



Year End Report

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FY23 YEAR END REPORT 10/1/2022-9/30/2023

**Run Early 9/18/2023 for Meeting*

This report contains data for the 8 core Protection and Advocacy Programs:

- **Protection and Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities (PADD)**
- **Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)**
- **Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR)**
- **Protection and Advocacy for Voting Accessibility (PAVA)**
- **Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries with Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI)**
- **Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT)**
- **Protection and Advocacy for Public Health (PAPH)**
- **Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)**

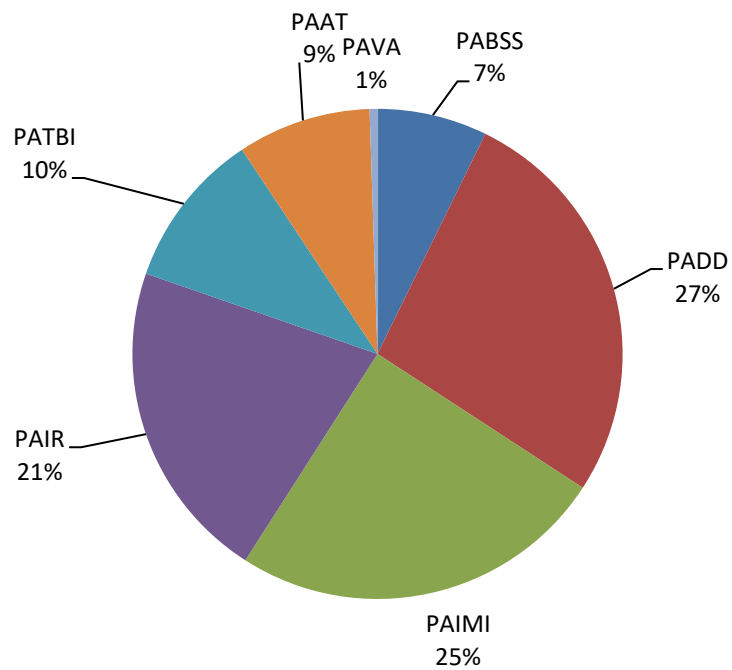
This report does not include data from Disability Rights Iowa's Representative Payee Program, or Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program. Updates from these programs are provided at the end of this report.

DRI received over 1300 requests for assistance from across Iowa in FY22 and as of 9/18/2023 already received approximately 1800 requests for assistance in FY23. All callers receive a minimum service of information and referral.

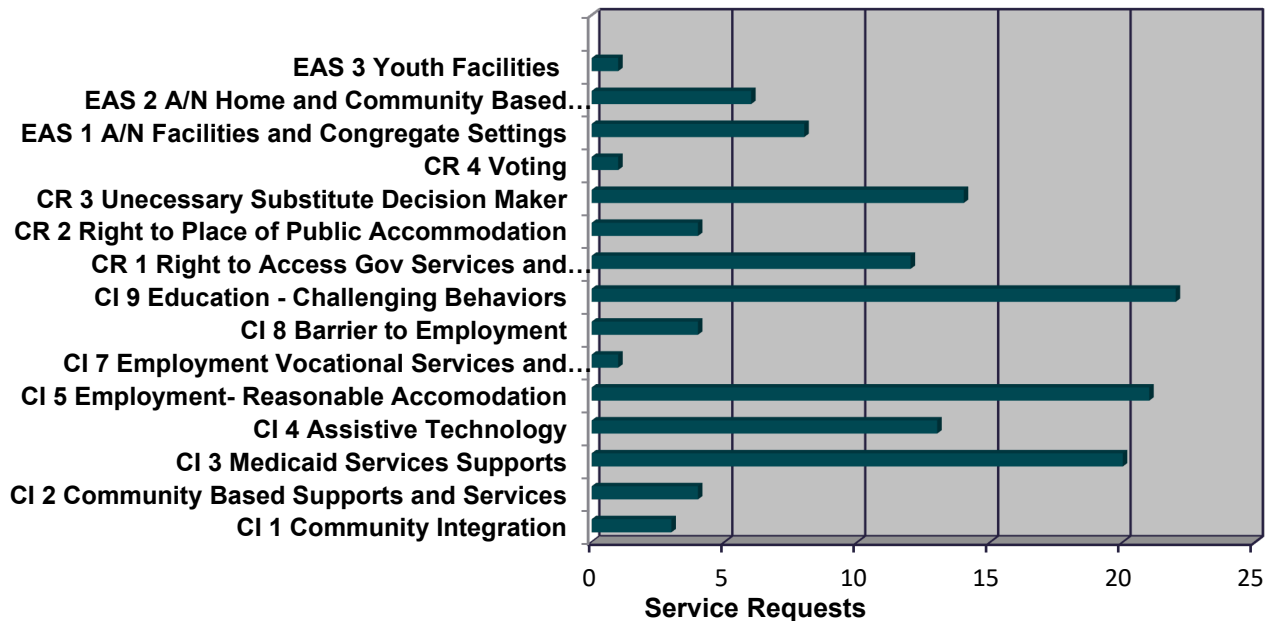
DRI has had 193 active individual service requests within our Areas of Focus to date in FY23, 59 carryover/continuing cases and 134 new cases opened in FY23. DRI's active cases in FY23 come from all across Iowa, with clients representing 57 of Iowa's 99 counties

FY23 Active Service Requests By Fund

FY2023 Active Service Requests By Fund



FY2023 Active Service Requests Areas of Focus



- Active service requests counted above come from the 134 requests opened during FY23. The 59 carryover service requests are not represented.

In addition to individual requests for assistance, DRI has had 233 active projects in FY23 in areas including:

- Systemic Activities
- Litigation
- Educating Policy Makers
- Education and Training
- Investigation
- Monitoring
- Outreach
- Research
- Staff Development

REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE

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The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) and the Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Network are working in collaboration with the Social Security Administration to monitor representative payees throughout the country. Through this collaboration, the P&As have expanded protection of Social Security beneficiaries by educating representative payees of their responsibilities and identifying cases of misuse. ^[1]

In 2018, Congress passed H.R. 4547, The Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act, to increase independent oversight of the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Representative Payee Program. This federal law authorizes the nation's Protection & Advocacy (P&A) system to monitor and investigate how representative payees are managing Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) on behalf of beneficiaries. ^[2]

The Representative Payee Review Program (Rep Payee Program) Grant Years have a different calendar year than DRI's Fiscal Year (which runs from October to September) and began Grant Year 6 in August. Rep Payee entered Grant Year 6 with only new cases, having met their goal of completing 48 case reviews during the previous Grant Year. In the last 6 months of Grant Year 5, the Program successfully completed 26 new case reviews and SSA already assigned 48 new case reviews for this Grant Year, a reflection of increased efficiency in DRI's Rep Payee Program. The Rep Payee Team also sent two of its reviewers to the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) Annual Conference. There, the Team networked with other Rep Payee Programs, met Social Security Administration (SSA) officials who administer the Rep Payee Program, and became informed about expected changes to the Program.

^[1] <https://www.ndrn.org/issues/representative-payees/>

^[2] <https://thegao.org/what-we-do/programs/rep-payee-program/>