

Disability Rights Center - NH

Disability Rights Center – NH, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, was incorporated in 1977 as the Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Center, Inc. to administer the federally created Protection and Advocacy System for people with developmental disabilities in the State of New Hampshire. DRC-NH, which has expanded significantly over the past 45 years, continues to be committed to the following purposes for which it was established:

- To provide legal services and advice to New Hampshire citizens with disabilities who could not otherwise afford such legal services and advice;
- To work with other organizations in recognizing and meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families;
- To develop an awareness among the general public about the needs of individuals with disabilities; and
- To develop awareness among people with disabilities, and their families, about their legal rights.

DRC-NH's mission statement reflects these organizational purposes:

The Disability Rights Center 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.

DRC-NH has expanded from a single program to benefit a single disability constituency to currently administering ten federally funded programs that are inclusive of all persons with disabilities, including developmental disabilities, mental illness, physical/orthopedic disabilities and neurological disabilities, including brain injury.

DRC-NH operates in the public interest statewide from its office location in Concord, NH. The authorizing federal legislation requires the organization to pursue and utilize a wide variety of remedies to protect the rights of persons with disabilities including individual representation, class action litigation, investigation of abuse and neglect of people with disabilities, monitoring in facilities serving people with disabilities, education of public officials and training for people with disabilities and their families about their legal rights and how to exercise them.

Key Organizational and Accounting Data

- Staff of 17, 14 full-time and three part-time, ten of whom are attorneys, two support staff, an executive director, a fiscal director, a program manager, communications specialist and an investigator.

- Accounting software: Sage 50 Accounting
- Payroll services: Sage Payroll Services
- Significant accounting related software: DAD (Disability Advocacy Database) & Microsoft Excel
- Fiscal Year: October 1 – September 30
- FY22 Operating Budget: \$1.90 million

Significant Revenue Sources

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services:

- Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PADD) - \$414,907
- Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) - \$428,000
- Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI) - \$50,000
- Help America Vote Act (HAVA) - \$119,365
- Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT) - \$50,000

U.S. Dept. of Education:

- Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR) - \$176,454

Social Security Administration:

- Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) - \$144,776
- Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Representative Payees (PABRP) - \$105,533.17

New Hampshire Bar Association:

- IOLTA Grant - \$46,435

Additionally, DRC-NH has other sources of income that vary from year to year and include attorney fees, contracts, and small grants.

Contact Person

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