

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc.

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Geographic area covered: Statewide

Information on website is in Spanish.

Mission: Protecting and advancing disability rights.

Vision:

We envision a society where all people, regardless of type or severity of disability:

- Live free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation
- Are empowered through self-determination and self-advocacy
- Have equal access to services such as education, public transportation, and health care
- Are productive members of society in which competitive, integrated employment is the first and preferred option
- Live, learn, work, and play independently in an integrated barrier free community

Services Provided:

Information & Referral

- P&A advocates provide brief written or oral information in response to requests and suggest ways for individuals to advocate for themselves.

Case Representation

- P&A accepts clients for individual representation based on its annual priorities and case selection criteria.

Advocacy

- P&A usually seeks to resolve individual clients' issues through negotiation. If negotiation does not resolve the problem, P&A may represent our client in a complaint to an agency, an administrative hearing, or in court. P&A also helps many individuals by making them aware of their rights so they can handle their own problems.

Training & Education

- P&A identifies disability communities that are in need of receiving self-advocacy training, education and outreach. Advocates conduct consumer focus groups, make presentations, and meet with community leaders as established in annual priorities.

CRCF Inspections

- The project is empowered by Section 43-33-350 (4) of the South Carolina Code to conduct surprise inspections of CRCFs in South Carolina. P&A's Team Advocates and trained volunteers have been conducting these surprise inspections since the project was approved by SC legislature in 1985.