### MISSION & POLICY

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center defends and enforces the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities.

**Human Rights**
- are those natural rights that are accorded to all human beings. They are clearly stated in the U.S. Constitution as the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

**Civil Rights**
- are an expansion of basic human rights and are specified in the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Hawaii State Constitution. They include the rights to freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly; petition for change; equal protection under the law; privacy; confidentiality; appeal decisions; freedom from oppression, unlawful search and seizure; and cruel and unusual punishment.

**Legal Rights**
- are an expansion of our human and civil rights as established by specific laws, such as those laws which authorize protection and advocacy for people with disabilities.

**It is the policy of HDRC to:**
- Advocate for as many people with disabilities in the State of Hawaii, on as wide a range of disability rights issues, as our limited resources allow; and to:
- Resolve rights violations with the lowest feasible level of intervention; but to also:
- Provide full legal representation, including litigation, if necessary, to protect the rights of people with disabilities, consistent with authorizing statutes and Center priorities.

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### FINANCES

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The Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) is Hawaii's designated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system for people with disabilities and designated Client Assistance Program (CAP). HDRC was established as a non-profit corporation (Kahua Ho'omalu Kina, A Place of Protection for the Handicapped, dba Protection and Advocacy Agency of Hawaii) in 1977 to protect and advocate for the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities.

Federal mandate: THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY (P&A) SYSTEM for people with disabilities is mandated in seven separate federal laws:

1. PAAT – Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Assistive Technology
2. PABSS – Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security
3. PADD – Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
4. PAIMI – Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness
5. PAIR – Protection & Advocacy for Individual Rights
6. PATBI – Protection & Advocacy for Individual with Traumatic Brain Injury
7. PAVA – Protection & Advocacy for Voter Access

THE CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP), is nationwide system to:

• Inform and advise all applicants and recipients of all available services under the Rehabilitation Act and to help them obtain services;
• Investigate complaints, resolve problems, appeal decisions; and to represent applicants and clients of vocational rehabilitation in legal or other proceedings; and
• Provide information about Title I of the ADA.

THE WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE (WIPA) PROGRAM is a nationwide system to help Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities (recipients of SSI and/or SSDI) succeed in their pursuit of gainful employment and efforts to return to work by.

State mandate: Protection and Advocacy is also authorized in Hawaii Revised Statutes 333F-8.5, and HDRC is designated by Executive Orders 77-3, 82-4, 89-2 and 94-06 to provide its important protections for people with disabilities in the State of Hawaii.