

DRC DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER - NH

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Eliminating Barriers to the Outdoors



DRC-NH received a complaint about the process of reserving an accessible camping spot online; accessible spots were only available if reserved in person, at the campground, not online like every other spot. Sometimes, campers with disabilities would arrive to find that the one accessible spot was already occupied, which made planning camping trips difficult. A DRC-NH attorney contacted the Department of Recreation and Economic Development (DRED) about the issue. In response to the attorney's advocacy, DRED revised its online campsite reservation system to include accessible spots. DRED will also be surveying all parks in an effort to increase overall accessibility.

Eliminating Barriers to Transportation

Allen contacted DRC for help after he was banned from his local transportation service because of his disability. Without a driver's license, this meant that it was very difficult for him to get to the grocery store or doctor or local senior center. The DRC attorney contacted the transportation provider. When she asked why he was banned, the provider was unable to provide a reasonable explanation. The attorney explained how critical the transportation was to Allen and the provider's obligation to provide accommodations to the client under the ADA. The transportation provider agreed and he was able to access the service again.



Eliminating Barriers to Education

Sarah's four-year-old son was regularly being placed in a restraint chair by his school to address "behaviors" they claim were related to her son's intellectual disability.

Rather than restraints, Sarah believed her son's behavior should be assessed, and appropriate behavior supports provided if needed.

She reached out to DRC-NH. The attorney investigated, reviewed the services that should have been put in place, and then attended an IEP meeting with Sarah where they successfully advocated for more appropriate services.

As a result of this advocacy, the school district stopped using the restraint chair in the classroom entirely. Sarah's son is now much happier at school.



Over the last year, DRC-NH provided legal advice to **897** people with disabilities in New Hampshire, educated over **10,000** people about their rights and improved the lives of over **900,000** people through our advocacy.



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