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

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The Protection & Advocacy Project (P&A) is an independent State agency that protects and advocates for the rights of people with disabilities within established priorities.

**P&A serves eligible individuals, of all ages with all types of disabilities, at no cost.** P&A also advocates for individuals to receive disability-related assistive technology devices & services.

P&A works exclusively for the person with the disability. P&A’s efforts focus on the expressed wishes of the client, within his or her legal rights.

P&A believes that people with disabilities should be empowered to advocate on their own behalf to the extent possible. An individual should have the greatest opportunity to shape his or her personal destiny.

Services provided by P&A shall promote client control in decision-making. P&A focuses on the empowerment of people with disabilities in order to foster independence, productivity, and integration into the community.

### Advancing the Legal Rights of Individuals with Disabilities...

- To be free from harm and mistreatment, and to receive quality services, individualized to each person’s needs.
- To have a voting system that is accessible in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation as for other voters.
- To live and receive services in the least restrictive environment.
- To receive disability-related services or accommodations to prevent unnecessary involvement in the criminal justice system or facilitate rehabilitation and re-integration.
- To obtain equal access and full participation in the education system consistent with disability-related rights.
- To have access to meaningful employment at a fair wage.
- To receive adequate medical treatment, services & devices to meet disability-related needs.

### Services Provided to All North Dakotans:

P&A provides information & referral, as well as education, to individuals and organizations. Training topics include disability-related rights & self advocacy.

### Services Provided to Eligible Individuals:

- **Advocacy assistance** - limited assistance for disability-related problems
- **Advocacy representation** - representation by a P&A advocate for identified rights violations
- **Legal representation** - representation by an attorney when an identified rights violation cannot be resolved through advocacy
- **Protective services** - activities in response to alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of individuals with disabilities

### Other Services Include:

- **Systems advocacy** to address broad concerns with disability services and rights
- Support to advocacy groups
- Sharing legislative & policy information