



**Disability
Rights**
Michigan

Impact Report

October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Our Work



18,043

individual's voting rights
were protected through
DRM's ADA assessments



3,646

Social media
followers



5,846

online views of "Students
with Disabilities: An
Advocate's Guide"



686

individuals were
served by the
Covid-19
Vaccination team



4,111

calls to DRM
Information and
Referral advocates



1.7 Million

individuals reached
through media
outreach.

A close-up, slightly blurred image of a person's hand resting on the rim of a wheelchair wheel, positioned on the left side of the page.

Our Stories

A caller contacted DRM because he needed computer skills training for insurance sales and Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) was not providing them.

The caller had attempted different computer courses, but they were not a good fit.

A DRM advocate learned there was a misunderstanding between the client and his MRS counselor.

Ultimately MRS agreed to provide the computer skills training.

A client asked for help to get his guardian removed. The client was given information about how to petition for removal of the guardianship. And less restrictive alternatives to guardianship were explored.

A DRM advocate provided information about how to communicate his needs to the court-appointed attorney.

The client went to the hearing and guardianship was ended. The client was excited to have the freedom to make choices about his living situation and no longer being under a guardianship order.

DRM was contacted by a client who communicated through an interpreter and was having difficulty receiving dialysis treatment because there wasn't an interpreter available for the entire time.

A DRM attorney advocated in partnership with the guardian and client's social worker and was able to ensure the dialysis center had an interpreter assigned to the client on his treatment days.

DRM was contacted on behalf of a 14-year-old student who qualified for special education as a student with an Emotional Impairment.

The school district had put the student on a shortened school day while pursuing him for truancy. The district had failed to reconvene to address the need for support that would allow him to build engagement skills. A DRM advocate obtained and reviewed his school records and spoke with the client's mother.

DRM filed a state special education administrative complaint on the student's behalf. After completing its investigation, the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education (MDE-OSE) issued its report and decision, finding the district out of compliance on several issues.

MDE-OSE ordered corrective action and was required to provide the student with 30 hours of compensatory education, with 20 hours to address social/emotional needs. MDE-OSE also directed the district to make additional systemic changes which will benefit other students with IEPs.

DRM was contacted by a prisoner who was not receiving the necessary products to properly sanitize and care for a tracheostomy and he was concerned he may have an infection.

A DRM advocate contacted the Office of Legal Affairs and Health Services at the Michigan Department of Corrections to request they look into the client's medical concerns.

The client e-mailed the advocate to inform he was doing well after moving to a single cell which accommodates his medical equipment, and his trach tubing is now being cleaned in a timely and hygienic manner.

A client called DRM because she received a notice from Social Security stating she was overpaid \$24,000 in benefits due to her work activity.

The client filed an appeal, and DRM assisted to make sure her subsidy information was applied.

Social Security processed the appeal and subsidy information, the overpayment was fully eliminated, and her benefits were restored.



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9 PROGRAMS OPERATED BY DISABILITY RIGHTS MICHIGAN

The Protection and Advocacy for:

1. Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities **(PADD)**
2. Individuals with Mental Illness **(PAIMI)**
3. Individual Rights **(PAIR)**
4. The Client Assistance Program **(CAP)**
5. Beneficiaries of Social Security **(PABSS)**
6. Voting Accessibility **(PAVA)**
7. Assistive Technology **(PAAT)**
8. Beneficiaries with Representative Payees **(PABRP)**
9. Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury **(PATBI)**

Grant Expenditures		Percent
PADD	\$1,176,314	20.7%
PAIMI	\$922,227	16.2%
PAIR/GLADA	\$533,237	9.4%
CAP	\$239,315	4.2%
PAAT	\$143,131	2.5%
PABSS	\$162,215	2.85%
PAVA	\$144,567	2.5%
Rep Payee	\$883,977	15.6%
PATBI	\$103,881	1.8%
State Grant	\$194,400	3.4%
COVID Grants	\$1,124,880	19.8%
Private Grants & Contracts		0.0%
Donations & Miscellaneous	\$56,368	1.0%
	\$5,684,512	100.0%
Expenses		
Program Services	\$4,928,233	
Management & General	\$577,072	
	\$5,505,305	



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