



# DISABILITY RIGHTS

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### Areas of Assistance

- Abuse and Neglect
- Accessibility
- Assistive Technology
- Communication
- Community Integration
- Education
- Employment
- Housing
- Government Benefits/Services
- Social Security
- Transportation
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Voting

### COVID 19 Response

- Opened a toll-free hotline with other disability organizations to answer questions and help people get their vaccines.
- Collaborated successfully on litigation to enjoin the ban on mask mandates.
- Advocated for back to work guidance to be amended by the Governor's office to bring the guidance into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Sent letters of concern to the Governor and various state agencies about reducing the population in various congregate care facilities, particularly jails, detention centers and prisons across the state.
- Engaged in class action litigation against South Carolina Department of Corrections and Spartanburg County (re: its detention center) regarding inadequate COVID 19 policies and protocols and asking for reduction of those populations.
- Advocated for Department of Mental Health and other agencies to modify and increase services to their clients due to the impact of COVID 19.
- Advised the governor's office to be aware of the need to prioritize vaccinations for people with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities as early as possible because of their special risks.
- Collaborated with other organizations to share information and concerns about Covid-19 and how it is affecting the rights of students in special education and produced new materials to help parents as needed.

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**2020-21**

We protect and advance the legal, civil, and human rights of people with disabilities in South Carolina

# Creating Change, Protecting People, Expanding Equality



**617**  
people trained on disability rights topics



**1389**  
people received information and referral services



**30** 

reviews of representative payees for Social Security complete

 **55**

investigations into complaints of serious abuse and neglect conducted

people received short term assistance  
**49**

 **44**  
institutions and facilities monitored

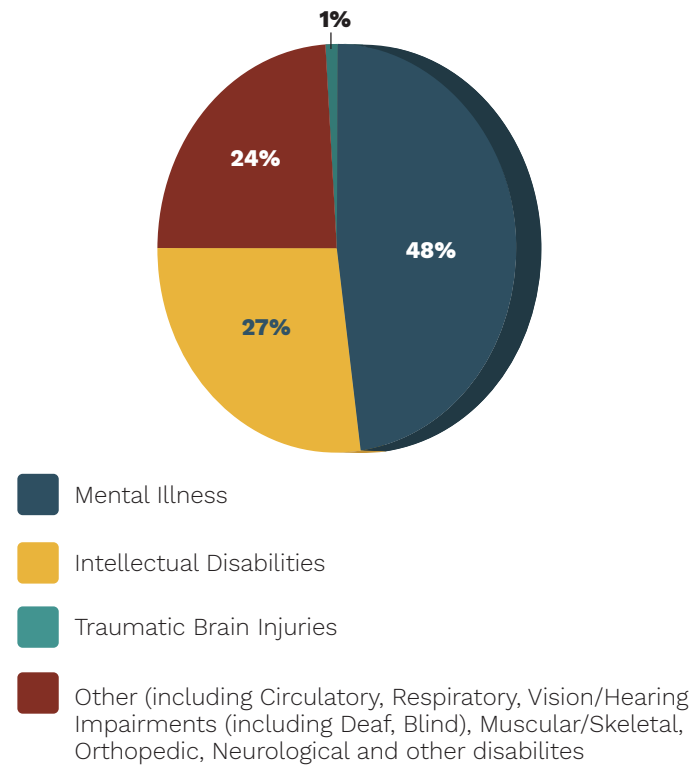


**78**  
inspections of Community Residential Care Facilities

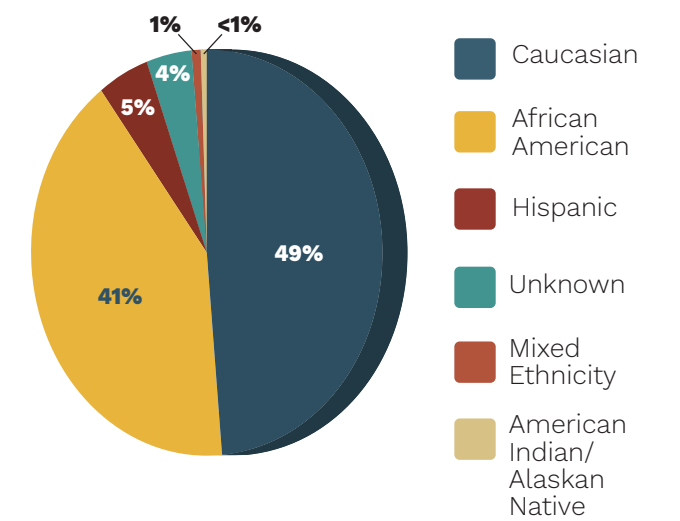
 **497**  
people received legal assistance

## WHO WE SERVED by legal assistance

### Types of Disabilities



### Ethnicity

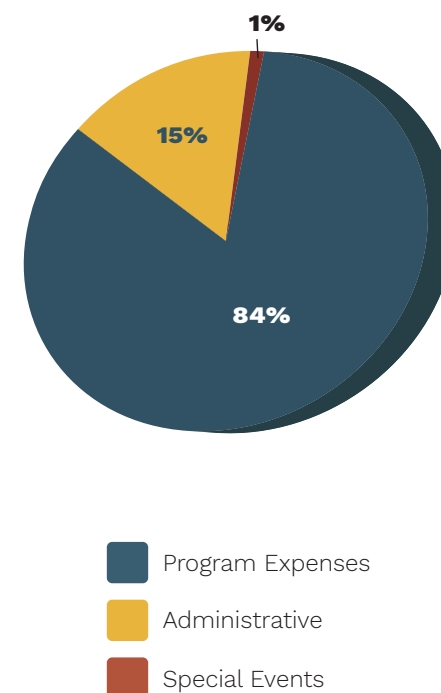


### Client Age

Under 18: 52%  
18-65: 44%  
66 and older: 4%

## FINANCIALS 2020-2021

### Expenses \$2,151,148



### Total Income \$2,066,500

