WHAT IS P&A?

The Protection and Advocacy Project (P&A) is a federally mandated program that protects the rights of individuals with disabilities.

P&A works with people in inpatient settings. Some things that P&A helps people with are:
- support for discharge from the inpatient setting back to the community.
- prevention of abuse, neglect & exploitation.

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P&A’S MISSION:

Uniting to champion the equality and inclusion of people with disabilities where we live, learn, work and play.

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### Community Inclusion

**What is community inclusion?**
- living in your own home,
- having choices for involvement in the community and,
- receiving needed support and services to stay in the community of your choice.

If you and your treatment team believe you do not need inpatient treatment, and;
- you want to live in the community, and
- you want services that will help you stay in the community,
  P&A wants to help.

**P&A WILL ...**
- help you to:
  - work with your team to make a plan to move out of the treatment setting.
  - get the services you need to move to a community setting.

**P&A WILL NOT ...**
- help you with regard to:
  - criminal charges.
  - court-ordered commitment.
  - privilege levels.
  - other issues for which you already have an attorney.

### Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation

**North Dakota State Law...**
- has definitions of what abuse, neglect and exploitation (a/n/e) mean. These definitions include:
  - use of unauthorized seclusion and restraint;
  - failing to develop and/or follow the treatment plan.
- has reporting requirements and procedures that say:
  - staff **must** report.
  - anyone **can** make a report.
  - a report should be made **as soon as possible** to ensure safety.

**P&A WILL ...**
- provide training to you & staff on a/n/e & how to report.
- ensure all allegations are acted upon (identify what happened, why it happened, & how to prevent it from happening again).

**P&A WILL NOT ...**
- fire staff or become involved in other personnel issues.
- interfere with appropriate treatment plans or goals.

### P&A Priorities

In addition to community inclusion and abuse, neglect & exploitation, P&A priorities include the following:
- **Criminal Justice** - disability-related issues in the law enforcement system
- **Education** - student identification, evaluation, least restrictive environment, school-to-adult transition issues
- **Employment** - employment-related barriers; discrimination
- **Healthcare** - denials of coverage by public and private payers; Medicaid program limits
- **Voting** - ensuring voters with disabilities are informed about the voting process, voter rights, and accessible voting

P&A priorities include helping people with disabilities acquire needed assistive technology, devices and services.

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