

CLRP OFFICES

CLRP's main office is in Middletown at Connecticut Valley Hospital. Satellite offices in other areas of the state are staffed on a part-time basis. Calls to these offices are checked daily.

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www.clrp.org

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NEW HAVEN OFFICE

Connecticut Mental Health Center
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Southeast Mental Health Authority
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HARTFORD OFFICE

Capitol Region Mental Health Center
(860) 297-0808

*The information in this flyer is effective as of
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CLRP Flyers

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

- Basics of Advance Directives
- Choosing a Health Care Representative
- How to be an Effective Health Care Representative

EMPLOYMENT

- Basics for Getting a Job
- Disclosing a Disability
- Preparing for an Interview
- Reasonable Accommodations

HOUSING

- Basics of Fair Housing Rights
- Rights in Conducting a Search
- Reasonable Accommodation
- Housekeeping and Collecting Issues

CONSERVATORSHIP

- Understanding Conservatorships
- How a Conservator is Appointed
- How to Hold a Conservator Accountable
- Changing or Terminating a Conservator

OTHER TOPICS

- DMHAS Grievance Process
- How to be Your Own Advocate
- Medication
- Patient's Bill of Rights
- Restrictions on Restraints
- Social Security
- Understanding the Difference Between Advocacy and Legal Advice

(Also available in Spanish)



CONNECTICUT
LEGAL
RIGHTS
PROJECT, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

CLRP is a statewide non-profit agency which provides legal services to low income adults with mental health conditions, who reside in hospitals or the community, on matters related to their treatment, recovery, and civil rights.

CLRP represents clients in accordance with their expressed preferences in administrative, judicial, and legislative venues to enforce their legal rights and assure that personal choices are respected and individual self-determination is protected.

CLRP develops and supports initiatives to promote full community integration which maximizes opportunities for independence and self-sufficiency.

**LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR PEOPLE
WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS**

WHO ARE WE?

Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc., is an independent, non-profit legal services program staffed by attorneys and paralegals who represent low income persons with mental health conditions on matters related to their treatment and civil rights.

WHAT DO WE DO?

CLRP's attorneys and paralegals provide services ranging from brief advice and information to full legal representation with legal issues related to:

- Active and effective individualized services from Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services or other providers;
- Inpatient hospital issues including, but not limited to: fresh air, privilege levels, medication, seclusion and restraint, and timely discharge;
- Individual rights, such as access to medical records, privacy and confidentiality;
- Meaningful participation in recovery planning that addresses individual preferences;
- Preparing advance directives that let clients direct health care decisions and appoint a health care representative for situations where they cannot do so;

- Americans with Disabilities Act, with emphasis on the right to community integration;
- Probate procedures, such as commitment and conservatorships, and Probate Court appeals;
- Access to trauma and gender sensitive, and culturally competent services;
- Obtaining or maintaining stable housing by preventing eviction, public housing authority interventions (including housing voucher issues), investigating housing denials and discrimination in obtaining or retaining housing, and requesting reasonable accommodations;
- Transitional Services for young adults;
- Social Security appeals when the primary impairment is a mental health condition, and
- Obtaining and retaining employment, including access to vocational services and reasonable accommodations;

CLRP is **NOT** permitted to appear as legal counsel in cases where the court appoints an attorney for the person, but we will actively collaborate with appointed counsel on behalf of our clients.

Due to a lack of available resources and staff, CLRP attorneys and paralegals will only offer representation in cases that have substantial legal merit. **We cannot accept every case.**

CLRP **DOES NOT** accept:

- Divorce, custody, termination of parental rights, child in need of care, wills, estates, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, immigration, criminal defense cases or cases not substantially related to a person's psychiatric disability.

In order to avoid duplication of effort and target limited resources, CLRP prioritizes cases involving clients served by DMHAS facilities or DMHAS funded programs. **Acceptance of DMHAS services is not required to qualify for CLRP representation.**

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

CLRP works closely with other agencies and may refer clients who do not meet CLRP priority criteria to organizations, such as the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, legal services or private attorneys.

TRAINING AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

CLRP staff is available to speak with people in recovery, families, community groups and providers about the rights and responsibilities of individuals with mental health conditions.