

UNIVERSITY LEGAL
Protection & Advocacy Program



SERVICES
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Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
Fact Sheet

University Legal Services (“ULS”) is the Protection and Advocacy (“P&A”) program for individuals with disabilities in the District of Columbia. ULS is an independent, non-profit organization. ULS is not part of the Department on Disability Services (DDS), the District of Columbia Public Schools, or any other city agency.

As the P&A, ULS protects and advocates for the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities. ULS provides individual and systemic legal representation, community outreach and education, investigation of abuse and neglect, and policy work. All services are free to eligible individuals, according to ULS’ annual priorities.

ULS believes in the dignity of all individuals.

ULS believes that all individuals with developmental disabilities, including children and adults, should be able to live, learn, and receive services in the community.

ULS believes that individuals should direct their own care and should be given choices about services, housing, providers, medication, etc.

ULS may be able to assist you with:

- Obtaining home and community-based services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) or Medicaid;
- Advocating for special education services in your neighborhood school;
- Investigating abuse and neglect; and
- Learning about choice and rights.

ULS has special legal authority to access facilities, individuals, and records for the purpose of investigating possible abuse, neglect, or rights violations.

For more information or to complete an intake, call ULS at (202) 547-0198

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