

What is NDALC?

The Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC) is a private, nonprofit organization. NDALC is Nevada's federally mandated protection and advocacy system for the human, legal, and service rights of individuals with disabilities.

NDALC has offices in Reno/Sparks and Las Vegas with services provided statewide. All services are offered at no cost to eligible clients. NDALC does not have the resources to handle every meritorious complaint, therefore, a statement of objectives and priorities has been developed as part of NDALC's plan for services. For a summary of these priorities or for additional information about NDALC, contact either NDALC office listed below.

Eligibility for NDALC Services

NDALC may assist individuals who meet the statutory eligibility criteria for its protection and advocacy programs and whose complaints or problems fall under NDALC's current priorities and objectives. NDALC has a client grievance procedure. The grievance procedure and form can be obtained through either NDALC office listed below.

NDALC Program Responsibilities

PADD: Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

PAIMI: Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness.

PAIR: Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights.

AT: Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology.

PABSS: Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security

NEVADA DISABILITY ADVOCACY & LAW CENTER

Nevada's Protection & Advocacy System for Individuals with Disabilities



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***Your Rights
When You Are In A Facility
Which Provides Care Or
Treatment***

If you would like this document in an alternative format, please call either office above.

If you believe that your rights have been violated, you may contact NDALC for assistance. (See back page for names, addresses, and telephone numbers).

Your Personal Rights

You have rights. Your personal rights while you are in a facility for care or treatment in Nevada are guaranteed by law. A summary of your rights must be given to you and to your parent or guardian.

Your rights may not be denied except to protect your health and safety and/or the health and safety of others. Any denial of your rights must be entered in your treatment record and must be properly reported to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services.

You have the right:

- to respect and privacy with regard to your personal needs and treatment.
- to work within the facility only if your labor is performed voluntarily.
- to meet and communicate with people of your own choosing.
- to private and confidential conversations.
- to see visitors every day.
- to place and receive confidential telephone calls.
- to have ready access to letter-writing materials, including stamps, and to send and receive unopened correspondence (except checks controlled by a trustee).
- to keep and spend money for expenses and small purchases.
- to have access to individual storage space for your private use.
- to keep and use personal possessions.
- to wear your own clothes.
- to have your records kept confidential.
- to request and receive access to your own medical and service records.
- to exercise your rights and to submit complaints concerning policies and services.
- to vote, to make contracts and wills, to own property, to marry, to have a driver's license, and to manage your own affairs (in the case of an adult) unless a court of law has specifically declared that you are incompetent to exercise any of these rights.
- to contact Nevada's protection and advocacy system—Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center—for information and assistance.

Rights Concerning Care and Treatment

Other rights which are guaranteed to you relate directly to your medical treatment. Specifically, you have the right:

- to medical, psychosocial, and rehabilitative care, treatment, and training.
- to receive treatment and services in a setting that is supportive of your personal liberty.
- to the prompt development of an individualized treatment plan, with thorough reviews of treatment occurring at least every three months.
- to participate in the development of all treatment plans. The plans must provide for the least restrictive treatment procedures that may reasonably be expected to benefit you.
- to receive treatment only if you or your legal representative give informed consent in writing.
- to refuse proposed treatment or to withdraw consent, in writing, at any time.
- to a safe, humane treatment environment which provides you with reasonable protection from harm.
- to receive adequate nutrition, clothing, and health care.
- to be free from physical restraint unless prescribed by a physician, and to be free from such restraint when administered in place of an appropriate treatment plan or for the convenience of staff.
- to be free from mental and physical abuse.
- to consent to being transferred from one facility to another.
- to the prompt and periodic discussion of your rights and your clinical progress.
- to referral and assistance in planning for post-discharge needs and services.

Rights Concerning Habilitation and Training

If you have a developmental disability, you have the right to an Individualized Habilitation Plan (IHP) which contains the following:

- Complete social, psychological, educational, and medical evaluations.
- Written details of goals, objectives, strategies, and procedures.
- A post-institutional plan.
- A written description of the means by which services will be delivered, by whom, and how.
- An ongoing process of modification of the plan, as your needs change.