

DLC Federally Funded Priorities: 2025-2026

Disability Law Colorado is a small, nonprofit civil rights agency with a broad mission: to protect and advocate for the rights of Coloradans with disabilities. We advance that mission through education, monitoring, investigation, and legal representation, among other tools.

DLC relies largely on federal grants to fund our work. Since those funds are limited, we try to use them to help as many people as possible—changing Colorado for the better.

We reached out to hundreds of Coloradans with disabilities and other stakeholders to shape our 2025 priorities. Here is the result.

Disability Law Colorado aims to ensure that Coloradans with disabilities:

- are free from abuse and neglect;
- are not removed or at risk of being removed from school, bullied, restrained, or secluded because of their disability;
- are not denied appropriate health care or other individualized services because of their disability;
- do not face discrimination in securing accessible, affordable, and supportive housing;
- can obtain reasonable accommodations—and do not face harassment or retaliation—at work;
- can live as independently as possible in the least restrictive setting, based on their individual needs;
- can make their own decisions and can use supported decision-making, when appropriate, as an alternative to guardianship or conservatorship;
- receive appropriate services from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Centers for Independent Living;
- can access transportation and government buildings and services; and
- understand and can fully exercise their voting rights.

DLC also:

- investigates representative payees, under the direction of the Social Security Administration; and
- pursues the enforcement of ongoing settlement agreements and consent decrees.

Please note that even if your concern matches one of our priorities, DLC may not have the capacity to take your case. See our [Criteria for Representation](#) for more information.