

## MISSION STATEMENT

### THE ADVOCACY CENTER

believes in the dignity of every life, and in the freedom of all people to experience the highest degree of self-determination. Embracing this philosophy, the Advocacy Center protects and advocates for the human and legal rights of persons living in Louisiana who are elderly or disabled.

### Eligibility

- Individuals sixty years of age or older in Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Tammany Parishes.
- Individuals with physical or mental disabilities throughout Louisiana
- Nursing home residents
- Clients/applicants of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

To accomplish the Advocacy Center's mission, a multi-disciplinary staff of lawyers, paralegals, client advocates, ombudsman and support staff provide the following services:

### Legal Representation

The Advocacy Center represents clients in areas of the law designated as *priorities* by its Board of Directors.

If a person requires legal representation in a *non-priority* area, the Advocacy Center makes referrals to other sources of legal representation.

### Helping People to Find and Access Services

The Advocacy Center knows it is difficult to identify the right resource for each person's need. Staff assist people to access services by providing:

- Information about resources
- Referrals to legal, social, health, education, employment, and related services

### Performing Systems Advocacy

The Advocacy Center works to improve systems that are used by people who are elderly and/or have disabilities, including education, health, legal, social services, transportation, and vocational systems.

### Providing Education and Training

The Advocacy Center informs others about the legal rights of persons who are elderly and persons who have disabilities, through:

- Presentations to groups
- Participation on committees and task forces
- Media campaigns

### Promoting Self-Advocacy

In addition to speaking on behalf of people who are elderly and/or have disabilities, the Advocacy Center helps to give clients skills and knowledge to act on their own behalf.

### Publications

The Advocacy Center provides a variety of booklets, reports, flyers, and other resources pertaining to persons sixty years of age or older and persons with disabilities. For a complete list of publications, contact any Advocacy Center office or visit our website.

The **ADVOCACY CENTER** is a non-profit corporation, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Advocacy Center is designated by the Governor of Louisiana to serve as the State's Protection and Advocacy System for persons with disabilities.

If you would like to be placed on the Advocacy Center's mailing list, please fill out this panel and return it to:

**Advocacy Center**  
**1010 Common St., Suite 2600**  
**New Orleans, LA 70112**

Placement on the mailing list entitles you to receive the agency's newsletter and other information about laws, regulations and events. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations to the Advocacy Center are tax-deductible.

*Any donations received are used to further the work of the Center and are greatly appreciated.*

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I wish to support the services provided by AC. Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

## TO RECEIVE SERVICES

Call **Toll-free**  
**1-800-960-7705**

or contact the Advocacy Center  
office nearest you:

### **New Orleans**

1010 Common St. Ste 2600  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
504-522-2337 (voice & TDD)  
Fax: 504-522-5507

### **Lafayette**

600 Jefferson St. Ste. 812  
Lafayette, LA 70501  
337-237-7380 (voice & TDD)  
Fax: 337-237-0486

### **Shreveport**

2620 Centenary Blvd.  
Bldg. 2, Ste. 248  
Shreveport, LA 71104  
318-227-6186 (voice & TDD)  
Fax: 318-227-1841

### **Baton Rouge**

2704 Wooddale Blvd. Ste. B  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
225-925-8884  
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