&A)** systems throughout the state.

What is a P&A? Use this handy QR code to learn more.



We treat all people with **dignity, respect, and compassion.**



DRA services include **information and referral, short-term assistance, technical assistance, legal representation, systemic advocacy, monitoring of facilities, and training.**

DRA services are provided **free-of-charge**. DRA is **independent** from state and local government.





DRA advocates and attorneys advise individuals with disabilities about their rights and advocate for their **civil and legal rights** in the state of Arkansas. DRA has broad **access authority** to monitor institutions and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities living within them.

We want our state to be one in which the rights of **all people** are respected. All people have the right to be **equal members** of their communities, and to live with **self-determination**.



OUR ISSUES

WE WORK ACROSS A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES IMPACTING THE CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

DRA staffers can answer your questions about:

- Abuse, neglect, and exploitation of people with disabilities
- Education and employment
- Youth in institutional care facilities
- Access to services through Medicaid/PASSE
- Voting rights/access and public policy impacting the rights of people with disabilities
- Self-advocacy
- And other topics related to disability rights.

Find information about these and other services we offer [here](#).



RESOURCES

The [DRA website](#) contains a wealth of information about our organization and service areas that you may find useful. These include:

- Our [blog](#).
- [Press releases](#)
- [Publications and reports](#)
- [Archived audio links](#) to our monthly radio show/podcast, "Speak Up Arkansas"
- [Upcoming events](#) and training opportunities
- [Links to articles](#) on a variety of topics related to the rights of people with disabilities:
 - Accessibility
 - Employment
 - Housing
 - Service Animals
 - Assistive Technology
 - Guardianship
 - Special Education
 - and more.





PRTF DATABASE

DRA maintains a database of publicly available documents related to the state's **psychiatric residential treatment facilities** (PRTF).

Access our PRTF database
using this QR code.



VOTING RIGHTS ADVOCACY

DRA works to ensure that people with disabilities have voting access in Arkansas, just like every other eligible voter. This means:

- **Checking polling places** around the state to make sure they are physically accessible;
- **Educating voters** with disabilities about voting rights and access;
- Helping people with disabilities **register to vote**; and
- **Advocating for voting laws** that make it easier, not harder, for people with disabilities to vote.





If you are a member of the media and want to learn more about Disability Rights Arkansas, email media@disabilityrightsar.org.



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