



# DISABILITY RIGHTS CONNECTICUT

Justice. Community. Inclusion.

## What is Disability Rights Connecticut?

DRCT is an organization designated by Governor Malloy to succeed the former Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (P&A) when it closed on June 30, 2017. Unlike P&A, which was a state agency, DRCT is a non-profit organization independent of state government.

### Mission

DRCT advocates, educates, investigates and litigates to advance and protect the civil rights of people with disabilities to participate equally and fully in the social and economic life of Connecticut.

## How can Disability Rights Connecticut help you?

As with the former Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, **our purpose is to safeguard and advance the civil and human rights of people with disabilities in Connecticut.** We are part of a nationwide network of “protection and advocacy systems” and we will operate under federal statutory mandates. In addition to conducting investigations, educating policy makers, and challenging discriminatory barriers in court, we can help individuals with disabilities understand and exercise their rights. When you contact us, we will give you information about disability rights, refer you to experts and resources, empower you in your advocacy efforts and provide representation consistent with DRCT’s mandates, priorities and resources.

## DRCT can be contacted on a variety of issues including, but not limited to:

- Housing
- Special education
- Rights in treatment facilities
- Accessibility of buildings, programs and services
- Troubleshooting problems with human services
- Employment and vocational rehabilitation
- Transportation and handicapped parking

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- Legal and human rights
- DRCT will also participate in community outreach projects, including training and consumer empowerment initiatives, and will work with other disability groups on systems advocacy strategies, including efforts to educate legislators and other policy makers.

### **DRCT Staff**

DRCT is working to build its staff to be responsive to the Connecticut disability community and the requirements of its funders. Currently, there are four staff members: Executive Director, Legal Director, Staff Attorney and an Advocate.

### **Funding Sources**

Several federal statutes establish and fund the nationwide system of “protection and advocacy” agencies including DRCT. The federal agencies responsible for the protection and advocacy programs include the Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services and the Social Security Administration.

### **Contact Information**

**DRCT’s office is located at:**

**846 Wethersfield Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06114**

**1 (800) 842-7303 (toll-free in CT)  
(860) 297-4300 (local)**

#### **Website**

**The DRCT website is located at: [disrightsct.org](http://disrightsct.org)**

#### **Information Requests by Email**

**Information can also be requested by email at: [Info@disrightsct.org](mailto:Info@disrightsct.org)**