

LADDC News

Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Advisory Council

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Are you passionate about mental health issues? Join the Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Advisory Council!

Disability Rights Louisiana (DRLA) is seeking mental health advocates for PAIMI Advisory Council membership. This Advisory Council supports DRLA by working with its staff and Board of Directors to develop priorities for the agency's PAIMI program and work to ensure necessary changes to Louisiana's mental health system. This is your opportunity to make a difference and share issues and concerns most important to the mental health community.

More information about the PAIMI Advisory Council can be found in the flyer below or by clicking [HERE](#). For additional information or to submit your [application](#) for the Advisory Council, please contact Tory Rocca, Director of Policy and Community Engagement, at trocca@disabilityrightsla.org, or 800-960-7705 ext. 138.

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Disability Rights Louisiana (DRLA) is a statewide non-profit Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agency providing **FREE** legal services, advocacy, and other supports to children, adults, and older people with disabilities.

Make a difference in the lives of people with mental illness!

Make a difference in the health of your P&A's PAIMI Program!



The purpose of the PAIMI Councils is to act as a link between the P&A and the mental health community that can:

- Assist the P&A in identifying issues that are of most importance to the mental health community.
- Provide feedback to the P&A staff and the Board of Directors to develop the annual objectives and priorities for the PAIMI program
- Educate the public about the mission and purpose of the P&A

Benefits of serving on a PAIMI Council

- Assist in setting the PAIMI priorities
- Opportunities to educate the public and consumers on the rights of individuals with mental illness and the PAIMI program services
- Ability to work with the PAIMI program to meet its goals for the protection and advocacy of individuals it serves
- Chances to go to training(s) and get information on what is happening in your community around mental health services and/or the consumers
- Supporting individuals that are receiving services to be safe and free from harm.
- Taking on a leadership role in advocacy
- Assisting to change the mental health system
- Learn about legislation and how to talk to policy makers about issues of concern
- PAIMI Advisory Councils (PACs) have the opportunity to build relationships with other disability or marginalized groups to gain more power and influence

Help Set the PAIMI Program's Priorities

- Be the eyes and ears of the mental health community
- Share with your connections in the community what the P&A does and how PAIMI may help them
- Advise P&A Staff & Board of any new trends emerging in mental health in which the P&A could play a role.

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