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(In Spanish)

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P&A

PROTECTION & ADVOCACY
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, IN .

The Protection & Advocacy System for South Carolina

Advancing Disability Rights in South Carolina

Since 1977

Services Statewide

P&A SERVICES ARE FREE

ABOUT P&A

P&A was founded in 1977 and is the federally authorized and funded organization serving as the Protection and Advocacy System (P&A) and the Client Assistance Program (CAP) for individuals with disabilities in South Carolina. P&A is a private, non-profit corporation. P&A is independent of all agencies providing treatment or other services to people with disabilities.

MISSION

Protecting and advancing disability rights

VISION

We envision a society where all people, regardless of type or severity of disability:

- Live free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation
- Are empowered through self-determination and self-advocacy
- Have equal access to services such as education, public transportation, and health care
- Are productive members of society in which competitive, integrated employment is the first and preferred option
- Live, learn, work, and play independently in an integrated barrier free community

WHAT IS A DISABILITY?

Any physical, mental, sensory, or intellectual condition that limits a person's life activities or abilities. Some examples are:

- Chronic health conditions (diabetes, epilepsy, etc.)
- Developmental disabilities
- Intellectual disabilities
- Mental illnesses
- Physical disabilities
- Sensory (sight/hearing)
- Traumatic brain injuries

AREAS OF ASSISTANCE

P&A can assist people who have been discriminated against or denied a service because of their disability. Here are some of the areas where P&A helps:

- Abuse and Neglect
- Accessibility
- Assistive Technology
- Communication
- Community Integration
- Education (including college)
- Employment
- Housing
- Medicaid and Healthcare
- Service and Benefits Denial
- Social Security
- Transportation
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Voting

P&A SERVICES

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

P&A provides information about callers' problems, suggests ways to resolve the problems, and recommends additional resources. When appropriate, callers are referred for case representation.

CASE REPRESENTATION

P&A provides individual representation for clients whose issues meet our requirements. For information about our priorities for case selection please visit our website at www.pandasc.org.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

P&A staff provide self-advocacy training, education, and outreach in the community.

MONITORING AND INVESTIGATIONS

Due to concerns of abuse and neglect P&A staff monitor and investigate institutions and community facilities.

SYSTEMS ADVOCACY

P&A staff work to improve laws, regulations, policies, or practices to prevent abuse or neglect of individuals with disabilities, and work to enable individuals with disabilities to gain greater independence and full inclusion in the community and the workplace.