

## Legal Resources: Disabilities

# **Navigation Services**



Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

#### **Colorado Civil Rights Division**

303-894-2997 or 800-262-4845

https://www.colorado.gov/dora/civil-rights

1560 Broadway, Ste. 1050, Denver, CO 80202-5143

- Hours: 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday
- Jurisdiction over claims of discrimination on the basis of: color, race, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, religion/creed, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, retaliation, marriage to a co-worker, sexual orientation, & gender identity
- Party must file within 6 months of alleged discrimination
- Assistance in Spanish is available via phone only no facilities currently available for other languages

## **Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships**

720-913-8450

hrcp@denvergov.org

https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/human-rights-and-community-partnerships.html

Webb Municipal Building, 2nd Floor - 201 W. Colfax Avenue, Dept. 1102 Denver, Colorado 80202

- Umbrella agency for eight distinct offices that deal with issues that concern older adults, persons with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, GLBT persons, and racial, ethnic and religious minorities.
- Hours: 8:00am 5:00pm

#### **Denver Anti-Discrimination Office**

720-913-8458 or 720-913-8475 TTY

https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/human-rights-and-community-partnerships/our-offices/anti-discrimination.html

201 W. Colfax, Dept. 1102, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl, Denver, CO 80202

- Office hours 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday
- Protects individuals in the City and County of Denver by eliminating discrimination by reason of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender variance, marital status, military status, and physical and/or mental disability in employment
- See website for fact sheet and information on how to file a claim of discrimination

#### American Civil Liberties Union - Colorado

303-777-5482

https://aclu-co.org/ (go to "Need Legal Help?" tab for specific instructions on what to include in requests for legal help) 303 E 17<sup>th</sup> Ave Suite 350, Denver CO 80203

• Hours: 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday (telephone only)

Some resources listed may have income requirements or other specific guidelines. Please call the phone numbers listed to check for eligibility.

Often, you have to leave a message prior to speaking to a representative. These representatives are usually not barred attorneys and should not replace or supersede the advice of an attorney. Due to the volume of calls received, your call may not be returned promptly for an emergency matter. Please contact an attorney in the event of an emergency.

\*Completing a phone interview is not an agreement for legal representation\*

If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

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- Provides pro bono representation exclusively in the areas of civil rights/civil liberties and constitutional law.
- All requests must be made in writing and must include information specified on ACLU website. ACLU does not review requests for legal assistance via phone or in person.
- Requests must be submitted by letter, by email at <a href="intake@aclu-co.org">intake@aclu-co.org</a>, or faxed in to 303-777-1773
- Services available in Spanish

#### Disability Law Colorado (formerly The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People)

303-722-0300 All lines voice/TTY or 800-288-1376

https://www.disabilitylawco.org/

455 Sherman Street, Ste. 130, Denver, CO 80203

- Hours: 8:30am-5pm, Monday-Friday
- Disability Law Colorado offers legal representation, information, and referrals to people with disabilities, older people, and their families
- To discuss a potential case of workplace discrimination or learn more about job services, please contact
   Disability Law Colorado by phone or contact page on website
- Services available in Spanish

### NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Colorado Law Line

303-321-3104

http://www.namicolorado.org/LAWLINE/tabid/111/Default.aspx

- Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm, call and ask for the Law Line
- Volunteer licensed Colorado attorneys provide free legal consultation to persons seeking information and advice
  on issues related to mental health law & issues directly affecting persons who have mental illness, their families,
  or loved ones.
- Service provided to persons seeking limited legal information and advice in targeted areas:
  - o Involuntary Civil Commitment
  - Criminal Cases
  - Social Security
  - Guardianship
  - Special Education
  - Employment
  - Trusts/Estate
  - o Family Law (in limited counties)
  - Immigration
- NAMI Colorado staff member will screen requests, and if criteria are met, will provide you with the name and
  phone number of a volunteer attorney with special knowledge in one of the above targeted areas. <u>It is then</u>
  <u>your responsibility to contact that volunteer attorney by phone</u>. Volunteer attorneys have agreed to return calls
  and provide phone consultation within a 48-hour period (excluding weekends and holidays).

#### The Arc of Colorado

303-232-1338 – Jefferson County chapter 303-864-9334 – Main Colorado chapter line

https://thearcofco.org/

1580 Logan St, Suite 730, Denver CO 80203

Serves individuals in Colorado (birth to elderly) with developmental disabilities.

jcmh.org | 303-425-0300

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- Services include: information, referral and advocacy to assist families to obtain access to services, including
  education, eligibility determination for public services and benefits, individual/family support, parenting skills
  and training, public education and volunteer programs.
- Please go to website to check for local chapter information before calling the main chapter, or see local info below.
- Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday (no drop-in hours)

#### The Arc of Colorado - Local Chapters

Denver County

303-831-7733

ADVOCACY Denver, 1905 Sherman St, Ste. 300, Denver, CO 80203

Adams County

303-428-0310

The Arc of Adams County, 641 E 112<sup>th</sup> Ave, Northglenn, CO 80233

Arapahoe & Douglas Counties

303-220-9228

The Arc of Arapahoe & Douglas Counties 6538 S Racine Circle, Centennial, CO 80111

Aurora

720-213-1420

The Arc of Aurora, 1342 South Chambers Road, Aurora, CO 80017

Boulder

303-527-0888

The Association for Community Living in Boulder County 2770 Dagny Way Suite 202, Lafayette, CO 80026

Jefferson, Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties

303-232-1338

The Arc In Jefferson County, 13949 W Colfax Ave, Bldg 1, Suite 150, Lakewood, CO 80401

#### **Colorado Legal Services**

303-837-1313

1905 Sherman St., 4th Floor, Denver, CO 80203

https://www.coloradolegalservices.org/

- This organization provides help for low-income individuals wanting information such as self-help legal information; where to find legal help; who qualifies for free or low-cost legal help; and information about the courts, clinics, and other available help.
- Areas of expertise include public benefits related to disability: SSI, Social Security Disability, AND (Aid to the Needy Disabled), Medicaid, and Medicare.
  - Civil legal matters only no criminal offenses or traffic issues.
  - You will need to leave a message, and a clinician will return your call to conduct a phone assessment.
     You can also apply for assistance online and have a clinician contact you. If you are unable to accept phone calls, you may be asked to come into the office between 8:30 and 11am on a Monday,
     Wednesday, or Friday for walk-ins.

#### **Metro Volunteer Lawyers**

303-830-8210

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1905 Sherman Street, #400, Denver, CO 80203

https://www.denbar.org/mvl

- Metro Volunteer Lawyers provides free and low-cost civil legal services through multiple programs: Referrals, the Family Law Court Program, Post-Decree Clinics, the Legal Clinic at the Denver Indian Center, and the Power of Attorney Clinics.
- Areas of expertise include public benefits related to disability: SSI, Social Security Disability, AND (Aid to the Needy Disabled), Medicaid, and Medicare.
- Serves individuals who live and work in Adams, Broomfield, Arapahoe, Denver, Elbert, Douglas, and Jefferson counties.
- Anyone seeking legal assistance must call Colorado Legal Services (CLS) at 303-837-1313 or complete an online intake to begin the intake process.
  - Online intake: https://colsoi.legalserver.org/modules/matter/extern intake.php?pid=129&h=daa817&

#### **Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans**

303-860-1115

https://www.cobar.org/For-members/pro-bono-opportunities/colorado-lawyers-for-colorado-veterans

- Program managed through the Colorado Bar Association
- Provides veterans with assistance related to challenges in obtaining medical care, disability benefits, reemployment rights, consumer, housing, criminal and family law matters, and in obtaining legal counsel
- Legal Clinic
  - o Bill Daniels Veteran Service Center 1247 Santa Fe Dr. Denver, CO 80204
  - 2nd Tuesday of each Month, Noon 2 p.m.
- Pro Bono or "Modest Mean" Legal Services
  - Submit a request with brief details to <u>CLCV@cobar.org</u>.

#### **University of Colorado Civil Practice Clinic**

303-492-8126

http://www.colorado.edu/law/academics/clinics/civil-practice-clinic

Wolf Law Building, 401 UCB, 2450 Kittredge Loop Drive, Boulder, CO 80309

- Program run through the University of Colorado Boulder Law School, students are closely supervised by licensed attorneys
- This program accepts legal cases regarding social security, disability and employment discrimination
- To become a client, contact the clinic at (303) 492-8126.
- Please note the clinics are not open during the semester breaks and typically only accept cases at the start of the school year

#### **Boulder Human Rights Office**

303-441-3141

https://www.bouldercolorado.gov (On the website, click on A to Z tab, choose H, and scroll down to find Human Rights) 2160 Spruce St, Boulder, CO 80302

- Jurisdiction is limited to the City of Boulder
- Enforces the Boulder Human Rights Ordinance which protects individuals against discrimination in employment on the bases of ancestry, color, creed, gender variance, genetic characteristics, marital status, mental disability, national origin, physical disability, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, parenthood, pregnancy, and custody of a minor child
- Offers mediation when a discrimination complaint is filed

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### U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

800-669-9777 – national (800-927-9275 TTY)

303-672-5437 – Denver (303-672-5248 TTY)

Denver Regional Office of FHEO: 1670 Broadway, 25th Floor, Denver, CO 80202

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program offices/fair housing equal opp

Investigates alleged discrimination on basis of handicap/disability in regards to rental, sale, or lending practices.

#### **Colorado Poverty Law Clinic**

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, 2130 Stout St., Denver, CO

- Offered 4–6 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of every month
- This clinic provides resources to attendees on issues that include: employment, benefits, housing, consumer, small claims, family, and identification

#### **Denver Outreach Court (Formerly known as Homeless Court)**

303-294-0157

Denver Rescue Mission - 1130 Park Ave. West, Denver 80205

https://www.mdhi.org/denver outreach court

- Court is held every other Wednesday at 8:30 am
- This off-site court program allows people to resolve citations before they turn into warrants and jail time
- Available to Spanish and English speakers
- Attendees will also have direct access to mental health and addiction services as well as enrollment in Medicaid
- 2020 dates include: 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16, 12/30