



What We Stand For - What We Will Fight For

For nearly 40 years, Disability Rights California has led actions to advance the equality, dignity, independence, and freedom of Californians with disabilities. In the year ahead we will continue to fight against policies and funding cuts that will harm people with disabilities and safeguard against a return to a time when accessibility and inclusion were rare and abuse, neglect, and segregation from mainstream society were commonplace.

We will use all of our advocacy tools to eliminate discrimination and stigmatizing attitudes and ensure that people can live in barrier-free communities of their choice with the services they need to be successful. We will provide up-to-date information and advice so that people with disabilities can be equal, passionate, and full participants in society.

We reaffirm our principles that call upon each of us to:

- Stop discrimination, end segregation, increase community living choices, and participation in community life;
- Eliminate abuse and neglect and improve quality of care;
- Improve access to government benefits, services and health care;
- Increase access to education, housing, transportation, and employment with competitive wages;
- Ensure the autonomy, preferences and choices of people with disabilities are respected;
- Expand culturally and language competent, and geographically accessible services that value disability, diversity, culture and ethnicity of each individual; and,
- Make sure that there is access to courts, administrative agencies and legal services so that individuals with disabilities can defend and enforce their rights.

Our clients need us more than ever. We ask that you join us in helping to advance the equality, dignity, independence, and freedom of Californians with disabilities.