



## What are the Needs of People with Disabilities in New Mexico?

Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM) is an independent, private non-profit agency which protects and promotes the human and civil rights of people with disabilities. Every year we focus our work based on public input from the community. The major issues that guide our work are:

- Decrease the **abuse** and **neglect** of people with disabilities
- Ensure that **publicly-funded programs** provide services that meet the needs of people with disabilities. Examples: Mi Via, the Medicaid waivers, long-term and managed care and public housing
- Improve services for people with disabilities in **jails, prisons, detention facilities** and **psychiatric hospitals**
- Ensure that students with disabilities receive appropriate services and are not **excluded** from **special education programs**
- Ensure that people with disabilities receive the services and supports they need from **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** to return to work or obtain a job
- Preserve and expand **Medicaid** health care programs
- Promote the creation and expansion of community-based **mental health crisis services**
- Ensure that people with disabilities have the **right** to make their own **choices and decisions**

*We need your help! What do you think we should work on?*

Please list the top 3 issues that are most important to you: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us about you: (optional)

I am a person with disability (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I am family member of a person with a disability (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I am a service provider to person with disabilities (please specify disability area)

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