

Disability Rights Iowa has received awards for excellence in Public Justice and for Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve.

368,548 Iowans identify as having a disability, representing 12.5% of the State population.

Disability Rights Iowa has served over 30,000 individual Iowans over the past 40 years.

In the past 3 years there has been a 58% increase in requests for DRI services.

FORTY YEARS OF CREATING CHANGE

On August 28, 2024, Disability Rights Iowa (DRI) proudly recognizes 40 years of advocacy on behalf of Iowans with disabilities.

Of the four previous Executive Directors, three of them have been women!

DRI staff has previously advocated under the Violence Against Women Act and continues to advocate under Work Incentives Benefits and Planning.

DRI impacts disability rights in Iowa through:

- advocacy
- monitoring of facilities
- advancing significant disability rights issues
- creating change in the lives of Iowans with disabilities.

DRI staff has monitored over 800 facilities that serve or provide housing for Iowans with disabilities.

Learn more about DRI at driowa.org

Beginning with an original staff of 3, our current staff of 21 represents a 90% increase in staff over the last 40 years.



Disability Rights Iowa started with just one Protection and Advocacy grant - today, DRI works on nine!