



# **Protection & Advocacy Project**

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# **PROTECTION & ADVOCACY**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

# PROTECTION & ADVOCACY

There is a protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities in each state and territory. Legislation establishing this system was passed by Congress in 1975.

In North Dakota, the organization designated by the Governor to serve as the protection and advocacy system is the Protection & Advocacy Project (P&A). P&A is an independent state agency established in 1977 to advance the human and legal rights of people with disabilities.

P&A strives to create an inclusive society that values each individual.

# **PROTECTION & ADVOCACY GOVERNING BOARD**

P&A has a governing board called the Committee on Protection & Advocacy. It consists of seven members whose terms are specified in State statute. Appointments are made by the Governor (2 members), Legislative Council (2 members), The Arc of North Dakota, Mental Health America of North Dakota, and a non-profit advocacy group for people with disabilities selected by the Committee. Currently this seat is filled by an appointee of Family Voices of ND.

# **PROTECTION & ADVOCACY PROGRAMS**

**Protection & Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities (DD)-1977**

**Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)-1986**

**Protection & Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR)-1994**

**Protection & Advocacy for Assistive Technology (AT)-1994**

**Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)-2001**

**Protection & Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)-2002**

**Protection & Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA)-2002**

**Client Assistance Program (CAP)-July 2011**

# **PROTECTION & ADVOCACY PRIORITIES**

**Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation**

**Community Inclusion**

**Criminal Justice**

**Education**

**Employment**

**Healthcare**

**Voting**

# **PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SERVICES**

**Information and referral**

**Assistance with self-advocacy**

**Education and training**

**Advocacy services**

**Legal representation**

**Protective services**

**Systems advocacy**

**Legislative advocacy**

# **PROTECTION & ADVOCACY OFFICE LOCATIONS**

**Williston**

**Grafton**

**Minot**

**Fargo**

**Belcourt**

**Jamestown**

**Devils Lake**

**Bismarck**

**Grand Forks**

**Dickinson.**



# **PROTECTION & ADVOCACY CONTACT INFORMATION**

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