



### Join Our PAIMI Advisory Council

Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services (DRDC), the protection and advocacy program for individuals with disabilities in the District of Columbia, is looking for volunteers to join the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Advisory Council.

The PAIMI Advisory Council's job is to advise the DRDC staff on the work DRDC does in protecting the rights of mental health consumers. The PAIMI Advisory Council makes recommendations on issues that need to be changed or worked on to best serve the community. The PAIMI Advisory Council works with DRDC in helping to educate mental health consumers about the services DRDC provides to the disability communities.

The PAIMI Advisory Council has a maximum of thirteen (13) members and is comprised of:

- Consumers;
- Family members of consumers, especially the primary caregiver of a child receiving services related to mental illness;
- Lawyers;
- Providers (youth and adults);
- Doctors (psychiatric, therapist, etc.);
- Individuals knowledgeable about mental illness.

We value diversity and welcome individuals from all communities in the District of Columbia.

The PAIMI Advisory Council meets every four months from 5:30 – 7:00 pm on the first Monday.

Members of the PAIMI Advisory Council must have strong ties to the District of Columbia. Council members must be either residents of the District of Columbia, work for organizations that primarily serve residents of the District of Columbia, or act as the primary caregiver for a minor or youth who is currently receiving mental health services in the District of Columbia.

Join the PAIMI Advisory Council and help make a difference.

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