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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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

44 institutions and facilities monitored

497 people received legal assistance

WHO WE SERVED by legal assistance

Types of Disabilities

- Mental illness: 48%
- Intellectual Disabilities: 27%
- Traumatic Brain Injuries: 24%
- Other (including Circulatory, Respiratory, Vision/Hearing Impairments (including Deaf, Blind), Muscular/Skeletal, Orthopedic, Neurological and other disabilities: 1%

Ethnicity

- Caucasian: 49%
- African American: 41%
- Hispanic: 5%
- Unknown: 4%
- Mixed Ethnicity: 1%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native: <1%

Client Age

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

FINANCIALS 2020-2021

Expenses $2,151,148

- Program Expenses: 84%
- Administrative: 15%
- Special Events: 1%

Total Income $2,066,500

- DHHS Administration for Community Living: 35%
- DHHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services: 20%
- US Department of Education: 19%
- Social Security Administration: 3%
- SC Department of Mental Health: 2%
- Other Contracts: 2%
- Fundraising: 1%