



Disability
Rights
Oregon

Our mission is to promote and defend the rights of individuals with disabilities.

WHAT WE DO

- » **Promote public policies** that improve the lives of people with disabilities
- » **Monitor conditions** in living facilities and institutions
- » **Defend and protect** the civil rights of people with disabilities via class-action and individual litigation
- » **Address legal problems** directly related to individuals' disabilities through information and referral



**973,274 OREGONIANS
HAVE A DISABILITY***

* Source: 2021, CDC Disability & Health Data System

OUR IMPACT: 2023 SNAPSHOT

- » 84,419 People whose rights were advanced by litigation
- » 16,403 Students attended school in safer, more humane conditions
- » 19,000 Children received appropriate services in the most integrated settings
- » 1,372 People with disabilities supported in expressing their own viewpoint on a policy-related matter
- » 500 People received one or more Assistive Technology (AT) service
- » 200 Monitoring visits to 15 different facilities
- » 38 Presentations to community groups about rights

OUR PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT: Building systems that provide children with the services and education they need to thrive. Our priorities include fair and appropriate education—including full school days—ending the school-to-prison pipeline, and improving Oregon's foster care system.

CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Expanding job opportunities and independent living. We offer advice, tools that you can use to protect and assert your rights, and advocacy-related services in Oregon.

CRIME SURVIVOR PROJECT: Promoting empowerment and justice for crime survivors. We provide services to people with disabilities who are survivors of crime, even if the crime has not been reported.

EASY VOTING GUIDE: People with disabilities have the same right to vote as their fellow Americans. We design the guide to be as accessible as possible, and publish it for every general election.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION: Disability Rights Oregon provides independent oversight of the Social Security's Representative Payee Program to protect people with disabilities.

GUARDIANSHIP REPRESENTATION PROGRAM: Disability Rights Oregon is the statewide agency for courts to appoint attorneys on behalf of people facing guardianship. Everyone should be able to live with as much self-determination and independence as possible.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: Our community needs equal access and tools to reach our full potential. Every legislative session, DRO pursues policy changes to bring us closer to that goal.

LITIGATION: We provide free legal advocacy services for people with disabilities through direct client representation and class-action lawsuits.

MENTAL HEALTH RIGHTS PROJECT: Disability Rights Oregon advocates for restorative treatment when people accused of a crime are unable to aid and assist in their defense. We also represent people facing civil commitment in Multnomah County, and fight the criminalization of mental illness.

PLAN FOR WORK: We provide information about work incentives to help people who are Social Security beneficiaries make informed decisions when they want to work.

MORE INFORMATION

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