



DISABILITY RIGHTS NEW YORK

New York's Protection & Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program

PROTECTION & ADVOCACY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS (PAIMI)

PROPOSED PROGRAM PRIORITIES

OCTOBER 1, 2017 to SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Priority I

Advocate to protect people in facilities (as defined in the PAIMI statute and regulations) from abuse and neglect.

Priority II

Advocate to reduce the use of seclusion and restraint in facilities (as defined in the PAIMI statute and regulations), including monitoring the use of seclusion and restraint in facilities to ensure that any use is consistent with legal requirements.

Priority III

Advocate to ensure that people receive necessary supports and services in the most integrated setting appropriate.

Priority IV

Advocate to ensure that people are free from discrimination in housing, employment, education, access to public benefits and services, and access to public accommodations.

Priority V

Advocate to ensure that public school students receive appropriate supports and services in the least restrictive environment, including those necessary to remain in school, be free from bullying, and not be subject to seclusion and restraint.

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Priority VI

Advocate to ensure that people have access to publicly funded mental health services, including ensuring access to all appropriate managed care and waiver services, consistent with best practices, and enforcing rights secured by mental health parity, confidentiality, and consent laws.

Priority VII

Advocate to ensure that people in prisons and jails receive appropriate mental health services in the least restrictive environment, including reducing and eliminating solitary confinement for individuals with mental illness and assuring that appropriate discharge planning is provided for individuals returning to the community.

Priority VIII

Advocate to address systemic failures to implement, consistent with best practices, culturally sensitive appropriate crisis intervention services and mental health and suicide prevention screenings, assure appropriate interactions in the community between persons with mental illness and law enforcement personnel, and increase training on mental illness and crisis intervention techniques for law enforcement personnel, including police officers and staff in prisons and jails.

Priority IX

Advocate to ensure that people make their own decisions and control their resources to the maximum extent possible.

Priority X

Conduct outreach, education, and training to assure that persons with mental illness, family members, advocacy organizations, and providers have an increased understanding of the legal rights of persons with mental illness and know about DRNY and the services it provides.