

## Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center

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

NDALC was designated as Nevada's protection and advocacy system by the Governor in March, 1995, and is funded by Federal grants and charitable, tax deductible contributions of private citizens.



Services provided by NDALC include: information and referral, education and training, negotiation or mediation, investigation of reported or suspected abuse or neglect, legal counsel, technical assistance and litigation services, and technical assistance about policy, administration, and legislative developments.

NDALC has offices in Reno, Las Vegas and Elko, with services provided statewide.

All services are offered at no cost to eligible individuals in accordance with NDALC's available resources and service priorities.

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## Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security



**A strong workforce includes  
people of all abilities**

A federal law enacted on December 17, 1999 called the ***Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA)*** creates expanded employment options for individuals with disabilities, who receive Social Security benefits.

**The purpose of the law is to:**

- Increase choices for Social Security Administration (SSA) beneficiaries in obtaining employment services, vocational rehabilitation services, and other support services, and
- Remove barriers that require people with disabilities to choose between healthcare coverage and work, and
- Ensure that more Americans with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in the workforce, and lessen their dependence on public benefits, and
- Expand Medicare eligibility and allow states to expand Medicaid eligibility for individuals with disabilities that return to work.

## **Protection and Advocacy Services**



***Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) will advocate on behalf of individuals who receive Social Security disability benefits for the removal of any barriers preventing them from returning to work, including:***

- Investigate and review any complaint of improper or inadequate services provided to a beneficiary with a disability by a service provider, employer, or other entity involved in the beneficiary's return to work effort.
- Provide consultation to, and legal representation on behalf of, beneficiaries with disabilities when such services become necessary to protect the rights of the beneficiary. To the extent possible, alternative dispute resolution procedures will be used.

- Provide information and referral to Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities about work incentives and employment; including information on the types of services and assistance that may be available to assist them in securing or regaining gainful employment - particularly services and assistance available through employment networks under the *Ticket to Work and Self Sufficiency Program*.
- Provide information and technical assistance on work incentives to individuals, attorneys, governmental agencies, employment networks and other service providers, and advocacy organizations.
- Advocate to identify and correct deficiencies in entities providing vocational rehabilitation services, employment services, and other support services to beneficiaries with disabilities; including reporting to the program manager on identified deficiencies related to employment networks and other concerns related to the *Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency program*.

