

## AM I ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HELP FROM DRM?

You may be eligible for DRM's services if:

- You have a disability and believe your civil rights have been violated or you have been discriminated against due to your disability;
- You have a disability and need help obtaining assistive technology;
- You receive SSI or SSDI and need help with employment-related issues;
- You are seeking brain injury services;
- You have questions about your right to vote and/or accessible voting; or
- You are the parent of a child with a disability and your child has been denied access to inclusive educational services or otherwise had their educational rights violated.
- You are Deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, or have a dual sensory impairment and need assistance with communication access.

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# DISABILITY RIGHTS MAINE



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**EQUALITY.**

**INDEPENDENCE.**

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## WHAT IS DRM?

Disability Rights Maine's (DRM) mission is to ensure autonomy, inclusion, equality, and access for people with disabilities in Maine. We collaborate with people with disabilities and their supporters to enforce and advance disability rights through training, systemic advocacy, public policy reform, and legal intervention.

DRM believes that people with disabilities must:

- Be treated with respect and be free from abuse;
- Control the decisions that affect their lives;
- Receive the services and supports necessary to live independently;
- Have the opportunity to work and contribute to society;
- Have equal access to the same opportunities afforded all other members of society; and
- Fully participate in all aspects of society: education, work and community.

Upon request, this brochure is available in alternative formats.

## WHO DOES DRM ADVOCATE FOR?

DRM represents individuals who:

- Meet the eligibility criteria for one of our programs;
- Have an issue that falls within our program priorities;
- Are seeking assistance with a problem that relates to their disability; and
- Have an issue that has merit and that can be addressed through legal advocacy.

DRM also makes case decisions based on the availability of agency resources.

For more information about eligibility criteria and individual program priorities, please visit our website or call our office.



## WHAT CAN DRM HELP ME WITH?

Each program has its own criteria but, overall, the types of issues DRM assists with include:

- Allegations of abuse, neglect and violations of basic rights;
- Obtaining appropriate medical or mental health treatment;
- Advocating for individuals to live independently, in the communities of their choosing;
- Discrimination in housing, public accommodations, and governmental services;
- Denial of an inclusive education or transition services;
- Guardianship & supported decision-making;
- Employment & return-to-work issues;
- Access to assistive technology (AT)
- Deaf advocacy & communication access; and
- Access to voting.