



NEVADA'S PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

NDALC FY2009 SERVICE PRIORITIES

Key to grant programs (PA = Protection & Advocacy for)

PAAT: Assistive Technology

PABSS: Beneficiaries of Social Security

PADD: Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

PAIMI: Individuals with Mental Illness

PAIR: Individual Rights

PATBI: Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury

PAVA: Voting Access

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

GOAL 1 – *People with disabilities will live free from abuse and neglect.* (PAIMI, PADD)

NDALC will conduct targeted monitoring of group home, inpatient facility and residential treatment facility policies, procedures and operations to identify serious rights violations and deficiencies.

NDALC will develop and implement a limited number of advocacy strategies, including direct representation, to redress identified problems and deficiencies.

GOAL 2 – *Incidents involving death or serious bodily injury to persons with disabilities in public and private facilities will be investigated.* (ALL)

NDALC will review and investigate incidents of death or serious bodily injury according to NDALC's Investigations Policy.

ACCESS

GOAL – *Increase access by persons with disabilities to services, programs, and facilities open to the public.* (PAIR, PAVA)

NDALC will provide direct representation and advocacy, as resources permit, to persons with disabilities to ensure compliance with Title II and Title III of the ADA.

NDALC will collaborate and coordinate with other disability rights organizations to ensure compliance with Title II and Title III of the ADA.

NDALC will provide voter registration assistance/education and advocate for accessible polling places.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

GOAL – *People with disabilities will have assistive technology devices and services that they need to live independently.* (PAAT)

NDALC will provide direct representation and advocacy, as resources permit, to individuals with disabilities to assist them with obtaining needed and appropriate assistive technology devices and services.

NDALC will provide direct representation and advocacy, as resources permit, to families of children with disabilities to assist them in obtaining needed and appropriate assistive technology devices and services from school districts.

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

GOAL – *People with disabilities will live in the community of their choice with the supports they need for successful integration.* (PADD, PAIMI, PAIR, PATBI)

NDALC will provide information, technical assistance and direct representation, as resources permit, to individuals with disabilities to prevent unnecessary institutionalization and obtain appropriate, quality community-based services and supports.

NDALC will monitor Olmstead implementation activities to ensure that individuals with disabilities have quality community-based services.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

GOAL – *Children with developmental disabilities will obtain appropriate and timely early intervention services and transition services.* (PADD)

NDALC will provide direct representation and advocacy, as resources permit, to children with disabilities to improve access to needed early intervention services available under Part C of IDEA.

NDALC will provide direct representation and advocacy, as resources permit, to children with disabilities to improve timely transition services from Part C to Part B of IDEA.

EDUCATION

GOAL 1 – *Students with disabilities in Nevada will receive appropriate education services.*
(PADD, PAIMI)

NDALC will provide direct representation and advocacy, as resources permit, to students with disabilities to ensure that school districts are providing the services and supports necessary for them to be educated in the least restrictive environment.

GOAL 2 – *Students will receive appropriate transition planning services from the school district.* (PADD)

NDALC will provide direct representation and advocacy, as resources permit, to students with disabilities to assist them in obtaining adequate transition services as required under IDEA.

EMPLOYMENT

GOAL – *Social Security beneficiaries will obtain or retain employment.* (PABSS)

NDALC will provide direct representation and advocacy, as resources permit, to protect the rights of social security disability beneficiaries when there are complaints of inadequate/improper services by a service provider, employer or other entity involved in the beneficiaries' return to work efforts.

NDALC will collaborate and coordinate with other agencies and organizations involved with assisting social security disability beneficiaries in obtaining or maintaining employment.

GUARDIANSHIPS

GOAL – *People with Disabilities will be free from unnecessary or abusive guardianships.*
(ALL)

NDALC will provide information, technical assistance, and direct representation, as resources permit, to individuals under a guardianship or the threat of guardianship regarding their rights under federal and state law.

NDALC will provide self-advocacy training and appropriate resource materials to individuals who are under a guardianship or the threat of guardianship regarding their rights under federal and state law.

HOUSING

GOAL – Public and private housing entities and owners will not discriminate against people with disabilities in violation of the Fair Housing Act (FHA). (PAIMI, PAIR)

NDALC will provide information, technical assistance, and direct representation and advocacy, as resources permit, to individuals with disabilities to protect against discrimination in housing and to assist them with obtaining reasonable accommodations and/or modifications in housing.

NDALC will collaborate and coordinate with disability and fair housing organizations to ensure that individuals with disabilities are protected against discrimination.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

GOAL – Individuals who are seeking services and/or treatment, and who are facing civil commitment, their rights will be protected, and they will be given due process of law. (PAIMI)

NDALC shall provide information, technical assistance, and direct representation, as resource permit, to individuals with psychiatric disabilities whose rights are being violated by entities or individuals who are providing care, treatment or services; however NDALC will not duplicate services by direct representation in the mental health commitment process.

INSTITUTIONS

GOAL – Reduce and eliminate abuse and neglect in Nevada's' state institutions and ensure that appropriate accommodations, access to programming, and mental health services are provided to people in these institutions. (PADD, PAIMI)

NDALC shall provide information, technical assistance and advocacy, including direct representation, as resources permit, to individuals with disabilities in institutions for the purpose of enforcing personal rights mandated by federal and state law.

NDALC will provide self-advocacy training and resource materials to individuals with disabilities in institutions about personal rights mandated by federal and state law.

NDALC will evaluate mental health inpatient facility policies, procedures, and practices with respect to discharge planning for individuals in institutions.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

GOAL – *Individuals with disabilities in the juvenile justice system will receive appropriate treatment and services.* (PADD, PAIMI)

NDALC will identify and distribute appropriate resource materials related to the rights of juveniles with disabilities, to their families, court personnel, juvenile justice personnel, judges, prosecutors, public defender, and/or other community advocates.

NDALC will monitor county juvenile justice facilities and state youth facilities.

NDALC will provide information, technical assistance and advocacy, including direct representation, as resources permit, to individuals, but does not provide direct representation in criminal matters.