

“We believe 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.”

*AC Mission*

## Who is Eligible?

- Individuals with physical or mental disabilities throughout Louisiana
- Nursing home residents
- Group home residents
- Clients/applicants of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
- Individuals sixty years of age or older in selected parishes

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:

Special Education, Programmatic and Physical Access, Medicaid, Employment/Rehabilitation, Self Determination Issues, Community Integration, Abuse/Neglect.

## 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 assists 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.

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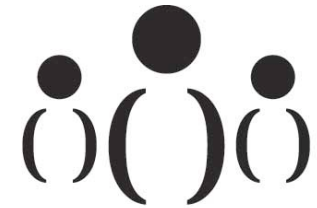
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