

**For more information  
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**CALL US  
WE CAN HELP YOU**

If you have questions about:

- ♦ your rights
- ♦ access to mental health services
- ♦ abuse & neglect or
- ♦ any issues related to mental health services

**Comments from Former Clients**

*"The attorneys that helped me were very friendly and knowledgeable. They explained everything very thoroughly."*

*"They are always there when you need it".*

*"Very helpful and they know what they're doing".*

*"Helped a lot, every question answered thanks".*

*"friendly, helpful, dependable"*

*"They were very helpful!"*



**Legal Services  
For  
Individuals with  
Mental Illness**

**Protection and Advocacy  
for Native Americans  
with Disabilities**

## **LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

The Native American Disability Law Center (The Law Center) is a private and independent non-profit agency. The Law Center helps protect the legal rights of Native Americans with disabilities who live in the Four Corners of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado.

The Law Center promotes and protects the rights of persons diagnosed with serious mental illness in treatment facilities and in the community. Our program focuses on protecting persons from abuse and neglect. We help individuals get mental health services in the community in order to stay out of institutions.

If you have been hurt while in an institution, we may be able to help you. If you have been denied mental health services, such as counseling, medication, or therapy, in your community, we may be able to help you.

## **LEGAL RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

- ◆ The right to be protected equally by all laws.
- ◆ The right to have reasonable changes made to accommodate your special needs in areas such as jobs, housing, education, & community services.
- ◆ The right to have mental health services and opportunities that will help you live as independently as possible.
- ◆ The right to have the treatment you need and the right to refuse treatment.
- ◆ The right not to be hurt, mistreated, or neglected, particularly by guardians, social service providers, health care professionals, & the staff of schools or other institutions.
- ◆ The right not to be committed to an institution without proper procedures.

## **SERVICES AND SUPPORTS**

### **Outreach**

The Law Center provides information to increase the community's understanding of issues facing individuals with mental illness.

### **Information & Referral**

The Law Center provides information to people with mental illness about their legal rights. We also tell people how they can contact other offices and agencies to get services.

### **Education & Training**

The Law Center provides training and education about the legal rights of people with mental illness to individuals, family members, service providers, advocates, attorneys, governmental agencies, other advocacy organizations and the community.

### **Individual Casework**

The Law Center focuses legal services for clients based on the primary issues identified by the community. We represent clients to help solve legal problems related to their disability.

### **Systems Advocacy**

The Law Center works to increase or improve services, legal rights and protection for people with mental illness.