

We're here to HELP



Vision Statement

All persons with disabilities and their families shall be empowered to exercise and enjoy the full extent of their rights and to pursue the greatest possible quality of life.

Mission

DRW challenges systems and society to achieve positive changes in the lives of people with disabilities and their families.

Core Values

Diversity

Advocacy for people from all backgrounds in every part of Wisconsin

Dignity

Access to basic benefits and services

Independence

Autonomy and choice in individual life decisions

Accessibility

Working for a barrier free society for everyone

Inclusion

Living, working and attending school in the most integrated setting

Human Rights

Protection from abuse and neglect in institutions and the community

Liberation

Defending people's rights to move out of institutions and other segregated settings

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Victim Advocacy Program

Advocacy services are Free and Confidential to all victims of crime with disabilities and their families. Disability Rights Wisconsin has advocates available across the state. Call the office nearest to you.

Consumer and Family Phone:

800-928-8778

Contact Information:

Madison Office

608-267-0214

Milwaukee Office

414-737-4646

Rice Lake Office

715-736-1232

Website: www.disabilityrightswi.org

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Victim Advocacy

Who is eligible

Children and Adults with disabilities (and their families) who have experienced a crime, even if it has not been reported.



What services

Services provided under this program may include:

- Personal Advocacy
- Victim Accompaniment
- Information and Referral
- Criminal Justice Support (Law Enforcement, Courts)
- Advocacy within Civil Court Proceedings
- Crime Victim Compensation
- Crime Victim Rights
- Co-Advocacy with Local Service Providers
- School Advocacy
- Housing Rights
- Employment Victim Related Supports
- Access to Services (criminal justice, victim services, disability services)
- Post Crisis Stabilization
- Safety Planning



Know your Rights

As a victim of a crime, you have the right:

- To be treated with fairness, dignity and respect for your privacy.
- To ask for assistance with your employer if necessary, resulting from court appearances.
- To accommodations so you can access victim response services regardless of your disability.
- To restitution and compensation as allowed by law.
- To have the impact of the crime on you considered by the court.

“the rate of crimes against persons with disabilities is at least twice that for persons without disabilities.”

Bureau of Justice Statistics: Crime Against Persons with Disabilities, 2009-2014 - Statistical Tables

