



## How do I contact Disability Rights NC?

For Intake regarding a possible case, call toll-free

**1-800-821-6922 (Voice)**  
**1-888-268-5535 (TDD)**  
**or 919-856-2195**

**Disability Rights North Carolina**  
2626 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 550  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27608

[www.disabilityrightsn.org](http://www.disabilityrightsn.org)

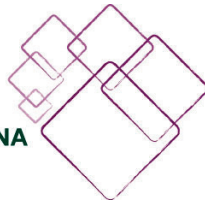
*Upon request, information  
is available in alternate format.*

*North Carolina's Protection and Advocacy System*

Disability Rights North Carolina is a federally mandated protection and advocacy system with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Social Security Administration.

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NORTH CAROLINA

*Champions for Equality and Justice*



**Disability Rights NC**  
*may be able  
to help...*

**Do you or your child  
have a disability?**

**Do you know a person  
with a disability who you  
suspect is being abused  
or neglected?**



## What is Disability Rights NC?

**Disability Rights North Carolina** – is a private, non-profit organization in North Carolina that works to improve the lives of people with disabilities by protecting their rights. It is part of a nationwide protection and advocacy (“P&A”) system.

## How can Disability Rights NC help me?

If you are a person with a disability or have a child with a disability, and need assistance, Disability Rights NC may be able to help by providing information and referral, advocacy services, or legal representation. (“Advocacy” is having someone speak or act on your behalf.)

## PAIMI Advisory Council

In 1987, the **Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)** Advisory Council was established in North Carolina. It provides independent advice and recommendations to CLA about the needs of people with mental illness and is actively involved in the development of agency policies and priorities. Its members are consumers, family members, professionals and others who are knowledgeable about the needs of people with mental illness and who have demonstrated a substantial commitment to improving mental health services in our state.

## What will happen if I contact Disability Rights NC?

When you first contact Disability Rights NC, you will talk with an intake specialist who will take details of your concerns.

Cases are accepted for assistance based on a fair system of case selection criteria and the resources available at the time of the request.

If Disability Rights NC is unable to help you, you will be referred to another appropriate resource or resources.

## Examples of types of assistance

- Investigate reports of abuse/neglect/exploitation
- Assist parents in obtaining appropriate educational services from preschool through high school
- Advocate for necessary equipment to help a person communicate, move, or learn
- Ensure accessibility to public programs and services

