# What is the Minnesota Disability Law Center?

Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC) is the federally-designated network of lawyers and advocates providing free legal help to people with disabilities in civil cases in Minnesota. We help people with any type of disability, of any age, and at all income levels. MDLC is a statewide project of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid.

### What are MDLC's main areas of focus?

**ACCESS.** We help people access health care, employment, education programs, assistive technology, and other services needed to live in the community.

**SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.** We work to improve funding for and efficacy of the service system to better meet people's needs.

**DISCRIMINATION.** We fight discrimination in access to voting, government services and public businesses.

**INTEGRATION.** We advocate for integration in education, housing, community activities and employment.

**ABUSE AND NEGLECT.** We work to eliminate abuse and neglect, including physical abuse, financial abuse, neglect of health care and safety needs, and improper use of seclusion or restraints.

For a full list of current guidelines and priorities, please visit www.mndlc.org.



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A Statewide Project of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid





# How can MDLC help you?

### We may be able to help by giving you:

- Information to help you understand your rights
- Advice on how to advocate for yourself
- Written material and referrals
- **√** Help with your disability-related case to:
  - Investigate the facts
  - Negotiate with the other side, or
  - Represent you in court or administrative hearings

### We can also provide:

- Advocacy to change systems to resolve problems that many people with disabilities face
- Community education and trainings
- Technical assistance on disability law issues for attorneys, disability advocates, and professionals
- Investigations into Social Security Representative Payee issues

# MDLC staff really knew what they were doing. It's great to have MDLC on your side."

—Carrie, a client who worked with MDLC on securing needed medical equipment

### **CONTACT US**

### Call our intake line:

(612) 332-1441 (Metro) (800) 292-4150 (Greater Minnesota) (612) 332-4668 (TTY)

### **INTAKE HOURS**

### **Monday through Friday**

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Unfortunately, MDLC can't help everyone who contacts us due to limited funds and our case selection guidelines and priorities. We also can't help with:

- Commitment defense
- Criminal cases
- **X** Workers compensation cases
- Family law issues (like divorce, custody or child support)
- **X** Estate planning
- X Employment discrimination cases



MDLC was a godsend for us. They guided us through the special education process with great knowledge and professionalism. The impact of this work is huge for our family."

-Kim, a client who, with the help of MDLC, obtained a special accommodation plan for her son with disabilities in public school

Visit www.lawhelpmn.org for MDLC's factsheets and resources.

This information is available in other formats upon request.