



The Current Priorities of Disability Rights Washington

The following is an abridged version of the current priorities of Disability Rights Washington. More details including success measures and objectives (desired outcomes) are available upon request or by visiting the DRW website at www.DisabilityRightsWA.org. If you would like to comment on our priorities, use the Priority Input Form on the reverse side of this page. In addressing these priorities, DRW puts an emphasis on group advocacy in order to benefit the most people with our limited resources.

Goals for the Abuse & Neglect Priority

Abuse & Neglect Response System — Allegations of abuse and neglect of people with disabilities will be reported, investigated and people who abuse or neglect will be held accountable in a timely and appropriate manner and victims with disabilities will receive appropriate response services.

Abusive & Neglectful Conditions — Services, supports and conditions of care will meet the health and safety needs of people with disabilities in institutions and in the community.

Goals for the Access to Justice Priority

Court Access & Accommodation — Courts will provide access and accommodation to people with disabilities.

Due Process — People with disabilities will have procedural due process protections.

P&A Access & Availability — People with disabilities will have access to protection and advocacy services and the protection and advocacy system will enforce its access authority.

Competent Advocacy Availability — There will be an increase in the availability and competency of advocates and attorneys for people with disabilities.

Goals for the Education & Healthcare Priority

Education Access — Students with disabilities will receive free appropriate public education.

Healthcare Access — People with disabilities will have access to affordable quality healthcare.

Assistive Technology — People with disabilities will receive necessary assistive technology.

Goals for Rights & Discrimination Priority

Disability Rights — Quality disability rights related law will be preserved, improved and/or adopted.

Public Access & Accommodations — Supports, services and facilities available to the general public will be accessible and accommodating to people with disabilities.

Housing discrimination — Entities receiving public funds will not discriminate against people with disabilities in providing housing.

Employment & Vocational Preparation Rights — People with disabilities will have equal access to employment.

Parenting Rights — Parents with disabilities will not be subject to discrimination involving dependency proceedings.

Police Discrimination — Police will not discriminate against people with disabilities through the use of excessive force.

Goals for the Self Determination Priority

Choice & Inclusion — People with disabilities will exercise their rights consistent with the principles of inclusion & choice, as they desire.

Self Advocacy Support — People with disabilities will have support in their efforts to understand and exercise their rights.

Consumer-Directed Service System Reform — Systems will be reformed in a manner consistent with the saying "nothing about us without us" to expand choice, inclusion and the availability of quality supports.

DRW Priority Input Form

We would like your suggestions for our priorities!

Assistance in completing this form is available by contacting DRW. See contact information below.

Please review the priorities and goals on the reverse side and top of this page. FY 2009 will be the third year of the 2007-2010 DRW Four Year Plan. Therefore, we are not looking to make major changes in our priorities. However, we will be making some changes. It is particularly important we consider issues that have recently surfaced. Issues that we may not have considered when we finalized the Four Year Plan because they were not timely or they did not exist.

In addition, there may be issues that need to be given more attention and we want to identify those as well. We want to make sure our plan remains a highly effective means for remedying pressing problems facing people with disabilities.

Contact Information:

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Are there things we should add to our priorities? Are there things we should revise? Please provide your comments below. Attach additional sheets if you need more space.

Check one or more of the following

I am most interested in issues related to:

1. ___ People with developmental disabilities
2. ___ People with mental illness
3. ___ People with other disabilities

I would describe myself as:

1. ___ A person with a disability
2. ___ A family member of a person with a disability
3. ___ A service provider
4. ___ A disability related professional