

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.

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“The Nation’s proper goals regarding individuals with disabilities are to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency.”

- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

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WHAT IS DRM?

Disability Rights Maine (DRM) is Maine's Protection & Advocacy agency for people with disabilities. This means we represent people whose rights have been violated or who have been discriminated against based on their disability. We also provide training on rights and self-advocacy and we advocate for public policy reform.

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.

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:

- Abuse, neglect and violations of basic rights;
- Improper use of seclusion, restraint, forced medications or other aversives;
- Denial of rehabilitative, habilitative, medical or mental health treatment;
- Financial exploitation;
- Denial of integrated settings;
- Discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations or governmental services;
- Denial of an inclusive education or transition services;
- Access to assistive technology (AT);
- Voting rights; and
- Return-to-work issues.