a private non-profit public interest corporation, protects and promotes the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities through the provision of information and advocacy.

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“Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently; enjoy self-determination; make choices; pursue meaningful careers; and enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of American society.”

Numerous federal and state laws create entitlements and services to benefit and support people with disabilities so that they can live independently and enjoy self-determination. Examples of these are:

► Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988 ("Tech Act") establishes a right to Assistive Technology for qualified people with disabilities.

► The Social Security Act provides Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare and Medicaid benefits for qualified people with disabilities.

► Assistive Technology

► Specific services for certain disabilities:
  • Developmental Disabilities
  • Mental Illness

► Financial Entitlements
  • Food Stamps
  • Supplemental Security Income

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