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Fiscal Year 2019 Impact Report

In 2019, Disability Law Colorado enjoyed victories that changed the lives of hundreds of individual clients, as well as public policy advances that have the potential to change thousands of lives for years to come. We continue to stand our ground and fight every day for the rights of people with disabilities and elders throughout Colorado.

The Protection & Advocacy Teams include: Intake, Education, Access, Facilities, and Community Integration. In 2019 P&A staff recorded: 794 Information & Referrals (I&R’s) and a total of 586 Case Services. We served clients aged 2 to 90 in 51 of Colorado’s 64 counties. Thirty-nine percent of our cases were from rural areas, while 61% were in urban settings. In addition to taking over 3,000 calls and conducting over 1,000 intakes, staff from all teams contributed to our work.

In 2019, the Colorado State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and the Legal Assistance Developer Program worked to expand their service capacity. In 2019, legal assistance providers served 7,824 elders across the state requiring 12,748 hours of legal services. In addition, 2,837 hours of service were provided on a pro bono basis. Colorado has 232 nursing homes with a total of 21,134 beds and 698 assisted living residences with a total of 24,145 beds.

DISABILITY LAW COLORADO OUTREACH
Sharing Census 2020 & Mighty Rights Press Information

Mighty Rights Press, the publications division of Disability Law Colorado, has been ramping up its outreach efforts to educate and empower people with disabilities and their advocates. In early February, we attended the Courage to Risk Conference – an annual gathering in Colorado Springs of special education advocates that include administrators, teachers, parents and support service providers. Mighty Rights Press spoke to conference attendees about our award-winning self-advocacy tools. Many conference attendees shared how reading and sharing The Everyday Guide to Special Education Law, Guía de la Ley de Educación, and Preventing Litigation in Special Education Workbook made a positive impact in their lives and schools. Disability Law Colorado attorneys, Emily Harvey and Jennifer Levin, presented at the conference and encouraged attendees to visit our information table and learn more about self-advocacy in special education.

In early March, Disability Law Colorado was a sponsor of a screening of the Intelligent Lives documentary at Children’s Hospital. At the event team members Georgia Kasow and Elina Rodriguez gave away water bottles filled with information about the upcoming 2020 Census, and shared insights about our self-advocacy tools and ways individuals with disabilities can learn and thrive inside and outside school settings. It was a meaningful reminder of how education and self-advocacy can make a big difference.

Discover more about our self-advocacy tools and other Mighty Rights Press products by visiting our website: mightyrightspress.org.

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