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### **Disability Rights Center – New Hampshire Receives Grant From the New Hampshire Bar Foundation**

Disability Rights Center - New Hampshire (DRC-NH) recently received a \$57,000 funding grant from the New Hampshire Bar Foundation's IOLTA grants program. The grant will be used to support DRC-NH's operating expenses.

The Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program is a partnership between attorneys and the banking community, where interest on certain lawyer trust accounts is paid to the New Hampshire Bar Foundation, resulting in a statewide grant program to promote justice. Through IOLTA, interest on amounts either too nominal or held for too short a time period to warrant establishment of a separate client account are forwarded to the Foundation. IOLTA grants fund nonprofit organizations that provide free or reduced-fee civil legal services and educational programs about the law and the courts. More information about the New Hampshire Bar Foundation and the IOLTA grant program can be found at <http://www.nhbarfoundation.org/>.

"Thank you to the New Hampshire Bar Foundation, attorneys and the banking community across the state who contribute to the IOLTA program. These funds are critical to help us to provide legal representation to people with disabilities across the state on issues like special education, access to community-based services and discrimination. We are so appreciative," said Stephanie Patrick, executive director of DRC-NH.

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DRC-NH is New Hampshire's designated Protection and Advocacy system and is dedicated to eliminating barriers existing in New Hampshire to the full and equal enjoyment of civil and other legal rights by people with disabilities. More information about DRC-NH can be found at <http://www.drcnh.org>.