



# SERVICES FOR PEOPLE with MENTAL ILLNESS

The Advocacy Center of Louisiana (AC) is a statewide non-profit agency providing **FREE** legal services to people with disabilities and seniors.

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR AC SERVICES

To be eligible for **Advocacy Center services**, an individual must

- reside in Louisiana when the legal issue arises
- have a physical, mental, or intellectual disability
- have an issue that meets our priorities



## SERVICES

- LEGAL ADVOCACY
- SYSTEMS ADVOCACY
- INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
- ASSISTANCE WITH SELF-ADVOCACY
- PUBLICATIONS
- EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## ISSUES

- Investigations of death or systemic issues of abuse or neglect in institutions
- Special education issues
- Rights of people with mental illness in institutions, including nursing homes, psychiatric facilities, and child residential facilities
- Voting rights
- Access to mental health treatment in the community
- Employment- information, referral and technical assistance
- Discrimination in housing, government programs and services, and places of public accommodation
- Assistance with Medicaid services (Bayou Health and Magellan)
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Emergency preparedness & sheltering

## RECENT SUCCESSES

- AC helped a child with significant mental illness obtain a behavior management plan so that he could be successful in school
- AC helped an SSI recipient with mental illness to access employment information and understand how working might impact his benefits
- AC helped a person with mental illness to obtain services in the community
- AC helped a patient who had been in a psychiatric hospital for 10 years to obtain a discharge to a community setting
- AC helped people with mental illness to register and vote
- AC defended the right of a person with mental illness to continue to live in her home
- AC helped a child obtain appropriate mental health services through the Coordinated System of Care



If you need help, or have questions about how the Advocacy Center of Louisiana serves people with mental illness, call or email us.

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