

UNIVERSITY LEGAL SERVICES, INC.
Protection and Advocacy Program
for the District of Columbia

ULS Public Input Survey for Fiscal Year 2010

University Legal Services (“ULS”) is a private, non-profit organization that protects and promotes the rights of persons who have disabilities in the District of Columbia. ULS is authorized to do its work by federal laws that also require that we identify priorities each year that will determine which cases we accept, what kind of training and education we provide, and what systemic issues we will address.

Every year we ask persons who have disabilities, their family members and other interested individuals to tell us what kinds of issues and problems they think ULS should work to improve.

In this survey, we want you to tell us about the most important issues affecting the rights and services of individuals with mental illness in the District of Columbia. Please contact ULS if you would like to complete the survey in an alternate format.

If you would like to see a copy of our current goals, priorities and objectives, you can call (202) 547-0198 to request a copy. You can also download a copy from our website at www.uls-dc.org.

Because ULS cannot address every issue of concern to individuals with mental illness, we are asking for your help in selecting those that are most important to you. Please choose the 3 that you consider **most important** by checking the box next to those issues.

- Improper seclusion, restraint and involuntary medication in institutional settings
- Discharge from institutional settings
- Access to appropriate community-based mental health services and supports
- Access to and the quality of the Department of Mental Health’s grievance system
- Lack of respect for consumer choice and consumer-directed care
- Overly restrictive guardianships or non-responsive guardians
- Financial exploitation
- Segregation of students with mental illness within the school setting
- Other _____

Please use this space to provide any additional comments or describe other issues you would like to see ULS address in the upcoming fiscal year:

Please use this space to provide any comments, suggestions or concerns about ULS and the services it provides to individuals with disabilities:

Please check below all descriptions that apply to you. Providing this information is voluntary. The information will assist ULS in ensuring that the survey represents the full diversity of the District of Columbia.

- Person with a disability/consumer
- Family member/guardian/friend
- Representative of a public agency
- Advocate/attorney
- Service Provider
- Teacher
- Legislator
- Other: _____

Please return the survey to Jane Brown at University Legal Services, 220 I Street, N.E., Ste. 130, Washington, D.C. 20002 by September 18, 2009. You may mail it, fax it to (202) 547-2662, or send it via e-mail to jbrown@uls-dc.org. **Thank you for your time and assistance!**

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