

Types of Assistance

- Information and Referral
- Individual Advocacy
- Legal Representation
- Education and Training
- Assistance with Self-Advocacy

Systemic Advocacy

DRM also engages in extensive systemic advocacy efforts, including:

- Participation in stakeholder groups;
- Community outreach;
- Investigation and monitoring of facilities and programs; and
- Public policy reform.

Upon request, this brochure is available in alternative formats.

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Our Mission

Disability Rights Maine (DRM) is Maine's designated Protection and Advocacy agency whose mission is to advance justice and equality by enforcing rights and expanding opportunities for people with disabilities in Maine.

Our Values

DRM believes the disability rights movement is inseparable from the human rights movements for racial, economic and gender equity. We renew our commitment to eradicate ableism, racism, sexism and bigotry, and to dismantle institutional and structural disadvantage.

Our Vision

People with disabilities must not be stigmatized, undervalued, institutionalized or excluded. Disability Rights Maine envisions a just world, without barriers, where all disabled people have power and autonomy. In this world, disabled people have full and equitable access to education, jobs, resources 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.

DRM does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation in its programs or activities.

What Can DRM Help Me With?

The types of issues DRM assists with include:

- Allegations of abuse, neglect and violations of basic rights;
- Accessing medical and mental health services in the community;
- Advocating for individuals to live independently, in the communities of their choosing;
- Discrimination in housing, public accommodations and governmental services;
- Guardianship & supported decision-making;
- Employment & return-to-work issues;
- Access to assistive technology;
- Deaf advocacy & communication access;
- Access to voting; and
- Access to Vocational Rehabilitation & Independent Living Services programs.