

CLE #	Session Name	Session Description	Start Date	Start Time	Duration	Speaker First Name	Speaker Last Name	Speaker Position	Speaker Bio
1	Community-Based Youth Services: Oversight of For-Profit Residential Facilities for Youth, Publicly Supported and Privately Run (2)	Oversight to protect youth placed in and out of state residential facilities is critical and long overdue, especially for youth in state custody placed out of state. Learn how private facility operators and chains evade review and how we can close these loopholes. Review external oversight mechanisms that should ensure that state governments protect the children in their care. This session will cover both the mechanisms that should exist and legal strategies to implement them.	2021-05-17 00:00:00	4:00 PM	90	Kathryn	Rucker	attorney	Kathryn Rucker began her legal career with the Center for Public Representation in August of 1999. Ms. Rucker's individual representation and system reform work focus on serving adults and children with serious mental illness, as well as individuals with Acquired Brain Injury. She is co-counsel in several of the Center's class action lawsuits, advocating for the development and expansion of integrated community service systems. Ms. Rucker received her undergraduate education from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, and went on to participate in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, where she volunteered in the domestic violence clinic and worked in co-op positions with Greater Boston Legal Services, the Department of Justice, and the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia.
						Diane	Howard	Managing Attorney	Managing Attorney for Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Legal Services A litigator with 24 years of experience in juvenile and education law, Diane Smith Howard's work at NDRN focuses on conditions for children, youth and adults with disabilities in institutional systems. Specifically, youth in the juvenile justice, child welfare, education, and refugee resettlement systems, and adults with disabilities in the criminal justice and mental health systems. Diane provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on these issues. In addition, she advocates on these issues within the Administration and on the Hill, and works with a number of coalitions, including the Civil Rights Roundtable. Diane holds a B.A. with honors from Colby College in 1986, and a J. D. from Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI. She retains active bar licenses in Michigan and Maine. She has taught at the graduate and high school level and has published a number of legal articles. In addition to working previously as a senior staff attorney for education law at NDRN's earlier iteration, NAPAS, she has also provided direct client representation, including systemic case representation, at the P&As in Maine and Michigan and for a legal services office in rural Michigan.
						Larry	Canada	Senior Trial Counsel	Prior to joining the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program in July of 2019, Larry "LC" Canada spent the previous thirty or so years in private civil practice. LC was a senior Director in a regional firm having litigated cases in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. LC litigated cases involving a variety of subject matter issues, including Qui Tam cases, insurance coverage, Copyrights, Trademarks, Construction defects, Professional Malpractice and Commercial contract disputes. LC also handled a number of claims in Mississippi and Louisiana involving titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act: from the corporate defense side. LC lectured locally and nationally to clients and defense counsel on Titles II and III of the ADA and published an Article in "For the Defense" on Title I "Regarded As" issues. In his former practice, LC also advised corporate and insurance clients on best risk management practices.
						Cory	Bernstein	Law Clerk	
2	Achieve Positive Outcomes in Correctional Settings	One of P&A's roles is to investigate and address complaints of abuse and neglect, as well as appropriate treatment, access, accommodations, and conditions for persons with disabilities in jails and prisons. Historically, the primary way to affect change in corrections systems has been through litigation. Over the last few years, Disability Rights Michigan has expanded work in the Michigan Department of Corrections by developing a strong interdepartmental collaboration between attorneys and institutional rights advocates. With this approach, the merging of individual advocacy and legal expertise has provided us a pathway for achieving positive outcomes. Disability Rights Mississippi has undertaken a broad-based investigation of the state prison system, utilizing attorney and non-attorney staff to produce a comprehensive public report, "Cruel and Unusual Punishment in Mississippi Prisons." The report became the basis for individual, systemic and policy advocacy around prison conditions. Systemic monitoring and advocacy efforts can resolve issues for individual prisoners while also complementing efforts to develop impact litigation to achieve broad-based reforms. This session will highlight the ways in which roles of P&A Attorney and Advocate complement and support one another, to ensure the best possible protection and advocacy outcomes for our clients. In addition, presenters will lay out the steps for developing and utilizing this collaborative approach in your organization. This session will highlight the ways in which roles of P&A Attorney and Advocate complement and support one another, to ensure the best possible protection and advocacy outcomes for our clients. In addition, we will lay out the steps for developing and utilizing this collaborative approach in your organization.	2021-05-18 00:00:00	1:00 PM	60	Chris	Davis	Supervising Attorney - Intake, Information, & Referral	Chris E. Davis is the Supervising Attorney of the II&R Department at Disability Rights Michigan. He has also served as Staff Attorney and been with DRM for over 26 years. He has been a local and national speaker on the rights of persons living with HIV. He has also served as counsel on several class action lawsuits, including McBride v. MDOC, lead counsel in several cases enforcing the rights of persons with disabilities and amicus counsel in several important state cases which expanded the rights of persons with disabilities. He has also filed dozens of federal cases enforcing DRM's access authority under the P&A Acts. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and UOP, McGeorge School of Law. Mr. Davis is licensed to practice in Michigan Courts, U.S. District Courts of Michigan, U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States.
						Greta	Martin	Litigation Director	
						Jennifer	Baker		
						Philip	Fornaci	Staff Attorney	Philip Fornaci provides training and technical assistance on adult criminal justice issues for persons with disabilities as well as on abuse or neglect of persons with disabilities who reside in institutional settings. Prior to joining NDRN in March 2020, Philip spent more than twelve years as an advocate and litigator in Washington, DC on behalf of prisoners and formerly incarcerated people. He developed particular expertise around prison conditions, as well as around access to medical care and parole decision-making, with a specialized focus on issues affecting prisoners with disabilities. For five years, Philip served as the Executive Director for the Maryland P&A, now called Disability Rights Maryland, and later as Executive Director for a legal services program providing employment advocacy for low-income workers. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University and a J.D. from the George Washington University School of Law.
3	Housing, Not Handcuffs: Disability, Homelessness, and the Right to Housing	This session will provide strategies for advancing the struggle against local and state policies that criminalize homelessness, and that incarcerate unhoused people in jail or under civil commitment statutes. Speakers will discuss establishing more humane and disability-friendly alternatives to current crowded congregate shelters, and to ensure the accessibility of homelessness programs to people with disabilities. They will also provide information on how to utilize the ADA and states' civil commitment and competency restoration statutes to protect the rights of people with disabilities experiencing homelessness including those experiencing race or sex oppression or other intersectional identities. Participants will learn how to collaborate with and give voice and leadership to people with disabilities and intersectional identities experiencing homelessness in crafting collective solutions to the homelessness crisis and promoting permanent affordable housing as a basic human right.	2021-05-18 00:00:00	1:00 PM	60	Kenneth	Shiotani	Senior Staff Attorney	Ken Shiotani provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on ADA Title I, II & III, fair housing and federally assisted housing, employment law and provides legal support to the P&As Help America Vote Act Project. He is also responsible for LegalEase, the monthly publication to the P&As which highlights significant court decisions and federal agency regulations and guidance that affect P&A advocacy. Ken also is the NDRN Amicus Coordinator. Prior to joining NDRN in 2005, Ken provided representation to low income people in housing and public benefits, including cash assistance, Food Stamps, and Medicaid as well as unemployment benefits in urban and rural civil legal programs in New York and Maryland. His work ranged from defending evictions in local justice courts to public benefits hearings to appeals and involvement in impact litigation in the federal courts. He began his legal services career in 1980 as a VISTA volunteer and then as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow. Ken received his undergraduate degree in history from New York University and his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.
						Ann	Menasche	Senior Attorney	Ann Menasche has over forty years experience as a civil rights litigator. She has worked at Disability Rights California since 2002 and pioneered representing people with disabilities in homeless litigation under the ADA and the U.S. Constitution. She combines work on her cases with grassroots organizing and media work in which people with disabilities experiencing homelessness tell their own stories.
						Lili	Graham		Lili Vo Graham is Litigation Counsel for the Civil Rights Practice Group at Disability Rights California. She currently litigates systemic and impact cases to improve access for unhoused individuals with disabilities. Her work also includes community advocacy on intersectional issues that prevent individuals with disabilities from accessing or maintaining adequate housing.
						Mark	Regan	Legal Director	Mark Regan is an Alaskan who has been Legal Director at the Disability Law Center for the past 10 years. He grew up in Juneau, Southern California, and Anchorage, came back to Alaska after school, and for the next 25 years worked primarily for Alaska Legal Services as a staff and supervising attorney in Barrow (now again Utkeagvik), Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, and Bethel, with a stint as a Medicaid and ADA attorney at the National Health Law Program in Los Angeles. His first case at a law school clinic was a Social Security Disability case. His work at Disability Law Center has included Medicaid, special education, and institutional reform cases. Shortly after moving to Bethel, he was the first recipient of the Alaska Bar's Jay A. Rabinowitz Award for public service, named for the judge for whom he had clerked.

4	Community-Based Youth Services: Legal Solutions to Prevent Residential Placement And Create Community-Based Alternatives (3)	This session will put the "how" in the residential reform equation. Participants will learn effective data/evidence collection techniques that P&As can use and legal claims available for successful reform litigation.	2021-05-18 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Kathryn	Rucker	attorney	Kathryn Rucker began her legal career with the Center for Public Representation in August of 1999. Ms. Rucker's individual representation and system reform work focus on serving adults and children with serious mental illness, as well as individuals with Acquired Brain Injury. She is co-counsel in several of the Center's class action lawsuits, advocating for the development and expansion of integrated community service systems. Ms. Rucker received her undergraduate education from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, and went on to participate in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, where she volunteered in the domestic violence clinic and worked in co-op positions with Greater Boston Legal Services, the Department of Justice, and the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia.
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				Brandy	Tomlinson	Staff Attorney	
5	Advocacy Skills for Successful IEP Meetings	This session will assist participants in developing and applying advocacy skills for Individual Education Program (IEP) meetings. The session will include tips for meeting preparation, presenting arguments during IEP meetings, and ensuring your clients are able to meaningfully participate, regardless of their background or primary language. The session will also provide opportunities to apply skills through small group simulation exercises.	2021-05-18 4:00 PM 90 00:00:00	Ron	Hager	Managing Attorney	Ron Hager provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on special education and assistive technology, and assists in overseeing training and technical assistance to CAP. He has specialized in disability law, particularly special education, since 1979, when he started his legal career in Buffalo as a VISTA attorney. After that, he was a Clinical Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School for nine years, supervising the Education Law Clinic. In 1991, Ron moved to Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) where he represented clients in a wide variety of disability-related cases. As part of NLS's National AT Advocacy Project, Ron also was a frequent author on disability-law-related issues. He was co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities for four years, and was the President of the Board of Directors of Autistic Services, Inc., in Western New York, for ten years. Ron earned a B.A. in Psychology from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.
				Amanda	Klemas	Supervising Attorney	Amanda is a supervising attorney with the Special Education Clinic at Equip for Equality, where she represents students and families in all aspects of special education and related matters for children with disabilities. Previously, Amanda was an Equal Justice Works fellow and staff attorney at Massachusetts Advocates for Children, an education non-profit organization based in Boston, Massachusetts, where she provided special education representation to families of children with mental health disabilities, as well as ongoing training and technical assistance to mental health providers working with low-income children and families.
				Melanie	Grant	Intake Manager and Staff Attorney	Melanie Grant came to Equip for Equality in 2014. Ms. Grant manages Equip for Equality's Latinos with Disabilities Advocacy Project as well as the Special Education Clinic Helpline. The Latinos with Disabilities Advocacy Project provides legal representation and self-advocacy assistance to underserved Latino families with children with disabilities with special education issues. Ms. Grant primarily represents Spanish-speaking families at special education IEP meetings and in administrative hearings. She previously worked as an Education Program Specialist for the Office of State Superintendent of Education in Washington D.C. focusing on special education policy and training school staff on their special education legal obligations
6	The Impact of Remote Learning on Marginalized Communities and Potential Remedial Options	Presenters will discuss the hurdles that students with disabilities face during mandatory and optional virtual learning but will particularly focus on how these hurdles disproportionately impact and isolate students of color, English language learners, and low-income families. The presentation will provide examples of struggles and solutions from two different states. Finally, the presentation will describe the benefits and drawbacks of individual and systemic legal remedies to rectify gaps in services and lack of FAPE.	2021-05-19 1:00 PM 60 00:00:00	Ron	Hager	Managing Attorney	Ron Hager provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on special education and assistive technology, and assists in overseeing training and technical assistance to CAP. He has specialized in disability law, particularly special education, since 1979, when he started his legal career in Buffalo as a VISTA attorney. After that, he was a Clinical Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School for nine years, supervising the Education Law Clinic. In 1991, Ron moved to Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) where he represented clients in a wide variety of disability-related cases. As part of NLS's National AT Advocacy Project, Ron also was a frequent author on disability-law-related issues. He was co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities for four years, and was the President of the Board of Directors of Autistic Services, Inc., in Western New York, for ten years. Ron earned a B.A. in Psychology from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.
				Colleen	Elbe	Supervising Attorney	Colleen Elbe is currently the Supervising Attorney for the Education team at Disability Rights Texas where she oversees a statewide team of advocates and attorneys. Before practicing law, she earned her B.A. in Psychology from the University of New Mexico and her M. A. in Marriage and Family Therapy from Friends University. Colleen was a practicing MFT at a Family Preservation agency and had her own private practice prior to attending law school. She earned her J.D. from Texas Tech School of Law where she served on the Board of Barristers; as Vice President of the Texas Tech Health Lawyers Association; and on the National Mock Trial Team. Colleen earned awards such as Advanced Moot Court Best Oralist; Advanced Mock Trial Best Oralist; Moot Court Best Oralist; and CALI Awards in Bioethics, Health Care Bioethics Mediation, and Criminal Practice Skills. After law school, Colleen earned an Equal Justice Works Fellowship where she represented students with disabilities in the juvenile justice and juvenile probation systems in education issues. While at Disability Texas, Colleen has represented students in hundreds of districts across the state and has presented at conferences locally as well as at the state and national level.
				Olga	Pribyl	Vice President	Olga Pribyl is the Vice President of Equality's Special Education Clinic and Pro Bono. Ms. Pribyl has represented families with special education matters in federal court and at administrative hearings for over 25 years and is lead counsel on a current class action against the Chicago Public Schools related to language access issues. She is also co-counsel for the subclass of students with special education needs in the juvenile detention centers. Ms. Pribyl was one of two lead attorneys on the Illinois State Board of Education Inquiry into Chicago Public Schools' systemic violations of delays and denials of services to thousands of students. Prior to joining Equip for Equality, Ms. Pribyl was of counsel and a partner with the law firm of Monahan & Cohen. Her practice was concentrated in the areas of special education, disability rights, mental health, guardianship and employment discrimination law. Ms. Pribyl was one of the lead attorneys on two of the first successful cases brought in Illinois under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). She also worked on some of the first special education inclusion cases in the Chicago area. Ms. Pribyl has provided training to law firms, parent groups and other organizations on special education issues, the ADA and guardianship matters. Ms. Pribyl serves on the Illinois Attorney General's Committee on Special Education. She was formerly a Level I hearing officer for the Illinois State Board of Education. She is a graduate of Northwestern University and the University of Notre Dame School of Law, where she was the legislative services editor for the Journal of Legislation.
7	Building and Enhancing Your Guardianship Dissolution Practice	Restoration of rights for people under guardianship is a compelling and rewarding practice area for P&As. Disability Rights New York and Disability Rights PA regularly engage in litigation to review and remove guardianships for individuals in order to restore their legal right to self-determination and independent decision-making. Materials that will be shared and explained include materials to prepare for and execute a guardian restoration case. Participants will leave the session well-equipped and eager to embrace a restoration practice that	2021-05-19 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Kimberly	Weisbeck	Supervising Attorney, PADD Program	Kim Weisbeck is a supervising attorney in the Rochester office of Disability Rights NY, in the Protection and Advocacy program representing individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PADD). The PADD program provides legal representation and support for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in pursuing legal and administrative remedies in matters pertaining to civil rights, discrimination, access to services and special education law. Kim also represents people who are opposing guardianship or seeking to terminate guardianship, and she investigates allegations of abuse and neglect in State licensed and operated facilities, and conducts monitoring visits to facilities where children and adults reside and receive services. She is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and Albany Law School, and prior to joining DRNY she engaged in private practice representing children and adults in Supreme and Family Courts in New York State.

	has wide benefits for both clients and P&As.		Elysia Mancini Duerr	Staff Attorney	Elysia Mancini Duerr is a Staff Attorney at Disability Rights Pennsylvania. As counsel for alleged incapacitated persons, she defends their rights to autonomy and to less restrictive alternatives than guardianship. Elysia also provides technical assistance and training to attorneys, guardians, and healthcare professionals on less restrictive alternatives to guardianship. Elysia is a graduate of Temple University, both for undergraduate school and law school. Elysia looks forward to the day when all disabilities are not only de-stigmatized but embraced.
8	<p>Enforcing Effective Communication Mandates in State Medicaid and Developmental Disabilities Programs</p> <p>People who are Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing, DeafBlind, or blind frequently face systemic discrimination in accessing public programs. For example, group homes in many states house Deaf people with developmental or psychiatric disabilities but fail to provide interpreters, signing staff or visual safety alarms. California's Medicaid program routinely sends blind recipients written notices of action that they cannot read. Learn how to investigate this issue in partnership with clients and community activists and apply the rights to Effective Communication in the ADA and Section 504. Presenters will also explain how systemic advocacy in other states has supported people from low-income communities and communities of color, who face heightened barriers when attempting to overcome this discrimination on an individual basis.</p>	2021-05-19 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Kenneth Shiotani	Senior Staff Attorney	Ken Shiotani provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on ADA Title I, II & III, fair housing and federally assisted housing, employment law and provides legal support to the P&As Help America Vote Act Project. He is also responsible for LegalEase, the monthly publication to the P&As which highlights significant court decisions and federal agency regulations and guidance that affect P&A advocacy. Ken also is the NDRN Amicus Coordinator. Prior to joining NDRN in 2005, Ken provided representation to low income people in housing and public benefits, including cash assistance, Food Stamps, and Medicaid as well as unemployment benefits in urban and rural civil legal programs in New York and Maryland. His work ranged from defending evictions in local justice courts to public benefits hearings to appeals and involvement in impact litigation in the federal courts. He began his legal services career in 1980 as a VISTA volunteer and then as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow. Ken received his undergraduate degree in history from New York University and his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.
			Autumn Elliott	Litigation Counsel	Autumn M. Elliott is a Litigation Counsel in the Legal Advocacy Unit of Disability Rights California, California's protection and advocacy system. She advocates for the civil rights of people with disabilities through high impact litigation, community-based advocacy, outreach, and training, and recently prevailed in an appeal before the California Supreme Court. She is the author of a chapter on disability rights in California Fair Housing and Public Accommodations, published by the Rutter Group. She has also worked as an attorney at Disability Rights Legal Center and in the Housing and Public Benefits units at the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice. She was a Skadden Fellow at Bread for the City, a holistic services center in the District of Columbia, where she helped low-income clients with disabilities obtain equal access to housing. She served as a law clerk to Judge Warren J. Ferguson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and to Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang E. Moseneke of the South Africa Constitutional Court. At the Centre for Applied Legal Studies in Johannesburg, Autumn worked on impact litigation and public policy advocacy regarding the transformation of South African society. Autumn is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard College and has an LL.M. degree from the University of the Witwatersrand.
			Melinda Bird	Senior Litigation Counsel	Melinda Bird is Senior Litigation Counsel for Disability Rights California. She has led successful systemic disability-rights litigation in California for more than thirty years. In 2012, the California State Bar awarded her its Loren Miller Award for lifetime achievement in public interest law.
			Steven Mendelsohn	Chair of Advocacy Committee, CCB	Steven Mendelsohn is an attorney, advocate and author with 40 years' work in the disability rights movement. He is the author of early, groundbreaking books on Financing Assistive Technology '1987' and Tax Options and Strategies for People with Disabilities '1993, 1996', and most recently, People with Disabilities and Employment Law: Recent Developments, Emerging Issues, and What They Mean in Everyday Life '2016'. During the 1990s and 2000s he worked on innovative and demonstration project development for UCPA and RESNA, providing background legal research, analysis and administrative support. From 2001 through 2008 he served as principal author of the National Council on Disability's annual report to the President and Congress. From 1996 through 2010 he served on the advisory board for the National Assistive Technology Advocacy Project, a program that provided technical assistance to state P and A's in their implementation of the P and A for Assistive Technology program. From 2009 through 2013 he served on the staff of the Burton Blatt Institute, helping to develop new strategies and responses to governmental and foundation initiatives in the areas of assistive technology accessibility, use of the tax system to expand funding for technology access and to reduce unnecessary nursing home placements, and to develop strategies for minimizing the impact of financial disincentives on work and savings in public benefit programs. Currently in semi-retirement, he serves as chair of the Advocacy Committee of the California Council of the Blind, working with counsel, including DRC, on both chronic and emerging access and equity issues.
9	<p>Current Issues in P&A Access Authority</p> <p>Access authority is one of the most powerful tools available to P&As and an important component of our federal mandate. This session will highlight recent issues in access authority and speakers will address how they are responding to challenges in their states. Attendees will be more equipped to recognize and respond in their jurisdictions.</p>	2021-05-19 4:00 PM 90 00:00:00	Chris Davis	Supervising Attorney - Intake, Information, & Referral	Chris E. Davis is the Supervising Attorney of the I&R Department at Disability Rights Michigan. He has also served as Staff Attorney and been with DRM for over 26 years. He has been a local and national speaker on the rights of persons living with HIV. He has also served as counsel on several class action lawsuits, including McBride v. MDOC, lead counsel in several cases enforcing the rights of persons with disabilities and amicus counsel in several important state cases which expanded the rights of persons with disabilities. He has also filed dozens of federal cases enforcing DRM's access authority under the P&A Acts. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and UOP, McGeorge School of Law. Mr. Davis is licensed to practice in Michigan Courts, U.S. District Courts of Michigan, U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States.
			Megan Berger	Assistant Managing Attorney, Education Team	Megan Berger is the Assistant Managing Attorney of the Education Team at Disability Rights Maryland. She primarily works on the school discipline and juvenile justice projects that seek to stem the disproportionate use of out-of-school removal and school-based arrest with students with disabilities and students of color. Megan represents students in IEP, Section 504 and school discipline matters, investigates rights violations, and engages in systemic advocacy at the state and local level. She previously worked in the Child Advocacy Unit at the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau where she represented youth in the foster care system in court and in special education and school discipline matters. She was also an AmeriCorps volunteer and worked as a youth advocate in a therapeutic residential program serving at-risk youth. Megan graduated from the University of Notre Dame - summa cum laude - and the University of Maryland School of Law - magna cum laude.
			David Boyer	Managing Attorney for Community Integration	Dave Boyer provides training and technical assistance in the areas of abuse and neglect in community settings, access authority, housing, monitoring and investigations, associational standing, veteran issues, and traumatic brain injuries. Additionally, he provides assistance to the network on issues related to the Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injuries (PATBI). Prior to joining NDRN, Dave was the Director of Investigations at the Florida P&A, Disability Rights Florida. Dave has litigation experience in the areas of criminal justice, fair housing, community integration, and education. He obtained his B.A. in psychology from THE Ohio State University, his M.A. (A.B.D) in clinical psychology from Ohio University, and his J.D. from Florida State University.
			Robin Resnick	Staff Attorney	Ms. Resnick graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law in 1986. She has worked as a staff attorney at Disability Rights Pennsylvania and its predecessors since 1993. She has worked on a variety of cases, including Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy, Inc. v. Houston (the first appellate decisions holding that P&As are entitled to access peer review records); Helen L. v. DiDario (the first appellate case interpreting the ADA's integration mandate to prohibit unnecessary institutionalization); Frederick L. v. Dept. of Public Welfare (appellate decisions in ADA integration mandate case requiring state to adopt viable integration plans); Disabled in Action v. SEPTA (appellate decisions relating to statute of limitations in ADA case to challenge inaccessible alterations and affirming ruling that transit agency's inaccessible alterations violated ADA); and Kinney v. Yerusolim (requiring Philadelphia to install curb cuts when it resurfaces streets).
	Lack of appropriate community-based mental health services for children and youth creates havoc and harm in all settings. Children with unmet behavioral needs end up segregated, expelled, pushed out, restrained, secluded and referred to the juvenile justice system. Participants will develop a checklist to use when analyzing a proposed IEP addressing behavior needs, based on the research and the specific input of two current school/ community based providers.	2021-05-20 1:00 PM 60 00:00:00	Dan Stewart	Legal Director	Dan Stewart is the Legal Director of the Minnesota Disability Law Center (DLC), which is part of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid. DLC is the Minnesota's designated federal Protection and Advocacy (P&A) organization for representing individuals with disabilities statewide. For over 15 years, Dan has represented children with disabilities in public school and has advocated for their interests in Minnesota's special education policy processes including rulemaking, legislative proposals, and state policy advisory groups, councils and task forces. Dan has a Master's Degree in Educational Policy, a law degree, and a Ph.D. in Social Work. He has presented on a wide range of topics for a variety of audiences in Minnesota and nationwide. He enjoys hockey, running, and, along with his wife and daughter, hiking in national and state parks.

10	Behavior Supports and Trauma Informed Care: IEPs That Work	Participants will develop a checklist to use when analyzing a proposed IEP addressing behavior needs, based on the research and the specific input of two current school/ community based providers.	Diane	Howard	Managing Attorney	Managing Attorney for Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Legal Services A litigator with 24 years of experience in juvenile and education law, Diane Smith Howard's work at NDRN focuses on conditions for children, youth and adults with disabilities in institutional systems. Specifically, youth in the juvenile justice, child welfare, education, and refugee resettlement systems, and adults with disabilities in the criminal justice and mental health systems. Diane provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on these issues. In addition, she advocates on these issues within the Administration and on the Hill, and works with a number of coalitions, including the Civil Rights Roundtable. Diane holds a B.A. with honors from Colby College in 1986, and a J. D. from Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI. She retains active bar licenses in Michigan and Maine. She has taught at the graduate and high school level and has published a number of legal articles. In addition to working previously as a senior staff attorney for education law at NDRN's earlier iteration, NAPAS, she has also provided direct client representation, including systemic case representation, at the P&As in Maine and Michigan and for a legal services office in rural Michigan.
11	Involuntary Medication and Treatment in Institutional Settings	This session will focus on the constitutional due process requirements surrounding involuntary medication or involuntary treatment for individuals with mental illnesses that are housed in institutional settings such as prisons or psychiatric hospitals. Along with a survey of applicable federal cases, this session will include information on recent cases and advocacy brought by P&As, including the involuntary medication settlement agreement reached in Alabama, ongoing work to refine emergency forced medication orders at the Oregon State Hospital, and challenges to advocating or monitoring whether adequate due process protections exist.	Ashley	Austin	Staff Attorney	Ashley started her tenure at ADAP as a law clerk in 2017. After receiving her law degree, she began working at ADAP as a law fellow and became a staff attorney in 2019. She holds three degrees from The University of Alabama: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (2014), Master of Science in Criminal Justice (2017), and Juris Doctor (2017). Ashley works on the Community Access Team, primarily focusing on issues surrounding ADAP's on-going lawsuit on behalf of prisoners in the Alabama Department of Corrections. Ashley also has six pets - consisting of three dogs and three cats - which has made working from home much like living in a zoo.
			Matthew	Serres	Managing Attorney	Matt Serres leads the Disability Rights Oregon's efforts to uphold the civil and human rights of people to live in their community. In overseeing the organization's Project Independence, Matt relies on Disability Rights Oregon's broad federal authority to press for changes in our cities and counties to ensure individuals with disabilities have equal opportunity to housing, employment, transportation, and our community. To help bring about broader change, he seeks to elevate the needs of individuals with disabilities in state policies. Prior to law school, he lived for a year in a community dedicated to social justice while assisting the homeless population in Anchorage, Alaska, as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC). He also performed work for the ACLU of Alaska and for Trustees for Alaska - an environmental law firm dedicated to protecting and sustaining Alaska's environment. He received his B.A. in urban studies and political science from Stanford University in 2005, and his J.D. from Gonzaga University in 2011. Prior to joining Disability Rights Oregon, he served as law clerk to Justices Rebecca Duncan and Meagan Flynn on the Oregon Court of Appeals and to Judge Douglas Van Dyk in Clackamas County Circuit Court. He has also worked as a court-appointed criminal defense attorney. As a law student, he received the Thomas More Scholarship, awarded to students dedicated to pursuing a career in public service. During law school, he interned for the ACLU of Alaska and the Oregon Law Center. Matt was born and raised in Oregon.
			Philip	Fornaci	Staff Attorney	Philip Fornaci provides training and technical assistance on adult criminal justice issues for persons with disabilities as well as on abuse or neglect of persons with disabilities who reside in institutional settings. Prior to joining NDRN in March 2020, Philip spent more than twelve years as an advocate and litigator in Washington, DC on behalf of prisoners and formerly incarcerated people. He developed particular expertise around prison conditions, as well as around access to medical care and parole decision-making, with a specialized focus on issues affecting prisoners with disabilities. For five years, Philip served as the Executive Director for the Maryland P&A, now called Disability Rights Maryland, and later as Executive Director for a legal services program providing employment advocacy for low-income workers. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University and a J.D. from the George Washington University School of Law.
12	Crisis Standards of Care: Effective P&A Advocacy	The COVID-19 pandemic brought with it the danger of overwhelming numbers of hospital patients and the possibility of healthcare rationing. It also highlighted the limitations and discrimination present in the plans for this rationing. Speakers will discuss their efforts to challenge these crisis standards of care and will present a model for fair and effective standards.	Steven	Schwartz	Legal Director	Steven J. Schwartz is the Center's Legal Director. He began practicing mental disability law in 1971 after graduating from Harvard Law School and served as the Center's Executive Director for 38 years, until September 2011. He has extensive experience litigating class action cases challenging issues related to the institutional confinement and community integration of persons with disabilities and has successfully resolved a number of damage cases for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Schwartz has authored a number of law review articles, testified before Congress on P&A authorizing legislation and abuse and neglect issues, and served on the faculty of the Harvard and Western New England Law Schools.
			Emily	Cooper	Legal Director	Emily leads a team of attorneys and advocates who work to uphold the rights of Oregonians with disabilities. She spearheads DRO's class-action litigation, including the Wyatt v. Brown lawsuit seeking a safer foster care system that provides children the services they need to thrive, as well as our ongoing monitoring of the Lane v. Brown case aimed at closing sheltered workshops so that individuals with developmental disabilities get competitive jobs in their communities. Emily has also testified before the Oregon legislature multiple on issues involving the rights of jail inmates with mental health conditions and successfully banning the use of canines for cell extractions. Previously, she served as a Senior Attorney at Disability Rights Washington since 2006. She was the lead attorney in the Trueblood v. DSHS class action lawsuit that resulted in \$85 million dollars in contempt fines aimed at diverting individuals with disabilities from jail. In addition to working on class-action litigation, Emily monitored facilities that serve people with disabilities, investigated abuse and neglect, and testified in front of the legislature. Emily was also an Adjunct Law Professor at Seattle University School of Law from 2014 to 2017, served on the American Civil Liberties Union ("ACLU") of Washington's Board of Directors from 2011 to 2017, and served as the Director of Advocacy for the Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association ("WADA") from 2013 to 2016. Emily graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2003.
			David	Boyer	Managing Attorney for Community Integration	Dave Boyer provides training and technical assistance in the areas of abuse and neglect in community settings, access authority, housing, monitoring and investigations, associational standing, veteran issues, and traumatic brain injuries. Additionally, he provides assistance to the network on issues related to the Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injuries (PATBI). Prior to joining NDRN, Dave was the Director of Investigations at the Florida P&A, Disability Rights Florida. Dave has litigation experience in the areas of criminal justice, fair housing, community integration, and education. He obtained his B.A. in psychology from THE Ohio State University, his M.A. (A.B.D) in clinical psychology from Ohio University, and his J.D. from Florida State University.
			Lisa	Snead	Litigation Attorney	Lisa is currently the Litigation Attorney for the Institutional Rights and Civil Liberties Team at DRTx. As a member of the IRCL team, Lisa has experience representing clients with mental illness in their communities, in psychiatric institutions (public and private), and in jails as well as individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities residing in the large state-run institutions. She joined DRTx in 2009 as a Skadden Foundation Fellow representing domestic violence survivors with disabilities before transitioning into institutional work in 2011 when her grant ended. She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary ('06) and the University of Texas School of Law ('09).
13	Voting Litigation Opportunities for People with Disabilities - Part 1	P&As often shy away from voting rights litigation, due to the restrictions of PAVA funding. This two-part session will discuss the benefits of a litigation strategy and ways to use non-PAVA resources to fund the work. In Part I, hear from Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program on People First v. Merrill, the 2020 case that made it all the way to the United States Supreme Court. This section will include an emphasis on the role of the ADA in framing voter access litigation.	William	Van Der Pol	Senior Trial Counsel	Bill leads ADAP Community Access Team, who provide protection and advocacy services for adult Alabamians with disabilities. He has been AFAP lead attorney in Braggs v. Dunn, a federal class action lawsuit against the Alabama Department of Corrections alleging inadequate mental health care and wholesale violations of the ADA. He was ADAP lead attorney in People First v. Merrill, in which plaintiffs alleged that the failure to provide adequate modifications to absentee voting violated the ADA, VRA, and various other statutes and constitutional provisions
			Michelle	Bishop	Voter Access & Engagement Manager	Michelle Bishop leads a team to provide training and technical assistance to the P&A network on voting rights, voter engagement, and access to the vote for people with disabilities. She also works in coalition with the civil rights community in Washington, DC to ensure strong federal policy regarding voting rights and election administration. As a person with a disability, Michelle comes to NDRN with over 15 years experience in the disability vote and a passion for social justice.
			Madison	Ard	Voting Rights Law Fellow	Madison Ard is a Voting Rights Law Fellow at the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP). Madison began working with ADAP in 2020 as a law clerk, conducting research on the impact of Alabama's voting and guardianship laws on Alabamians with disabilities. Madison recently graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law, where she earned a Certificate in Public Interest Law. She graduated from the University of Alabama in 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Political Science. When she's not bustling around the ADAP office, you can find Madison walking the UA Arboretum with a pair of binoculars. She's hoping to spy golden-crowned kinglet on her next birdwatching trip.

			Elissa	Gershon		Elissa Gershon joined NDRN in February 2021 on a temporary, contract basis to develop materials to support the voting rights of people with disabilities subject to guardianship or conservatorship. Elissa worked for more than 22 years at the California P&A, Disability Rights California (DRC). As Litigation Counsel, she led DRC's healthcare litigation and policy efforts, focusing on Olmstead implementation and access to Medicaid home and community-based services. After leaving DRC in 2019, Elissa worked on several voting rights and voter engagement initiatives to help increase the participation of underrepresented voters in the electoral process. Elissa earned a B.A. from Tufts University in Boston, MA and a J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, CA. She lives in Berkeley, California.	
14	Monitoring Restraint and Seclusion in Schools	In the absence of federal legislation limiting the use of restraint and seclusion in schools, we still see tremendous abuse of students in the name of restraint and seclusion. One of the strategies which can be used to reduce this practice is the P&A monitoring and investigation authority. This session will explore the necessary steps from beginning to end to effectively maximize the use of this tool.	2021-05-21 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Ron	Hager	Managing Attorney	Ron Hager provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on special education and assistive technology, and assists in overseeing training and technical assistance to CAP. He has specialized in disability law, particularly special education, since 1979, when he started his legal career in Buffalo as a VISTA attorney. After that, he was a Clinical Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School for nine years, supervising the Education Law Clinic. In 1991, Ron moved to Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) where he represented clients in a wide variety of disability-related cases. As part of NLS's National AT Advocacy Project, Ron also was a frequent author on disability-law-related issues. He was co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities for four years, and was the President of the Board of Directors of Autistic Services, Inc., in Western New York, for ten years. Ron earned a B.A. in Psychology from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.
			Jennifer	Monthie	Legal Director	Jennifer is the Legal Director for DRNY. Jennifer previously served as the Statewide Director of PADD, PAAT, and PATBI programs at DRNY. Prior to her appointment to Director, Jennifer served as staff attorney and senior staff attorney of the PADD program at Disability Advocates, Inc. Jennifer practices in the areas of education, community integration, and civil rights of individuals with disabilities. She is a founding member and current chairperson of the New York State Special Education Task Force which fosters collaboration between schools, parents and advocates on Special Education. Jennifer is a frequent lecturer to attorneys and other professionals on issues affecting individuals with disabilities	
			Stefanie	Krantz	Senior Attorney	Stefanie joined the Disability Law Center in Massachusetts in 1994. She is currently a senior attorney who specializes in monitoring and investigating public and private schools across the state. She has expertise in access to health care, special education, housing, employment, and public accommodations. She is a trained mediator and brings these skills to her work on a daily basis. Stefanie has conducted statewide trainings in the areas of health care access, special education, and communication access for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. In addition, she has authored a number of publications, including chapters on Special Education and Health Care Access in the MCLE publication: Legal Rights of Individuals with Disabilities. Stefanie has dedicated her profession to furthering the rights of people with disabilities on an individual and a systemic level.	
15	Voting Litigation Opportunities for People with Disabilities - Part 2	P&As often shy away from voting rights litigation, due to the restrictions of PAVA funding. This two-part session will discuss the benefits of a litigation strategy and ways to use non-PAVA resources to fund the work. In Part II, hear from Disability Rights New York and Disability Law Center Massachusetts on developing systemic voting-rights lawsuits derived from PAVA advocacy. This section will include an emphasis on using community roundtables, organizational collaborations, and education and awareness campaigns to identify legal issues ripe for systemic litigation or policy reform, as well as quickly responding to the needs of voters during the pandemic to engage in litigation concerning accessible absentee and vote by mail programs.	2021-05-21 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	William	Van Der Pol	Senior Trial Counsel	Bill leads ADAP Community Access Team, who provide protection and advocacy services for adult Alabamians with disabilities. He has been AFAP lead attorney in Braggs v. Dunn, a federal class action lawsuit against the Alabama Department of Corrections alleging inadequate mental health care and wholesale violations of the ADA. He was ADAP lead attorney in People First v. Merrill, in which plaintiffs alleged that the failure to provide adequate modifications to absentee voting violated the ADA, VRA, and various other statutes and constitutional provisions
			Christy	Asbee	Program Director	Christy joined DRNY in 2014. She is the PAAT, PATBI and PAVA Programs' Director. Christy serves NYS residents with disabilities receiving, interested in receiving, or having difficulty obtaining assistive technology (AT). Christy also assists voters who have disabilities, and people who have traumatic brain injury (TBI). Through her advocacy, she has helped individuals receive devices such as motorized wheelchairs, speech generating devices, computers and training services and other AT devices. Through PAVA, Christy advocates for NYS voters with disabilities to ensure voting programs are accessible to all. She has contributed to the publishing of numerous reports on poll site inaccessibility across New York State. Christy helps people with TBI navigate a variety of legal issues that relate to their ability to live independently, their education, and acquire or maintain gainful employment. Christy is experienced in both State and Federal litigation, manages complex administrative matters, and negotiates with State and Federal agencies on behalf of DRNY clients. Christy received her J.D. from Vermont Law School in 2011. Prior to law school, she received a B.S. from Elmhurst College in Chicago, IL, attended Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain, and worked for two years in Akita, Japan.	
			Tatum	Pritchard	Director of Litigation	Tatum A. Pritchard has been the Director of Litigation for the Disability Law Center of Massachusetts since May 2019. With DLC, she engages in and oversees litigation in state and federal court, structured negotiations, investigations, and other forms of systemic advocacy. Recently resolved and ongoing DLC litigation includes: two matters regarding implementation of accessible vote by mail for the 2020 elections; a class action against the Massachusetts Department of Correction concerning discrimination against prisoners who are Deaf and hard of hearing; and class actions alleging that Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology failed to caption online content. Prior to joining DLC, Tatum represented incarcerated individuals in strategic civil rights litigation with Prisoners' Legal Services for over eight years. She spent time in her early career as a Public Defender with the Committee for Public Counsel Services and as a visiting attorney at the Legal Resources Centre in South Africa engaging in impact litigation. Tatum is a graduate of Colgate University and Boston College Law School.	
			Michelle	Bishop	Voter Access & Engagement Manager	Michelle Bishop leads a team to provide training and technical assistance to the P&A network on voting rights, voter engagement, and access to the vote for people with disabilities. She also works in coalition with the civil rights community in Washington, DC to ensure strong federal policy regarding voting rights and election administration. As a person with a disability, Michelle comes to NDRN with over 15 years experience in the disability vote and a passion for social justice.	
16	Collaborative Problem-Solving in Self-Advocacy: Beyond Direct Rep	This interactive session will help advocates and I&R staff develop creative problem-solving skills to expand assistance for clients that the P&A cannot represent. We will discuss how to help clients understand the legal aspects of their issue, and how to help them work with and around the limits of a legal solution. The goal is to collaborate with clients to better understand their own expertise and effectively self-advocate.	2021-05-21 4:00 PM 90 00:00:00	Ian	Watlinton	Senior Disability Advocacy Specialist	Ian Watlington joined NDRN in November of 2011. Ian provides training and technical assistance for the operation of the PAIMI Advisory Councils and works on the state level to help P&As understand their role in growing the advocacy skills of their clients and callers. He also represents NDRN nationally in coalition work to help increase the understanding of self-advocacy. Ian is committed to this work because it is personal. As a person with disabilities, he has been fighting for his and others' rights for much of his life, beginning his professional advocacy career doing work around education issues and policy. He came to NDRN, after serving on the Board of Directors of the Colorado P&A, Disability Law Colorado, in order to advocate on a national level. Ian holds a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Political Science from Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.
			Nick Alexandra	Jackson Gonzales Buchanan	Attorney Supervising Attorney - Advocacy and Community Engagement	Alexandra "Alix" Gonzales Buchanan is a Supervising Attorney for the Advocacy and Community Empowerment (ACE) unit at Disability Rights California. She began her legal career as a family law attorney, doing direct service work for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. After developing and staffing several programs to address gaps in local services, Alix joined the intake unit at DRC in 2018. At DRC, Alix helped implement a live phone intake system and expanded levels of service at the advocate level. She brings a trauma-informed, client-centered approach to client services.	
		One of the essential skills for a P&A advocate or attorney is the development of information from interviews. This session will explore the various ways that staff can better communicate with our clients. Special focus will be placed on individuals that have trouble with communicating, those with developmental disabilities, and deaf and blind clients.	2021-05-21 4:00 PM 90 00:00:00	Liz	Logsdon	Managing Attorney, Investigations Unit	Elizabeth (Liz) Logsdon is the Managing Attorney of the Investigations Unit at Disability Rights California (DRC). DRC's Investigations Unit addresses the abuse and neglect of people with disabilities in all settings, including long term care facilities, state hospitals, developmental centers, community-based settings, jails, and immigration detention facilities. The IU pursues non-litigation systemic advocacy solutions with a focus on public policy. Liz joined DRC in July 2018 after working for Disability Rights Tennessee, the Tennessee P&A, for over five years. She obtained her law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2011 and holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida. Liz lives in Los Angeles with her partner, dog Peaches, and cat Mr. Kitters.

17	Interviewing Skills for Investigations and Monitoring			Kishona	Harvey-Mimms	Investigator	Kishona Mimms, Senior Investigator Kishona Mimms joined Disability Rights North Carolina in 2012 as an Investigator for the Investigations and Monitoring Unit. She graduated from Touro College in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in political science. She then obtained a master's degree in urban policy/public administration from Brooklyn College in 2007. Mimms worked for seven years as a paralegal in the sex crimes/special victims bureau of King's County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, NY where she conducted child abuse investigations in addition to assisting attorneys on trial. She also spent two years working as an Associate Investigator for the NYC Department of Education in the Special Education Unit. Mimms and her family relocated from New York in 2009.
				David	Boyer	Managing Attorney for Community Integration	Dave Boyer provides training and technical assistance in the areas of abuse and neglect in community settings, access authority, housing, monitoring and investigations, associational standing, veteran issues, and traumatic brain injuries. Additionally, he provides assistance to the network on issues related to the Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injuries (PATBI). Prior to joining NDRN, Dave was the Director of Investigations at the Florida P&A, Disability Rights Florida. Dave has litigation experience in the areas of criminal justice, fair housing, community integration, and education. He obtained his B.A. in psychology from THE Ohio State University, his M.A. (A.B.D) in clinical psychology from Ohio University, and his J.D. from Florida State University.
18	Understanding the DOJ Civil Rights Division	This session will provide an overview of the structure and work of the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and its various sections, including the Special Litigation Section, the Educational Opportunities Section, the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, the Voting Rights Section, and the Appellate Section. Learn about DOJ's roles in ADA enforcement and the roles that U.S. Attorneys Offices play in ADA investigations. Learn how P&As can work with the Disability Rights Section and other sections in the Civil Rights Division when addressing voting issues, institutional issues, housing cases, and appellate issues. Learn about the Civil Rights Division's new complaint portal process and the ADA mediation program. Participants will also learn how best to interact with various sections of the Civil Rights Division when seeking a statement of interest or an amicus brief.	2021-05-24 1:00 PM 60 00:00:00	Kenneth	Shiotani	Senior Staff Attorney	Ken Shiotani provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on ADA Title I, II & III, fair housing and federally assisted housing, employment law and provides legal support to the P&As Help America Vote Act Project. He is also responsible for LegalEase, the monthly publication to the P&As which highlights significant court decisions and federal agency regulations and guidance that affect P&A advocacy. Ken also is the NDRN Amicus Coordinator. Prior to joining NDRN in 2005, Ken provided representation to low income people in housing and public benefits, including cash assistance, Food Stamps, and Medicaid as well as unemployment benefits in urban and rural civil legal programs in New York and Maryland. His work ranged from defending evictions in local justice courts to public benefits hearings to appeals and involvement in impact litigation in the federal courts. He began his legal services career in 1980 as a VISTA volunteer and then as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow. Ken received his undergraduate degree in history from New York University and his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.
			Felicia	Sadler	Senior Trial Attorney	Ms. Sadler is a Senior Trial Attorney in the Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, of the United States Department of Justice. Ms. Sadler began her career in the Disability Rights Section ("DRS") in 2000. As a disability rights attorney, Ms. Sadler enforces the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") by investigating alleged violations of the ADA, negotiating settlements agreements, and litigating claims. Through her advocacy and leadership, Ms. Sadler is committed to making sure that the more than 50 million Americans living with disabilities do not experience discrimination by employers, state and local governments, and public accommodations because of their disabilities. During her tenure in DRS, she has managed a diverse caseload, opened complex investigations, entered into several settlement agreements, served as "Acting" Deputy Chief, and as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia. Ms. Sadler also served as Co-Counsel in the Department's longstanding and complex investigation against the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) which the Department settled on December 2, 2020. The settlement agreement resolved the Department's findings under Title II of the ADA that Amtrak violated the ADA by failing to make its existing intercity rail stations, for which Amtrak is responsible, readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs. In 2020, Ms. Sadler served as the Deputy General Counsel of the United States Department of Justice's Community Relations Service where she provided legal advice to the General Counsel on complex policy matters. She also served as a peacemaker for communities facing conflict based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, or disability. Ms. Sadler began her legal career as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Harold L. Cushenberry, Jr., a former Associate Judge in D.C. Superior Court. Ms. Sadler received her Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Spelman College in 1991 and her Juris Doctor degree in 1994 from Georgetown University Law Center.	
19	Strategic Use of OCR and the State Complaint System	Filing discrimination complaints with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) can be frustrating, with investigations often lasting years. Filing IDEA state complaints with your State Education Agency is faster, but often leads to underwhelming results. This session will first explore strategies to make use of the U.S. Department of Education's OCR complaint process more effective. It will then address strategies to harness the power of the IDEA state complaint procedures, using as examples complaints relating to special education service delivery during the COVID-19 school closures.	2021-05-24 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Robert	Borrelle	Supervising Attorney	Robert Borrelle is a Supervising Attorney in Disability Rights California's Youth Practice Group. In this role, he advocates on behalf of students with disabilities for equal educational opportunities, access to services in the most integrated settings, and appropriate special education and supports. He received his B.A. from Boston College and his J.D. and M.S.Ed. from Syracuse University.
			Lauren	Lystrup	Staff Attorney	Lauren Lystrup is a Staff Attorney with Disability Rights California (DRC). She focuses on special education and juvenile justice issues, addressing the school-to-prison pipeline and intersections of race and disability. She represents individual students and families to ensure youth receive the services and supports they need. She also works on systemic advocacy to change the ways government systems serve people with disabilities. Prior to working with DRC, Lauren worked as a UC Berkeley Public Interest Fellow for the National Center for Youth Law. She graduated from UC Berkeley School of Law and holds a Masters in Social and Cultural Foundations of Education from DePaul University.	
			Ron	Hager	Managing Attorney	Ron Hager provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on special education and assistive technology, and assists in overseeing training and technical assistance to CAP. He has specialized in disability law, particularly special education, since 1979, when he started his legal career in Buffalo as a VISTA attorney. After that, he was a Clinical Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School for nine years, supervising the Education Law Clinic. In 1991, Ron moved to Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) where he represented clients in a wide variety of disability-related cases. As part of NLS's National AT Advocacy Project, Ron also was a frequent author on disability-law-related issues. He was co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities for four years, and was the President of the Board of Directors of Autistic Services, Inc., in Western New York, for ten years. Ron earned a B.A. in Psychology from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.	
20	Continuing Issues In VR	A variety of issues repeatedly emerge during the vocational rehabilitation (VR) process. This session discusses some of the year's hot topics as identified by the presenters. Participants will interact with the presenters to discuss problematic issues and learn ways to address them.	2021-05-24 4:00 PM 90 00:00:00	Amy	Scherer	Staff Attorney	Joining NDRN in December 2009, Amy Scherer provides training and technical assistance to the P&A network on issues related to Vocational Rehabilitation and the Client Assistance Program. She is a member of NDRN's employment team which focuses on a variety of issues related to helping individuals with disabilities achieve competitive wages and integrated jobs in the community. Prior to arriving at NDRN, Amy worked for seven years at a vocational training facility for individuals with a variety of disabilities in Atlanta, Georgia. She worked primarily with VR clients as both a case manager and as a certified vocational evaluator. Amy earned a B.A. in Psychology from Furman University, an M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling/Vocational Evaluation from Auburn University, and a J.D. from the St. Louis University School of Law.
			Lisa	Schneider	Iowa CAP Director/Department of Human Rights Executive Officer	In addition to Lisa's position as Iowa's Director of the Client Assistance Program, she is a graduate student and an RSA Scholar in Drake University's MS in Counseling Program for Clinical Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Beyond serving on Iowa's State Rehabilitation Council, Lisa is the Client Assistance Program and Department of Human Rights Office of Persons with Disabilities liaison for Iowa's Olmstead Consumer Taskforce and Iowa's Statewide Independent Living Council. Lisa is a member of the National Rehabilitation Association, Iowa Rehabilitation Association, American Mental Health Counselors Association, and Iowa Mental Health Counselors Association. Lisa just completed her second term on the board of the Iowa Mental Health Counselors Association as their Public Policy and Government Relations Chair. Other volunteer experience includes serving in AmeriCorps. From Omaha, Nebraska, Lisa is a graduate of Creighton University and received her BA in Psychology. In addition to enjoying spending time with her husband Charles and their dog Tyco, she is a voracious reader and enjoys spending free time engrossed in books. Lisa is a runner and also enjoys practicing yoga. Lisa and her family live in West Des Moines, Iowa.	
			Rebecca	Fulmer	Attorney	Rebecca (Becky) Fulmer has been an attorney practicing in South Carolina since 1986. After extensive travel and soul searching, she chose the legal profession because of her devotion to advancing civil rights and the rights of individuals who need help in advocacy. Her practice was primarily in civil litigation (largely employment discrimination) and appellate work, and she has taught legal writing, research, civil procedure and appellate practice to law students. Becky left private practice three years ago to join Disability Rights South Carolina; she greatly appreciates her colleagues and her work.	

21	Issues in Enforcing the Rights of Paratransit Users	This session will provide a basic overview of what paratransit is, the eligibility for paratransit and different strategies to address different kinds of problems faced by people using paratransit.	2021-05-25 1:00 PM 60 00:00:00	Kenneth	Shiotani	Senior Staff Attorney	Ken Shiotani provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on ADA Title I, II & III, fair housing and federally assisted housing, employment law and provides legal support to the P&As Help America Vote Act Project. He is also responsible for LegalEase, the monthly publication to the P&As which highlights significant court decisions and federal agency regulations and guidance that affect P&A advocacy. Ken also is the NDRN Amicus Coordinator. Prior to joining NDRN in 2005, Ken provided representation to low income people in housing and public benefits, including cash assistance, Food Stamps, and Medicaid as well as unemployment benefits in urban and rural civil legal programs in New York and Maryland. His work ranged from defending evictions in local justice courts to public benefits hearings to appeals and involvement in impact litigation in the federal courts. He began his legal services career in 1980 as a VISTA volunteer and then as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow. Ken received his undergraduate degree in history from New York University and his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.
				Lauren	Young	Director of Litigation	Lauren Young is the Director of Litigation for Disability Rights Maryland where she coordinates legal work in consultation with clients, consumers and organizations advocating for people with disabilities. Her work includes lawsuits to address: discrimination in housing, transportation, polling locations, hospitals, and businesses; sexual assaults of individuals with disabilities in state and community facilities; the unconstitutionality of a state statute for persons found incompetent to stand trial; discrimination in high school athletics; and the failure of the State to provide adequate health care or Medicaid services. Ms. Young was Chief Attorney for Maryland Legal Aid Bureau where she initiated a tenant at court program, an emergency family practice, and senior law clinics and created reforms in the foster care system. As Counsel for the Juvenile Justice Committee of the West Virginia Supreme Court, she achieved removal of youth from adult jails, sued a correctional facility, forcing its closure, published detention criteria, worked on a class action to provide community based services and sued to create alcohol and drug treatment programs. She received her JD from the University of Wisconsin and has spent her career in public interest law. David Prater is a Managing Attorney at Disability Rights Maryland where he coordinates legal work on fair housing, criminal justice, and voting rights. He has been deeply involved in police reform efforts in Baltimore City related to the Department of Justice findings of civil rights violations, including of people with disabilities, and implementation of the resulting consent decree. He is 2012 graduate of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Blo TBD with inclusion of person with disabilities who has experience with law enforcement interventions for persons in crisis or struggling with behavioral health issues.
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22	Administrative Advocacy to Obtain Power Wheelchairs with Standing Features	This session will explain how to handle administrative hearings for clients who need power wheelchairs with standing features. Presenters will identify medical necessity arguments you can use and describe ideas for evidence development. Former Disability Law Center client Chris Hoeh will provide a client perspective, demonstrating standing wheelchair functions and explaining how they foster an integrated life in the community.	2021-05-26 1:00 PM 60 00:00:00	Linda	Landry	Senior Attorney	Linda has worked at DLC since 1990. Her focus is on Social Security benefit issues and work incentives, as well as the related health benefits, MassHealth and Medicare. She has over 30 years of experience in legal advocacy in these areas, which has included individual representation, training, impact and policy work, class action litigation, and backup, support, and technical assistance to a statewide project of attorneys and advocates who represent individual Social Security and SSI disability benefits claimants. Linda writes and presents on a variety topics for local and national audiences. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and worked at Neighborhood Legal Services in the 1980s before coming to DLC. She received the NOSSCR Distinguished Service Award in 2006, the Massachusetts Bar Association Equal Access to Justice Award in 2011, Massachusetts Top Women of the Law Award in 2013, and the Marie Felton award in 2018.
				Ron	Hager	Managing Attorney	Ron Hager provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on special education and assistive technology, and assists in overseeing training and technical assistance to CAP. He has specialized in disability law, particularly special education, since 1979, when he started his legal career in Buffalo as a VISTA attorney. After that, he was a Clinical Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School for nine years, supervising the Education Law Clinic. In 1991, Ron moved to Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) where he represented clients in a wide variety of disability-related cases. As part of NLS's National AT Advocacy Project, Ron also was a frequent author on disability-law-related issues. He was co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities for four years, and was the President of the Board of Directors of Autistic Services, Inc., in Western New York, for ten years. Ron earned a B.A. in Psychology from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.
				Svetlana	Uimenkova	Senior Attorney	SVETLANA UIMENKOVA is a senior staff attorney at the Disability Law Center (DLC) in Boston. After graduating from Boston University Law School in 2001, she worked in private practice providing individual representation on Social Security cases nationwide until she joined the Disability Law Center in 2005. Her expertise is focused on issues involving the civil rights of individuals with disabilities, primarily in the areas of employment, public accommodations discrimination, and government program and services. As part of the disability benefits project at DLC she provides technical assistance and counseling to attorneys who represent individuals in Social Security, SSI, and Medicaid appeals. She is a regular presenter of Social Security and Medicaid related programs across Massachusetts.
				Chris	Hoeh	Advocacy Representative	Chris Hoeh is the Advocacy Representative for the Greater Boston Chapter of the United Spinal Association and the vice chair of the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Workforce Council . He has taken an active role in a number of advocacy efforts including: a legislative campaign to increase accessible workplaces and housing, organizing and direct engagement with state officials to improve Non-Emergency Transportation for Medicaid recipients, collaborating with the Black Boston Covid Coalition to advocate for an equitable response to the pandemic, and with the Dignity Alliance MA to transform long-term care for seniors and disabilities prioritizing treating the recipients and caregivers with dignity. In recognition of his advocacy work, the Chapter selected Chris to receive the Elmer Bartels Leadership Award at the 2020 gala. Chris worked as an elementary educator for over 30 years. He developed an academically rigorous, multi-disciplinary, yearlong curriculum that followed the creation of clothing from cotton, connecting each step to historical and contemporary struggles in social justice. For this work, Chris received national recognition including the Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year (National Council for Social Studies) and the Teaching Tolerance Award for Excellence in Teaching (Southern Poverty Law Center). Prior to his accident, Chris was an avid skier, mountain biker, and athlete. Chris is also the founder and Director of the Jamaican Plain Youth Soccer Academy for children in grades 1 to 4.
23	Developing Systems of Non-Police Emergency Response: Community Organizing (2)	In response to continuing police violence against people with disabilities in our communities, in particular against Black and Latinx people, cities and towns across the country are organizing to develop and implement alternative systems of emergency response to non-criminal emergencies. This session will focus on P&A involvement in organizing efforts in Charlotte, North Carolina and Baltimore, Maryland to achieve these reforms. The session will address both the opportunities and challenges of implementing non-coercive, community-centered emergency response systems.	2021-05-26 4:00 PM 90 00:00:00	Corye	Dunn	Director of Public Policy	
				Philip	Fornaci	Staff Attorney	Philip Fornaci provides training and technical assistance on adult criminal justice issues for persons with disabilities as well as on abuse or neglect of persons with disabilities who reside in institutional settings. Prior to joining NDRN in March 2020, Philip spent more than twelve years as an advocate and litigator in Washington, DC on behalf of prisoners and formerly incarcerated people. He developed particular expertise around prison conditions, as well as around access to medical care and parole decision-making, with a specialized focus on issues affecting prisoners with disabilities. For five years, Philip served as the Executive Director for the Maryland P&A, now called Disability Rights Maryland, and later as Executive Director for a legal services program providing employment advocacy for low-income workers. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University and a J.D. from the George Washington University School of Law.
				David	Prater	Managing Attorney	
				Cherene	Caraco	CEO	
				Gregory	Riddick	Organizer	
Jarrod	James	Organizer	Coming from collegiate and professional sports, I had no background in "mental health." It wasn't until I was spurred on by the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd did I realize that something needed to change in our emergency service responses. Through a series of events, I was introduced to the intersecting worlds of mental health and emergency services through the fiery leader of Promise Resource Network, Cherene Caraco. Since then, I've worked alongside other advocates in developing recommendations to enhance services in mental health in the state of North Carolina.				

24	Forensic Sexual Assault Examinations: Navigating Guardianship and Consent	Can an individual with a disability consent to a forensic sexual assault exam? Does it change if the individual has a guardian? We will explore sexuality, consent, sexual assault, and reporting. We will also delve into the impact of guardianship on an individual's ability to consent to forensic sexual assault examinations. We will discuss how to navigate these issues while respecting an individual's rights, including the right to choose and the right to privacy.	2021-05-26 4:00 PM 90 00:00:00	Pam	Malin	VOCA Victim Advocate/VAWA Project Coordinator	Pam Malin has worked at the intersection of disability and abuse for over 35 years. Pam is currently working at Disability Rights Wisconsin in the Victim Advocacy Program as an Advocacy Specialist for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant, where she works with victims of crime with disabilities. She is also the Violence Against Women (VAWA) Project Coordinator, where she is developing a Healthy and Safe Relationships curriculum for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). She has presented at the local, state, and national level on many topics including the Multi-disciplinary response to victims of abuse. Pam is committed to sharing her knowledge and expertise with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Service Providers, Disability Professionals, Community Professionals, First Responders, Parents, Caregivers and Self-Advocates. She is passionate about advocating for people with disabilities to have access to full meaningful lives.
			Brandy	Rhead	Legal Director	Brandy is a South Dakota native who calls the Black Hills home. She started working for the Pennington County Public Defender's Office in July 2004, where she worked as an Assistant Public Defender until December 2007. Brandy then went into private practice, doing both criminal defense work and family law. She was in private practice until May 2011 at which time she joined the Murphy Law Office, PC as an associate attorney in the firm. In March 2015, Brandy joined APLC Moore-Faust Law Group doing personal injury cases, and civil cases in both state and federal court. Brandy joined the DRSD team in May 2018 where she is happy to be providing protection and advocacy for those in our population who are often our most vulnerable and in need of representation.	
			David	Boyer	Managing Attorney for Community Integration	Dave Boyer provides training and technical assistance in the areas of abuse and neglect in community settings, access authority, housing, monitoring and investigations, associational standing, veteran issues, and traumatic brain injuries. Additionally, he provides assistance to the network on issues related to the Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injuries (PATBI). Prior to joining NDRN, Dave was the Director of Investigations at the Florida P&A, Disability Rights Florida. Dave has litigation experience in the areas of criminal justice, fair housing, community integration, and education. He obtained his B.A. in psychology from THE Ohio State University, his M.A. (A.B.D) in clinical psychology from Ohio University, and his J.D. from Florida State University.	
25	Developing Systems of Non-Police Emergency Response: The History and Impact of Racist Policing (3)	This session will address the historical and current impact of racist policing practices on people of color, in particular people of color with disabilities, focusing on public reports prepared by Disability Rights Texas (The Overuse of Police and Its Impact on People with Disabilities in Texas) and Disability Rights Ohio (Policing and Racial Injustice: A Disability Rights Perspective). The session will include discussion about responses and proposed reforms to address and limit the role of police in the lives of people of color with disabilities.	2021-05-27 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Kevin	Truitt	Legal Advocacy Director	
			Karmel	Willis	Attorney	Karmel Willis joined Disability Rights Texas as a Special Projects Attorney with the Education Team in September 2019. She is responsible for providing legal advice and representation to families regarding the services and treatment of students with disabilities in public schools. Much of her work has focused on the negative impact of policing in schools, especially on children of color and children with disabilities. Prior to joining the team at Disability Rights Texas, she was the Vice President and Managing Attorney at the Montgomery County Women's Center providing legal advice and representation to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault in family law matters, including protective orders, divorce, and custody, with an emphasis on cases with an immediate safety concern. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Mississippi and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Louisiana State University. When not providing services to clients, she enjoys spending time with her family and volunteering at her church.	
			Philip	Fornaci	Staff Attorney	Philip Fornaci provides training and technical assistance on adult criminal justice issues for persons with disabilities as well as on abuse or neglect of persons with disabilities who reside in institutional settings. Prior to joining NDRN in March 2020, Philip spent more than twelve years as an advocate and litigator in Washington, DC on behalf of prisoners and formerly incarcerated people. He developed particular expertise around prison conditions, as well as around access to medical care and parole decision-making, with a specialized focus on issues affecting prisoners with disabilities. For five years, Philip served as the Executive Director for the Maryland P&A, now called Disability Rights Maryland, and later as Executive Director for a legal services program providing employment advocacy for low-income workers. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University and a J.D. from the George Washington University School of Law.	
			Andrea	Williams	PAIMI Council Member		
26	Building an Olmstead Nursing Facility Litigation Plan	This session will discuss the issues to consider when creating a litigation plan for bringing an Olmstead action on behalf of all residents of nursing facilities not just those with I/DD or Mental Illness. Topics of focus include: Center for Public Representation collaboration with Justice in Aging in order to broaden the scope of potential nursing facility placements; and issues to consider when litigating post-Covid; Panelists from Disability Rights Center - NH and Disability Rights Texas will discuss their experiences planning for Olmstead nursing facility litigation and offer tips for fellow P&As.	2021-05-27 4:00 PM 90 00:00:00	Steven	Schwartz	Legal Director	Steven J. Schwartz is the Center's Legal Director. He began practicing mental disability law in 1971 after graduating from Harvard Law School and served as the Center's Executive Director for 38 years, until September 2011. He has extensive experience litigating class action cases challenging issues related to the institutional confinement and community integration of persons with disabilities and has successfully resolved a number of damage cases for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Schwartz has authored a number of law review articles, testified before Congress on P&A authorizing legislation and abuse and neglect issues, and served on the faculty of the Harvard and Western New England Law Schools.
			Elizabeth	Priaulx	Senior Disability Legal Specialist	Elizabeth Priaulx provides assistance to P&As related to community integration, with a focus on Medicaid litigation and the implementation of the Olmstead v. L.C. Supreme Court Decision. Additionally, Elizabeth is responsible for the NDRN initiative to support and encourage P&A advocacy on behalf of senior citizens with disabilities. As part of this effort, Elizabeth manages the NDRN contract with the Administration for Community Living and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging to provide training and technical assistance to managed care organizations on quality, participant directed, Medicaid long term services and supports; and to help seniors and persons with disabilities plays a significant role in the development and implementation of these services and supports. Additionally, Elizabeth serves as a Technical Expert on Olmstead compliance for the NDRN contract with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Advocates for Human Potential to provide training and technical assistance to mental health block grant programs and PAIMI Councils. Elizabeth began working formally as a disability advocate in 1986, at United Cerebral Palsy Associations and also worked as a researcher at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. She has served as Vice-Chair on the Board of Directors of both the Independence Center of Northern Virginia and the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy. Priaulx received a B.A. from Emory University and a J.D. from the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, DC.	
			Pamela	Phelan	Litigation Director		
			Garth	Corbett	Attorney		
		P&As must routinely go to Medicaid hearings or pursue class actions to prevent the loss or reduction of medically necessary HCBS. The pandemic has caused many HCBS providers to close or downsize so reductions may be even more widespread. This may especially be the case after the emergency Medicaid COVID waivers are no longer funded. Speakers in this session will discuss Medicaid legal and policy	2021-05-28 1:00 PM 60 00:00:00	Elizabeth	Edwards	Senior Attorney	Elizabeth Edwards is a Senior Attorney in the National Health Law Program's North Carolina offices. In addition to working with the National Health Law Program's litigation team to advance the health rights of low income and underserved individuals, Elizabeth's work includes policy advocacy and legal education. Elizabeth joined the National Health Law Program after five years with Disability Rights North Carolina, where she used the Medicaid Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and public policy to ensure equal access and community integration for individuals and groups, along with other ADA issues such as voting rights and accessibility. A graduate of the law school at UNC-Chapel Hill, Elizabeth obtained her bachelor's in environmental science and policy from Duke University.

27	Responding to Loss of Medicaid HCBS Supports	advocacy they have done pre- and during the pandemic to prevent loss of services.		Elizabeth	Priaulx	Senior Disability Legal Specialist	Elizabeth Priaulx provides assistance to P&As related to community integration, with a focus on Medicaid litigation and the implementation of the Olmstead v. L.C. Supreme Court Decision. Additionally, Elizabeth is responsible for the NDRN initiative to support and encourage P&A advocacy on behalf of senior citizens with disabilities. As part of this effort, Elizabeth manages the NDRN contract with the Administration for Community Living and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging to provide training and technical assistance to managed care organizations on quality, participant directed, Medicaid long term services and supports; and to help seniors and persons with disabilities plays a significant role in the development and implementation of these services and supports. Additionally, Elizabeth serves as a Technical Expert on Olmstead compliance for the NDRN contract with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Advocates for Human Potential to provide training and technical assistance to mental health block grant programs and PAIMI Councils. Elizabeth began working formally as a disability advocate in 1986, at United Cerebral Palsy Associations and also worked as a researcher at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. She has served as Vice-Chair on the Board of Directors of both the Independence Center of Northern Virginia and the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy. Priaulx received a B.A. from Emory University and a J.D. from the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, DC.
				Emily	Ehlers	Staff Attorney	Emily joined Disability Rights Iowa as a staff attorney in 2015. While her practice at DRI spans everything from juvenile justice to housing, a majority of her cases focus on Medicaid appeals. Emily represents individual Medicaid members facing cuts to their home and community based waiver services, as well as those being denied access to assistive technology and durable medical equipment. She's also an active member in several local Medicaid advocacy coalitions. Emily began her career as a public defender in Colorado before returning home to Iowa. She is a proud Hawkeye, having received both her BA in Political Science and her law degree from the University of Iowa.
				Jennifer	Lav	Senior Attorney	
28	Developing Online Resources for Transition Planning with At-Risk Youth	Many at risk youth do not even dream about their future, let alone plan for one. This session will provide tools for P&As to use to help at risk youth with disabilities create a future plan and then assist them in making it a reality. ADAP's Jenny Ryan will describe how ADAP has supported the development of two online tools to help provide information on transition services. Amy Scherer, an NDRN Vocational Rehabilitation expert, will apply potential strategies to access career and post secondary programs and services available to these youth.	2021-05-28 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Diane	Howard	Managing Attorney	Managing Attorney for Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Legal Services, A litigator with 24 years of experience in juvenile and education law, Diane Smith Howard's work at NDRN focuses on conditions for children, youth and adults with disabilities in institutional systems. Specifically, youth in the juvenile justice, child welfare, education, and refugee resettlement systems, and adults with disabilities in the criminal justice and mental health systems. Diane provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on these issues. In addition, she advocates on these issues within the Administration and on the Hill, and works with a number of coalitions, including the Civil Rights Roundtable. Diane holds a B.A. with honors from Colby College in 1986, and a J. D. from Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI. She retains active bar licenses in Michigan and Maine. She has taught at the graduate and high school level and has published a number of legal articles. In addition to working previously as a senior staff attorney for education law at NDRN's earlier iteration, NAPAS, she has also provided direct client representation, including systemic case representation, at the P&As in Maine and Michigan and for a legal services office in rural Michigan.
			Amy	Scherer	Staff Attorney	Joining NDRN in December 2009, Amy Scherer provides training and technical assistance to the P&A network on issues related to Vocational Rehabilitation and the Client Assistance Program. She is a member of NDRN's employment team which focuses on a variety of issues related to helping individuals with disabilities achieve competitive wages and integrated jobs in the community. Prior to arriving at NDRN, Amy worked for seven years at a vocational training facility for individuals with a variety of disabilities in Atlanta, Georgia. She worked primarily with VR clients as both a case manager and as a certified vocational evaluator. Amy earned a B.A. in Psychology from Furman University, an M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling/Vocational Evaluation from Auburn University, and a J.D. from the St. Louis University School of Law.	
			Jenny	Ryan	Staff Attorney and Children's Rights Clinic Director	Jenny, is a native of Hale County, Alabama. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate from The University of Alabama. She previously served as a law clerk for Judge Sue Bell Cobb at the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. She also worked as staff attorney for the magistrates of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Alabama. She was in private practice for a number of years with a focus on juvenile justice, family law, and appeals before joining ADAP in 2013. She is a member of ADAP's Children's Advocacy Team with a specialty in special education law and is the director of the Children's Rights Clinic at The University of Alabama School of Law.	
			Kristi	Kakoliris			
29	Legal Directors Meeting (2)	The annual meeting of the P&A Legal directors will occur over four sessions on June 7th and June 8th. The meeting is open to senior P&A legal managers (including legal directors, litigation directors, managing and senior supervisory attorneys). This year the anticipated agenda includes: 1) moving on with COVID-19, what worked and how can P&As learn for future advocacy; 2) a discussion with section chiefs from the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division; 3) circuit break-out sessions to consider legal strategies at the circuit, regional and national level; and 4) what comes next when the P&A is the plaintiff.	2021-06-07 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Rebecca	Bond	Chief	Rebecca B. Bond currently serves as the Chief of the Disability Rights Section in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department. In that capacity, Ms. Bond supervises all aspects of the office's work, including investigations and litigation, the provision of technical assistance, and the development of regulations under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Ms. Bond previously served as Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and was responsible for oversight of the Division's disability rights enforcement, educational civil rights enforcement, and Title VI interagency coordination. Ms. Bond also has experience supervising and litigating Fair Housing Act cases, involving sexual harassment, race discrimination, and disability discrimination. Ms. Bond clerked and practiced in Puerto Rico and California. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Yale University.
			Steven	Rosenbaum	Chief, Special Litigation Section		
			Whitney	Pellegrino	Acting Chief, Educational Opportunities Section		
30	The Value of Home: P&As and Fair Housing	This session will provide the historical background of housing discrimination against people with disabilities in the United States, explain the Fair Housing Act, and most importantly deep dive into disability protections and current challenges in housing discrimination. Presenters will address reasonable accommodations, modifications and how to request them, and other types of discrimination including accessible building guidelines, assistance animals in housing, and fair housing testing. The organizational benefits of pursuing housing discrimination work and funding will also be discussed.	2021-06-07 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Kenneth	Shiotani	Senior Staff Attorney	Ken Shiotani provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on ADA Title I, II & III, fair housing and federally assisted housing, employment law and provides legal support to the P&As Help America Vote Act Project. He is also responsible for LegalEase, the monthly publication to the P&As which highlights significant court decisions and federal agency regulations and guidance that affect P&A advocacy. Ken also is the NDRN Amicus Coordinator. Prior to joining NDRN in 2005, Ken provided representation to low income people in housing and public benefits, including cash assistance, Food Stamps, and Medicaid as well as unemployment benefits in urban and rural civil legal programs in New York and Maryland. His work ranged from defending evictions in local justice courts to public benefits hearings to appeals and involvement in impact litigation in the federal courts. He began his legal services career in 1980 as a VISTA volunteer and then as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow. Ken received his undergraduate degree in history from New York University and his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.
			Karlee	Stauffer	Fair Housing Program Coordinator	Karlee received her BA from Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. She participated in environmental and human rights groups throughout undergrad, and has worked in disability rights and advocacy for three years at the Disability Law Center of Utah. As Fair Housing program coordinator, she enjoys the hands-on approach taken to investigating housing discrimination. In her spare time, she loves designing terrariums, rock climbing, and community gardening.	
			Nick	Jackson	Attorney		
	Advocating for Long-Term Care Within a Medicaid Managed Care System	The vast majority of states are expanding use of Medicaid managed long-term care. This workshop will identify common legal issues that arise with Medicaid managed care and effective advocacy strategies for addressing the issues and legal defenses. P&As will discuss advocacy work they have engaged in related to Medicaid managed care and offer tips for P&As likely to face similar challenges.	2021-06-08 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Sarah	Somers	Managing Attorney	Sarah Somers is Managing Attorney of the National Health Law Program's North Carolina offices. She specializes in litigation and litigation support to advance access to quality health care for low income and other underserved people. Working with health and poverty law advocates across the country, she engages in litigation, research, writing, and training on the Medicaid program, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Affordable Care Act, among other issues. Before joining the National Health Law Program, Sarah worked for the Native American Protection and Advocacy Project on the Navajo Nation, where she represented children in special education and Medicaid cases. She also worked for the Legal Aid Society of Alameda County and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California. She began her legal career as a judicial clerk for Justice James Brickley on the Supreme Court of Michigan. Sarah is a graduate of Wellesley College. She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and her M.P.H. from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health.

31			Elizabeth	Priaulx	Senior Disability Legal Specialist	Elizabeth Priaulx provides assistance to P&As related to community integration, with a focus on Medicaid litigation and the implementation of the Olmstead v. L.C. Supreme Court Decision. Additionally, Elizabeth is responsible for the NDRN initiative to support and encourage P&A advocacy on behalf of senior citizens with disabilities. As part of this effort, Elizabeth manages the NDRN contract with the Administration for Community Living and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging to provide training and technical assistance to managed care organizations on quality, participant directed, Medicaid long term services and supports; and to help seniors and persons with disabilities plays a significant role in the development and implementation of these services and supports. Additionally, Elizabeth serves as a Technical Expert on Olmstead compliance for the NDRN contract with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Advocates for Human Potential to provide training and technical assistance to mental health block grant programs and PAIMI Councils. Elizabeth began working formally as a disability advocate in 1986, at United Cerebral Palsy Associations and also worked as a researcher at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. She has served as Vice-Chair on the Board of Directors of both the Independence Center of Northern Virginia and the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy. Priaulx received a B.A. from Emory University and a J.D. from the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, DC.
			Sean	Jackson	Attorney	
			Leslie	Stewart	Managing Attorney of IRIS Ombudsman Program	
32	Creating A Successful Juvenile Diversion System for Youth with Disabilities in Your State	P&As participating in the Juvenile Mis-incarceration project use a wide variety of diversion models at the state and local level. Some accept referrals from juvenile courts, judges, probation officers, juvenile defenders, case workers and others. Participants will design juvenile diversion models that reflect the reality in their state/community using a checklist based on the lessons learned by the many P&As currently engaged in this work. The Alabama P&A has supported the development of two online tools to help provide information on the services that those clients could be receiving to divert from the system and be successful in the community.	Sarah	Beebe	Supervising Attorney	Sarah Beebe is a Supervising Attorney with Disability Rights Texas (DRTx) for the Juvenile Probation Education Advocacy Program. Sarah supervises a team of Education Specialists who provide education advocacy services to probation-involved youth, as well as technical assistance and advice to individuals working for and with the juvenile justice system. In this role, Sarah maintains her own caseload and also develops and delivers trainings to probation-involved youth and families, as well as probation officers, court staff, and community organizations. Sarah also directs and manages the systemic advocacy projects of the team in an effort to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline. Before entering law school, Sarah was a social worker who worked with children with disabilities in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. Sarah began her legal career as an Equal Justice Works Fellow with DRTx (then Advocacy, Inc.). As a Fellow, Sarah operated a Special Education Clinic where parents of students with disabilities could learn about their rights and receive technical assistance and advice from volunteer advocates and attorneys. After her Fellowship, Sarah transitioned to the role of staff attorney with DRTx during which time she provided direct representation to hundreds of students with disabilities and their families. Sarah received a Bachelor of Arts from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, Magna Cum Laude (2003), a Masters in Social Work from Tulane School of Social Work (2004), and a Juris Doctor from William & Mary School of Law in Williamsburg, VA (2009).
			Diane	Howard	Managing Attorney	Managing Attorney for Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Legal Services A litigator with 24 years of experience in juvenile and education law, Diane Smith Howard's work at NDRN focuses on conditions for children, youth and adults with disabilities in institutional systems. Specifically, youth in the juvenile justice, child welfare, education, and refugee resettlement systems, and adults with disabilities in the criminal justice and mental health systems. Diane provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on these issues. In addition, she advocates on these issues within the Administration and on the Hill, and works with a number of coalitions, including the Civil Rights Roundtable. Diane holds a B.A. with honors from Colby College in 1986, and a J. D. from Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI. She retains active bar licenses in Michigan and Maine. She has taught at the graduate and high school level and has published a number of legal articles. In addition to working previously as a senior staff attorney for education law at NDRN's earlier iteration, NAPAS, she has also provided direct client representation, including systemic case representation, at the P&As in Maine and Michigan and for a legal services office in rural Michigan.
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33	Enforcing Voter Access	Attorneys from the Disability Rights Section at the U.S. Department of Justice will meet with P&As to review challenges experienced by voters with disabilities during the 2020 elections, challenges for ADA enforcement in elections, and PAVA priorities through the 2022 election cycle.	Elizabeth	Johnson	Trial Attorney	Elizabeth Johnson is a senior trial attorney in the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section and, since 2005, the coordinator of the US Attorney's program for ADA enforcement. Johnson investigates and litigates claims under the ADA involving voting, transportation, employment, and health care, and coordinates ADA work with approximately thirty-five US Attorneys' offices. From 1999 to 2005, Johnson served as deputy chief of the Special Litigation Section, supervising investigations and litigation under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, with a primary focus on persons in nursing homes, mental health facilities, and facilities for persons with developmental disabilities. Johnson has also served as chief of the voting section, supervising investigations, litigation, and the enforcement of the federal observer provisions under the Voting Rights Act, the DOJ's defense of minority-majority districts challenged under the 14th Amendment, and the DOJ's enforcement of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. Prior to joining the DOJ, Johnson clerked for the Honorable Harold Baker, Chief Judge of the US District Court for the Middle District of Illinois and, for five years, served as the assistant legal director at the Southern Poverty Law Center, where Johnson litigated lawsuits under an array of civil rights statutes, including the Voting Rights Act and Section 1983, and the First Amendment. Johnson obtained a BA from Michigan State University and JD from the University of Michigan Law School.
			Charlotte	Lanvers	Trial Attorney	Charlotte Lanvers is a Trial Attorney in the Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice (DOJ) where she enforces the ADA. From 2012-2014, Ms. Lanvers worked as a Staff Attorney at the Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) where she helped develop Section 504 and title II guidance about Section 504 obligations to respond appropriately to the bullying of students with disabilities. Prior to joining OCR, Ms. Lanvers worked at Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund as a Skadden Fellow and Staff Attorney on cases enforcing the ADA, Section 504 and IDEA. Ms. Lanvers holds an A.B. from Princeton University and a J.D. from Cornell Law School.
			Michelle	Bishop	Voter Access & Engagement Manager	Michelle Bishop leads a team to provide training and technical assistance to the P&A network on voting rights, voter engagement, and access to the vote for people with disabilities. She also works in coalition with the civil rights community in Washington, DC to ensure strong federal policy regarding voting rights and election administration. As a person with a disability, Michelle comes to NDRN with over 15 years experience in the disability vote and a passion for social justice.
			Adam	Lewis	Trial Attorney, Disability Rights Section	Adam Lewis is a Trial Attorney in the Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice (DOJ) where he enforces the ADA. Prior to joining the Civil Rights Division in 2019, Mr. Lewis worked first as a law clerk for Judge Richard Seeborg of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California in San Francisco and then for Judge Roy McLeese III of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Mr. Lewis holds a B.A. from Haverford College and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.
		P&As participating in the Juvenile Mis-incarceration project use a wide variety of diversion models at the state and local level. Some accept referrals from juvenile courts, judges, probation officers, juvenile defenders, case workers and others. Participants will design juvenile diversion models that reflect the reality in their state/community using a checklist based on the lessons learned by the many P&As currently engaged in this work. The Alabama P&A has supported the development of two online tools to help provide information on the services that those clients could be receiving to divert from the system and be successful in the community.	Diane	Howard	Managing Attorney	Managing Attorney for Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Legal Services A litigator with 24 years of experience in juvenile and education law, Diane Smith Howard's work at NDRN focuses on conditions for children, youth and adults with disabilities in institutional systems. Specifically, youth in the juvenile justice, child welfare, education, and refugee resettlement systems, and adults with disabilities in the criminal justice and mental health systems. Diane provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on these issues. In addition, she advocates on these issues within the Administration and on the Hill, and works with a number of coalitions, including the Civil Rights Roundtable. Diane holds a B.A. with honors from Colby College in 1986, and a J. D. from Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI. She retains active bar licenses in Michigan and Maine. She has taught at the graduate and high school level and has published a number of legal articles. In addition to working previously as a senior staff attorney for education law at NDRN's earlier iteration, NAPAS, she has also provided direct client representation, including systemic case representation, at the P&As in Maine and Michigan and for a legal services office in rural Michigan.

34	<p>Creating A Successful Juvenile Diversion System for Youth With Disabilities in Your State: Addressing the Needs of Intersectional Youth</p>		Jessica	Gingold	Staff Attorney	<p>Jessica Gingold joined Equip for Equality ("EFE") in August 2020, where she is an education advocate for court-involved youth. Before joining EFE, Jessica was a defense attorney for the previous 4 years, defending youth and emerging adults in juvenile and adult courts. Her first two years as a defense attorney where as a Prettyman Fellow in the Juvenile Justice Clinic at Georgetown Law in Washington D.C., where she not only represented youth an adults, but in her second year taught and supervised third-year law students. Jessica's interest as a youth advocate began when she was a youth worker at a youth civic leadership nonprofit in Chicago. Jessica received a Masters in Education from Harvard University in 2013 and graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 2016. While in law school, she helped found an interdisciplinary student organization that provided advocacy for K-12 students facing disciplinary proceedings. Jessica is currently a National Juvenile Defender Center Racial Justice Ambassador.</p>
35	<p>Simulated VR Hearing (1)</p>	<p>This multi-session institute is designed to provide an introduction to the skills needed by attorneys and advocates who handle, or may handle, administrative hearings. We will conduct a complete simulated vocational rehabilitation hearing, but the skills developed during this institute will be applicable to a variety of administrative hearings, including special education or Medicaid. Using a core hypothetical involving a person who is an assistive technology user, participants will be able to apply these concepts to a real-life situation. This session is a 4-session series. Space for this Institute is limited to 100 people.</p>	Ron	Hager	Managing Attorney	<p>Ron Hager provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on special education and assistive technology, and assists in overseeing training and technical assistance to CAP. He has specialized in disability law, particularly special education, since 1979, when he started his legal career in Buffalo as a VISTA attorney. After that, he was a Clinical Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School for nine years, supervising the Education Law Clinic. In 1991, Ron moved to Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) where he represented clients in a wide variety of disability-related cases. As part of NLS's National AT Advocacy Project, Ron also was a frequent author on disability-law-related issues. He was co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities for four years, and was the President of the Board of Directors of Autistic Services, Inc., in Western New York, for ten years. Ron earned a B.A. in Psychology from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.</p>
36	<p>The Fair Housing Act and Discriminatory Harassment</p>	<p>The right to be free from discrimination in housing under the Fair Housing Act doesn't end when the landlord hands the tenant the keys. Participants will learn about tenants' rights using specific examples such as how to respond when repeated complaints are ignored, or to sexual harassment, offensive or inappropriate comments by repairmen or landlord, or other types of bullying and discrimination. Similar situations may arise in other housing settings where services are provided, such as group homes and other residential care. The session will cover the obligations of housing providers and their potential liability under the Fair Housing Act for harassment of tenants and residents based on membership of a protected class, including case law and HUD regulations. The session will cover the obligations of housing providers and their potential liability under the Fair Housing Act for harassment of tenants and residents based on membership of a protected class, including case law and HUD regulations.</p>	Susan Ann	Silverstein	Senior Attorney	<p>Ms. Silverstein is a Senior Attorney for AARP Foundation where she litigates impact and systemic change cases in the areas of fair housing, disability rights and low-income issues. Ms. Silverstein has litigated significant cases establishing the rights of people with disabilities to age in place in public and private housing, including assisted living, retirement communities and in the context of community planning and redevelopment. Ms. Silverstein received her BS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her JD from Columbia University School of Law. She was a Community Builder Fellow with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in conjunction with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She began her career as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow at Southern Tier Legal Services in Bath, NY, and worked for other legal services offices in Western New York.</p>
37	<p>Lessons From Recent Federal-Level Olmstead and Medicaid Litigation</p>	<p>This session will provide an overview of recent federal Olmstead and Medicaid litigation with a focus on case findings that raise potential concerns for P&As considering similar litigation in the future; and briefly discuss possible methods to avoid these concerns. Speakers will also highlight recent caselaw in this area that are ripe for P&As to build upon.</p>	Steven	Schwartz	Legal Director	<p>Steven J. Schwartz is the Center's Legal Director. He began practicing mental disability law in 1971 after graduating from Harvard Law School and served as the Center's Executive Director for 38 years, until September 2011. He has extensive experience litigating class action cases challenging issues related to the institutional confinement and community integration of persons with disabilities and has successfully resolved a number of damage cases for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Schwartz has authored a number of law review articles, testified before Congress on P&A authorizing legislation and abuse and neglect issues, and served on the faculty of the Harvard and Western New England Law Schools.</p>
			Sarah	Somers	Managing Attorney	<p>Sarah Somers is Managing Attorney of the National Health Law Program's North Carolina offices. She specializes in litigation and litigation support to advance access to quality health care for low income and other underserved people. Working with health and poverty law advocates across the country, she engages in litigation, research, writing, and training on the Medicaid program, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Affordable Care Act, among other issues. Before joining the National Health Law Program, Sarah worked for the Native American Protection and Advocacy Project on the Navajo Nation, where she represented children in special education and Medicaid cases. She also worked for the Legal Aid Society of Alameda County and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California. She began her legal career as a judicial clerk for Justice James Brickley on the Supreme Court of Michigan. Sarah is a graduate of Wellesley College. She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and her M.P.H. from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health.</p>
			Elizabeth	Edwards	Senior Attorney	<p>Elizabeth Edwards is a Senior Attorney in the National Health Law Program's North Carolina offices. In addition to working with the National Health Law Program's litigation team to advance the health rights of low income and underserved individuals, Elizabeth's work includes policy advocacy and legal education. Elizabeth joined the National Health Law Program after five years with Disability Rights North Carolina, where she used the Medicaid Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and public policy to ensure equal access and community integration for individuals and groups, along with other ADA issues such as voting rights and accessibility. A graduate of the law school at UNC-Chapel Hill, Elizabeth obtained her bachelor's in environmental science and policy from Duke University.</p>

			Elizabeth	Priaulx	Senior Disability Legal Specialist	Elizabeth Priaulx provides assistance to P&As related to community integration, with a focus on Medicaid litigation and the implementation of the Olmstead v. L.C. Supreme Court Decision. Additionally, Elizabeth is responsible for the NDRN initiative to support and encourage P&A advocacy on behalf of senior citizens with disabilities. As part of this effort, Elizabeth manages the NDRN contract with the Administration for Community Living and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging to provide training and technical assistance to managed care organizations on quality, participant directed, Medicaid long term services and supports; and to help seniors and persons with disabilities plays a significant role in the development and implementation of these services and supports. Additionally, Elizabeth serves as a Technical Expert on Olmstead compliance for the NDRN contract with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Advocates for Human Potential to provide training and technical assistance to mental health block grant programs and PAIMI Councils. Elizabeth began working formally as a disability advocate in 1986, at United Cerebral Palsy Associations and also worked as a researcher at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. She has served as Vice-Chair on the Board of Directors of both the Independence Center of Northern Virginia and the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy. Priaulx received a B.A. from Emory University and a J.D. from the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, DC.	
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			Melissa	Day	Advocate	Melissa Day has been an Advocate at Disability Rights Ohio's P&A/Client Assistance Program (CAP) since 2013. Melissa works with transition age youth and adults to help them receive services and supports through Ohio's Vocational Rehabilitation agency provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and understand their rights under Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act. As a former recipient of VR services and former employee of Ohio's VR agency, she provides CAP advocacy from a unique perspective. Prior to joining Disability Rights Ohio, Melissa traveled the state of Ohio in 2003 spreading disability awareness as Ms. Wheelchair America Ohio and successfully lobbied the implementation of Ohio's Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disability program. In 2009, she obtained her law degree from Capital University Law School.	
			Tom	Cosker	Advocate	Tom is an advocate with Disability Rights CT and focuses mainly on employment and education related issues facing people with disabilities. Tom believes that education and employment are keys to inclusion of people with disabilities in our communities and advocates for individuals and systemic change to help make inclusion a reality for everyone. As a parent of a child with a disability, a parent leader in his community, and a former teacher, Tom has been advocating for people with disabilities for over 10 years.	
			Inez	Canada	Client Assistance Program Advocate	Inez Canada works as a Client Assistance Program Advocate at the Massachusetts Office on Disability. She has worked as a CAP Advocate for almost four years. Inez was drawn to this intellectually challenging work because it requires creative problem solving with competence and compassion. Inez's diligence, ingenuity, and enthusiasm are respected values that have opened opportunities for her to collaborate professionally and as a volunteer. Throughout her career, she has presented at vocational rehabilitation consumer conferences, developed interactive workshops, and created outreach and orientation materials. In March 2021, Inez was elected Chair of the Statewide Rehabilitation Council. She joined the Council in 2018 as a voting member representing former consumers of vocational rehabilitation services. Also, Inez tutors with the Cornerstone Ministries' Saturday Enrichment Program and is developing a mentoring model for Alcorn State University, the HBCU where she completed her undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Criminal Justice. She graduated Harvard Law in 2003 and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since then. She enjoys writing, reading, drawing, listening to music, and dabbling in crochet. Inez lives and works with an abiding joy that outshines adversity.	
39	Community Partnerships for Election Accessibility	The COVID-19 pandemic forced election changes in mere months that took years to achieve in the past, and the advocacy lessons learned are relevant for ongoing election modernization in other states. Learn how Disability Rights California and Asian Americans Advancing Justice worked together to build disability and language access into elections administration changes by tracking implementation and conducting statewide poll monitoring using a universal, cloud-based form. Presenters will share successes and numerous speed bumps encountered along the way.	2021-06-10 1:00 PM 60 00:00:00	Fred	Nisen	Supervising Attorney for Voter Rights	Fred Nisen is the Supervising Attorney for Disability Rights California, working out of its Oakland office. He coordinates DRC's voting work and leads a team of attorneys and advocates seeking to improve voting accessibility statewide. He is a co-chair of the Secretary of State's Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee and serves on the local VAAC in at least six counties in the Greater Bay Area. Nisen is a member of the Future of California Elections and is on the steering committee of Voter's Choice California, a network sponsored by FoCE, working with counties and community-based organizations to ensure the smooth implementation of the Voter's Choice Act.
			Adria	Orr	Senior Program Coordinator, Voting Rights & Census	Adria Orr is the Senior Program Coordinator on the Voting Rights and Census team at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (ALC). In addition to leading ALC's poll monitoring program, her work spans voter education, election advocacy, and redistricting. She is a graduate of Brown University and NYU Wagner Graduate School for Public Service.	
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			Paul	Spencer	Staff Attorney II	Paul R. Spencer is a Staff Attorney II with DRC's Voting Rights Practice Group. Paul works on issues across California impacting voters with disabilities. He is focused on removing barriers to voter registration, improving the in-person voter experience and empowering people with disabilities to vote.	
40	Effective Advocacy for Clients with I/DD in the Workplace	According to the U.S. Department of Labor, in 2020, 17.9 percent of persons with a disability were employed, down from 19.3 percent in 2019. As we strive to encourage more and more people with I/DD to seek and achieve competitive, integrated employment, P&As are uniquely positioned to advocate for equal employment opportunities for clients with I/DD. During this session, we will examine how you can be an effective advocate for clients with I/DD during the entire employment process, from application to termination. We will discuss core legal principles, share the tools you need to spot issues, and identify practical strategies to overcome common barriers to employment. We will examine effective advocacy strategies ranging from self-advocacy to negotiation to litigation so we'll have something for everyone, whether you are an employment advocacy newcomer or veteran litigator. We will discuss core legal principles, share the tools you need to spot issues, and identify practical strategies to overcome common barriers to employment. We will examine effective advocacy strategies ranging from self-advocacy to negotiation to litigation so we'll have something	2021-06-10 1:00 PM 60 00:00:00	Kenneth	Shiotani	Senior Staff Attorney	Ken Shiotani provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on ADA Title I, II & III, fair housing and federally assisted housing, employment law and provides legal support to the P&As Help America Vote Act Project. He is also responsible for LegalEase, the monthly publication to the P&As which highlights significant court decisions and federal agency regulations and guidance that affect P&A advocacy. Ken also is the NDRN Amicus Coordinator. Prior to joining NDRN in 2005, Ken provided representation to low income people in housing and public benefits, including cash assistance, Food Stamps, and Medicaid as well as unemployment benefits in urban and rural civil legal programs in New York and Maryland. His work ranged from defending evictions in local justice courts to public benefits hearings to appeals and involvement in impact litigation in the federal courts. He began his legal services career in 1980 as a VISTA volunteer and then as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow. Ken received his undergraduate degree in history from New York University and his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.
			Rachel	Weisberg	Attorney & Employment Rights Helpline Manager	Rachel Weisberg is an experienced disability rights attorney who has represented hundreds of clients in individual and systemic disability discrimination cases under Titles I, II and III of the ADA, and analogous state and local laws. Rachel enjoys providing in-depth client counseling services, as well as direct advocacy services through negotiation and representation in administrative and judicial forums. Rachel also manages EFE's Employment Rights Helpline, which aims to expand employment opportunities by providing legal and practical advice to applicants and individuals with disabilities. Rachel is a frequent trainer on the disability rights laws and speaks regularly at national conferences and webinars. Prior to Equip for Equality, Rachel worked for the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Sidley Austin LLP, and clerked in the Northern District of Ohio. Before law school, Rachel worked as an ADA technical assistance specialist at the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center, and during law school interned with EFE and the Disability Rights Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. Rachel is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law and the University of Michigan.	

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41	Collaborating with DOJ to Enforce Olmstead	A panel of representatives from a P&A, the DOJ Disability Rights Section, and the DOJ Special Litigation Section will use case examples to describe common types of DOJ and P&A collaboration. The panelists will also answer P&A questions related to working with DOJ to enforce Olmstead. Discussion would cover: 1) some effective relationships DOJ and P&As have had working together both formally or informally, and what made them effective; 2) potential roles of the P&A to impact the effectiveness of DOJ settlement; 3) issues P&As should consider prior to requesting DOJ assistance; and 4) anticipated DOJ litigation priorities.	2021-06-10 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Elizabeth	Priaulx	Senior Disability Legal Specialist	Elizabeth Priaulx provides assistance to P&As related to community integration, with a focus on Medicaid litigation and the implementation of the Olmstead v. L.C. Supreme Court Decision. Additionally, Elizabeth is responsible for the NDRN initiative to support and encourage P&A advocacy on behalf of senior citizens with disabilities. As part of this effort, Elizabeth manages the NDRN contract with the Administration for Community Living and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging to provide training and technical assistance to managed care organizations on quality, participant directed, Medicaid long term services and supports; and to help seniors and persons with disabilities play a significant role in the development and implementation of these services and supports. Additionally, Elizabeth serves as a Technical Expert on Olmstead compliance for the NDRN contract with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Advocates for Human Potential to provide training and technical assistance to mental health block grant programs and PAIMI Councils. Elizabeth began working formally as a disability advocate in 1986, at United Cerebral Palsy Associations and also worked as a researcher at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. She has served as Vice-Chair on the Board of Directors of both the Independence Center of Northern Virginia and the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy. Priaulx received a B.A. from Emory University and a J.D. from the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, DC.
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43	Conflict of Interest - Ethics	P&As face a number of potential conflict of interest issues, some obvious, and others less so, in representing clients and undertaking P&A monitoring and investigative functions. Conflicts issues can arise when representing clients who work for disability service providers or disability partners; clients involved in peer on peer abuse; and clients who might also serve as representative payees. Join this session to discuss common scenarios in order to identify the legal ethical issues and ways to mitigate, if possible, in accordance with the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.	2021-06-10 4:00 PM 90 00:00:00	David	Hutt	Deputy Executive Director for Legal Services	David Hutt oversees the work of the NDRN Legal Services Unit which addresses numerous legal issues impacting the rights of persons with disabilities and the Protection and Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program. David provides training and technical assistance to the P&As on legal management and organization, P&A statutory authorities, and supported decision making and guardianship among other issues. Prior to his current role, David assisted P&As on organizational standing, abuse and neglect investigations and monitoring, human trafficking, and conducted trainings on Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and other employment laws. He was involved in international disability rights issues, especially the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and led NDRN's effort to produce four reports for the National Council on Disability on the enforcement of disability rights law by federal agencies. David previously worked to create and manage the first iteration of the Representative Payee Review Project, and provided training and technical assistance on vocational rehabilitation law for the Client Assistance Program. David was a staff attorney at Legal Services of Central New York before joining NDRN, representing clients in employment discrimination, vocational rehabilitation, Medicaid, consumer debt, and accessibility cases. David earned a B.A. from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., holds a J.D. and Ph.D. in political science from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and is licensed to practice law in New York State and the District of Columbia.
			Susan	Carle	Professor of Law and Vice Dean		
			Lisa	Lerman	Professor Emerita		
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45	Olmstead Revisited: Racial Justice, Alternatives to Policing and Institutionalization – A Case Study and Lessons Learned	Counsel and advocates in the DRC v. Alameda County Olmstead case will discuss use of the ADA integration mandate to include issues of racial justice, COVID, alternatives to policing, and deinstitutionalization. The panel will discuss issues and data used to shape the case, draft pleadings and craft relief from an equity lens and commitment to deinstitutionalization and community-based mental health services and housing.	2021-06-11 1:00 PM 60 00:00:00	Jennifer	Mathis	Director of Policy and Legal Advocacy	Jennifer Mathis is Director of Policy and Legal Advocacy at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. The Center is a national non-profit legal advocacy organization that advances the rights of people with mental disabilities. Jennifer's work focuses primarily on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Medicaid rights of adults and children with disabilities. Jennifer uses litigation as well as legislative and administrative policy advocacy to promote equal opportunity for people with disabilities in all areas of life, including community living, health care, housing, employment, education, parental and family rights, voting, and other areas. Jennifer played a key role in coordinating strategy and briefing when the Olmstead case was heard by the Supreme Court, and has litigated numerous community integration cases before and after. She has been at the Bazelon Center since 1999, with the exception of one year during which she left to work as a Special Assistant to Commissioner Chai Feldblum at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, helping to draft regulations implementing the ADA Amendments Act and the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act.
			Leslie	Napper	Peer Advocate	Leslie Napper, proud native of Sacramento, CA, is a Peer Advocate for Disability Rights California (DRC), and a former Patients' Rights Advocate in Sacramento, Yolo, Napa, and San Joaquin Counties. Leslie has served as Chair on Disability Rights California's Board of Directors, Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Advisory Council, CalMHSA Advisory Council, and served on Sacramento County's Mental Health Board. She currently serves on Sacramento County's MHSA Steering Committee representing Adult Mental Health Consumers. As a consultant to California Institute for Mental Health (CIMH) Leslie developed and lead a statewide African American Mental Health Consumer Leadership training, as well as facilitated and assisted in the development of trainings providing technical advice to California's Local Mental Health Boards/Commissions. Lead plaintiff in Napper vs county of Sacramento she worked closely with DRC's legal team in litigation and settlement of the case. She is passionate about empowering others to advocate for themselves and others to eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness and effect change. Leslie identifies as a person living with a Mental Health disability and has been a respected Mental Health Advocate for more than 15 years.	

				Philip	Fornaci	Staff Attorney	Philip Fornaci provides training and technical assistance on adult criminal justice issues for persons with disabilities as well as on abuse or neglect of persons with disabilities who reside in institutional settings. Prior to joining NDRN in March 2020, Philip spent more than twelve years as an advocate and litigator in Washington, DC on behalf of prisoners and formerly incarcerated people. He developed particular expertise around prison conditions, as well as around access to medical care and parole decision-making, with a specialized focus on issues affecting prisoners with disabilities. For five years, Philip served as the Executive Director for the Maryland P&A, now called Disability Rights Maryland, and later as Executive Director for a legal services program providing employment advocacy for low-income workers. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University and a J.D. from the George Washington University School of Law.
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46	Advocacy for People with Mental Illness in Prisons and Jails	People with mental illness incarcerated in jails and prisons face some of the worst abuses. In addition to the denial of basic mental health services, incarcerated people with mental illness are subjected to extended periods of solitary confinement and other disciplinary actions, to physical abuse and to denial of access to programs and medical services. These conditions lead to physical and psychological harm and even death of people with mental illness in jails and prisons. Presenters will discuss litigation and non-litigation advocacy strategies, and some of the lessons learned from broad-based litigation on behalf of people with mental illness in carceral settings. They will also explore the barriers facing incarcerated people with mental health disabilities when seeking remediation of rights violations with respect to their conditions of care, discipline, and disciplinary measures, and address advocacy strategies to over these barriers. Presenters will discuss litigation and non-litigation advocacy strategies, and some of the lessons learned from broad-based litigation on behalf of people with mental illness in carceral setting. They will also explore the barriers facing incarcerated people with mental health disabilities when seeking remediation of rights violations with respect to their conditions of care, discipline, and disciplinary measures, and address advocacy strategies to over these barriers.	2021-06-11 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Mark	Murphy	Senior Attorney	
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47	The Intersection of Disability and Consumer Law: Wheelchair Repair, Warranty Protections, and UDAP Claims	One of the largest consumer law problems affecting people with physical disabilities is wheelchair repair; it is commonplace for wheelchair users to be left stranded or isolated in their homes for weeks awaiting repairs -- unable to get to work, school, medical appointments, the grocery store, and other places necessary for independent living. In this session, we will discuss the need for consumer law regimes that level the playing field between providers and consumers, shorten repair wait times, and ensure that those who use wheelchairs are treated with dignity and respect.	2021-06-11 2:30 PM 60 00:00:00	Cheryl	Bates-Harris	Senior Disability Advocacy Specialist	Cheryl Bates-Harris is a Senior Disability Advocacy Specialist for National Disability Rights Network where she has worked for over 24 years. Her experience and expertise working with people with disabilities has always involved employment. She has an in-depth knowledge of cross disability issues and continues to focus on employment issues of people with disabilities, including Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security Return to Work, TANF, DOL OneStops, sheltered workshops and other employment programs that impact people with disabilities. By default she has developed a working knowledge of Schedule A hiring authorities and continues to answer questions on this from applicants, professionals, and hiring managers. She provides technical assistance and training to the Protection and Advocacy/Client Assistance Programs nationwide and has given presentations at many other national conferences including Partners in Policy Making.
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			Rick	Glassman	Director of Advocacy	Rick Glassman is the Director of Advocacy at the Disability Law Center (www.dlc-ma.org) in Boston Massachusetts. He has over 35 years of practice experience in the areas of poverty law, civil rights and disability rights in both federal and state courts, and through legislative and administrative advocacy. Rick is a 1981 graduate of Colgate University, magna cum laude, and received his J.D. in 1984 from Northeastern University School of Law. From April 2006 to February 2014, he served as Director of Litigation at the Disability Law Center, when he then assumed his current position as Director of Advocacy. Over the past 15 years, Rick has worked on disability rights issues such as monitoring and investigating abuse and neglect in congregate settings, housing discrimination; restraint and seclusion of children in schools; eligibility for adult services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; access to public accommodations; assistive technology; rights of prisoners with psychiatric disabilities; rights to live and receive services in an integrated setting in the community; and wage and hour issues on behalf of subminimum wage workers with disabilities. His responsibilities also include training, supervising and mentoring new attorneys and law students. Rick may be reached at rglassman@dlc-ma.org.	
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