



## ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

### Fiscal Year 2014-2015

**Information & Referral:** Last year P&A assisted 1998 callers who were seeking help to understand and defend their rights.

**Self-Advocacy Training, Education, & Outreach:** P&A provided trainings, education and outreach throughout the state to over 11,000 individuals with disabilities, their family members and professionals about the rights of individuals with disabilities.

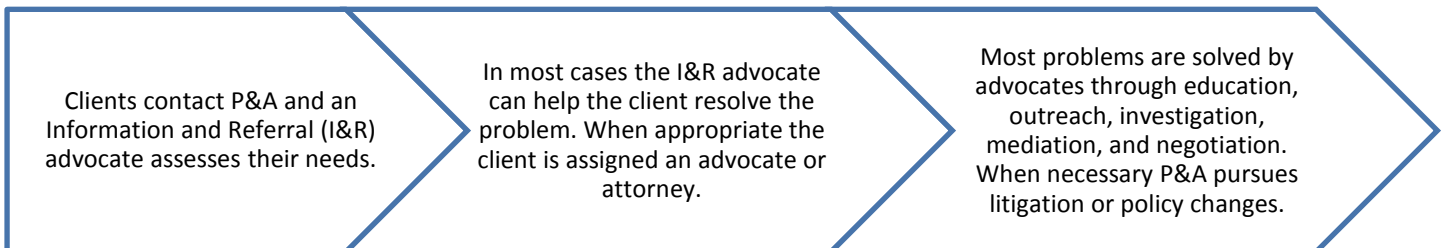
**Legal Representation:** P&A provided legal representation to 464 individuals with disabilities who had been abused, neglected, denied services or had their rights violated.

**Monitoring & Investigation:** Last year P&A conducted 74 investigations of Community Residential Care Facilities and filed 33 complaints with the Department of Health and Environmental Control due to unsafe living conditions.

**Report:** P&A conducted a statewide survey on the inaccessibility of polling places and published a report, "The Right to Vote in South Carolina: people with disabilities still have unequal access to the electoral process."

**Collaboration:** P&A formed a partnership with Family Connection South Carolina to provide education and assistance for the US Department of Education Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI) grant.

### Direct Services



### Some of our Many Success Stories

- P&A helped free four men with intellectual disabilities from decades of forced labor, financial exploitation, and inadequate medical care. All four men have now begun their well-deserved retirement and share a house together in the community.
- P&A helped a woman gain control of her own money so that she could live independently.
- P&A advocated for a client to have a sign language interpreter present at doctor appointments after the medical provider refused to provide one.
- P&A collaborated with four other organizations to host a celebration in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and teach attendees about their rights under the ADA.
- P&A helped a man after he received an eviction notice because of his use of an emotional support animal.
- P&A advocated for a child to return to the local middle school after being sent to a more restrictive school.
- P&A advised a Spanish-speaking parent of her right to an interpreter at an agency meeting; she had the interpreter and was able to change providers as she wished.