



Volunteer Opportunities — Disability Rights Washington

Advisory Councils & Board Membership Opportunities

Our advisory councils and board are diverse groups of people from across the state. Travel expenses and disability related accommodations are provided by DRW.

Apply to join one of our Advisory Councils – The primary role of our two advisory councils is to make recommendations regarding DRW priorities and policies as well as evaluate the effectiveness of our advocacy. The **Mental Health Advisory Council** (MHAC) focuses on mental illness and generally meets quarterly in the morning and early afternoon on the first Saturday of the month beginning in February. The **Disability Advisory Council** (DAC) focuses on all other disabilities and generally meets quarterly in the evening of the first Wednesday of the month beginning in February. Both councils devote significant time to discussing the issues and problems facing people with disabilities.

Apply to join our Board of Directors – The board works primarily on issues related to the governance of our nonprofit organization. In collaboration with our advisory councils, they approve the priorities, policies and budget for DRW. In contrast to the councils, much of the board's time is spent on governance matters including reviewing and approving the work delegated to the councils, officers, other committees, executive director, and other staff. The board generally meets quarterly in the evening of the first Wednesday of the month beginning in March.

Finance, Funding Raising, and Legal Volunteer Opportunities

We understand that there are people with expertise in accounting, banking, finance, fund raising, or the law who may want to share their expertise for a worthy cause but not want to sit through board meetings. We have created a number of volunteer opportunities that allow experts to spend 100% of their volunteer time on critical matters related to their expertise. Use the enclosed Volunteer Application to apply or call us.

Apply to be a member of our Select Finance Committee — We are establishing a Select Finance Committee to advise our Board on matters related to finance and fiscal accountability. Members of the Select Finance Committee will be considered honorary members of the DRW Board of Directors.

Become a Fund Raising Event Volunteer — We have several fund raising event ideas just waiting for the right volunteer to come along and provide the leadership. The point is, some of our work depends on private donations so finding someone with experience in organizing and executing a fund raising event would be of great benefit to DRW. An Event Coordinator will be considered an honorary member of the DRW Board of Directors. If you are available to help on a fund raising event but don't want to be a coordinator, we have those opportunities.

Provide pro bono legal services — If you are an attorney who would like to do volunteer legal work on disability law related issues, let us hear from you.

Intern & Work Study Opportunities

If you are a law student or a student majoring or doing graduate work related to public policy, communications, public relations or computer programming we may have opportunities that can give you valuable experience. We have both school year and summer break opportunities.

Other Opportunities

If none of the above fits, but you are interested in volunteering, contact us. We use office, website and advocacy volunteers too. If you have another disability related interest, use the application form to tell us.

Volunteer Application – Disability Rights Washington

*Assistance in completing this form is available by contacting us at 1-800-562-2702 Voice or 800-905-0209 TTY.
All volunteers will be required to complete a background check.*

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time to Reach: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Alternative Phone: _____ Employer (if any): _____

Other organizations where you have volunteered: _____

For which volunteer position(s) are you applying?

Disability Advisory Council Member Mental Health Advisory Council Member Board Member

Select Finance Committee Fund Raising Event Coordinator Fund Raising Event Volunteer

Pro Bono Attorney Law Student Intern Other Student Intern Office Volunteer

Website volunteer Other – Explain: _____

Describe experience related to the volunteer position(s) for which you are applying:

Why are you interested in volunteering at Disability Rights Washington?

Council & Board Member Applications Only

Our funding sources require us to ask this information but you are not required to respond.

Do you have a disability? _____ Are you a family member of a person with disability? _____

If yes to either, specify disability: _____

Are you a family member of a minor receiving mental health services (MHAC Only)? _____

Are you an attorney? _____ Are you a mental health professional (MHAC Only)? _____

What do you consider your race/ethnicity to be? _____

What is your gender? _____ What is your age? 13 – 18 19 -65 Over 65

Are you a disability related service provider (if MHAC, is it mental health related services)? _____

Return application to Disability Rights Washington, 315 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 850, Seattle, WA 98104