### 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.
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/or services.

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