DISABILITY RIGHTS NEW JERSEY

ADVANCING JUSTICE. ADVOCATING INCLUSION.

Disability Rights New Jersey is the state's designated Protection and Advocacy agency under federal law. We advance the human, civil, and legal rights of persons with disabilities and promote their self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration into all facets of community life. To ensure that our limited resources are used to address issues of importance to people with disabilities, we are seeking input from people with disabilities, their families, professionals, health care and service providers, and the general public to guide in determining our areas of focus for the next three years.

We greatly appreciate your time and attention in completing this survey.

If you need an alternative format of this survey, please contact us at 800-922-7233 or advocate@disabilityrightsnj.org.

Below is a list of issues facing people with disabilities. Please review each issue or topic and rate the importance to you and/or your family. 1 being Not important - 2 Somewhat important - 3 Very important.

Being safe from abuse and neglect in a facility such as a psychiatric hospital, nursing home, group home or developmental center.

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Having access to public buildings, programs, or information

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Having access to community-based services and supports, including those delivered through Medicaid

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Increased availability of community-based residential options

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Having access to employment supports and vocational rehabilitation

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Special education including compensatory education and transition services

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Children/youth in Juvenile Justice system

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Having access to health care including Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Securing and keeping housing

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Involuntary discharge - assuring individuals are not involuntarily discharged/evicted from nursing home, group home, assisted living, etc.

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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People who want to leave and need assistance with discharge planning (from psychiatric hospitals, developmental centers, nursing homes, and moving from a group home to another setting)

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Protecting individual rights in facilities such as psychiatric hospitals, nursing homes, developmental centers, and group homes.

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Addressing Social Security overpayments

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Honoring individual supported decision making

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Accessible voting options and increased participation

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Services and supports to transition to adult life (through IDEA/school district, VR agencies or DDD).

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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Accessible transportation

Not important   1   2   3   Very important

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What do you think are the most important issues facing people with disabilities? Please rank in order of importance. (1 - most important / 10 - least important)

- ☐ Services and supports to transition to adult life
- ☐ Having access to public buildings, programs, or information
- ☐ Having access to community-based services and supports
- ☐ Increased availability of community-based residential options
- ☐ Having access to employment supports and vocational rehabilitation
- ☐ Special education including compensatory education and transition services
- ☐ Availability and use of transportation
- ☐ Children/youth in juvenile justice system
- ☐ Accessible voting options and increased participation
- ☐ Addressing Social Security overpayments

What do you think is the most important issue Disability Rights NJ should address during the coming years? Other issues not already included in this survey can also be entered here.
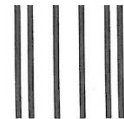
Please select all that apply to you.

- ○ Person with a disability / consumer
- ○ Representative of a public agency
- ○ Professional / Advocate / Service Provider
- ○ Family Member / Guardian / Friend
- ○ Legislator / Elected official
- ○ Other

What county do you live in?

Thank you for your input!

When you have completed the survey, simply fold, tape it closed and drop it in the mail.

Optional Return Address

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