



Disability Rights Iowa

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Thank you to all Iowans with Disabilities!

Following your input during our Public Survey, Disability Rights Iowa has added a focus on Systemic Advocacy to their work, and updated their Areas of Focus.

IOWA — Disability Rights Iowa continues to serve Iowans with Disabilities. Following the high survey response, the Areas of Focus were updated to reflect the Disability Communities most pressing disability rights issues. The new Areas of Focus are; accountability of systems, civil rights, and community inclusion. These new Areas of Focus went into effect in October, 2022.

- Accountability of systems is DRI's commitment to protecting Iowans of all ages with disabilities from physical or monetary abuse and neglect wherever they live.
- Civil Rights focuses on ensuring that DRI protects all Iowans with disabilities right to access government and public programs and places. DRI protects Iowans with Disabilities from unnecessary guardianships and conservatorships. DRI protects Iowans with Disabilities right to vote.
- Community Inclusion involves DRI supporting and protecting the right of Iowans with Disabilities to live where they want. To do this DRI ensures that Iowans with Disabilities have equal access to employment, education, services and supports, and more.

With the Community's feedback, Disability Rights Iowa has a new priority on Systems Change Advocacy. DRI will focus on the system issues we observe effecting many Iowans with disabilities. By focusing on fixing the system we provide relief to more Iowans with Disabilities. Individual cases will continue to be accepted. However, priority will be given to Individual cases that will lead to systems change.

Disability Rights Iowa's focus is to remove barriers and impact systems that impact Iowans with Disabilities.

More information on the new Areas of Focus and Systemic advocacy, visit the link below.

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