# **MISSION**

CLRP is a statewide non-profit agency which provides legal services to low income adults with mental health conditions, who reside in hospitals or the community, on matters related to their treatment, recovery, and civil rights.

CLRP represents clients in accordance with their expressed preferences in administrative, judicial, and legislative venues to enforce their legal rights and assure that personal choices are respected and individual self-determination is protected.

CLRP develops and supports initiatives to promote full community integration, which maximizes opportunities for independence and self-sufficiency.

# **TESTIMONIALS**

"Both the paralegal and the attorney helped us a lot. If it wasn't for CLRP we would have been evicted. CLRP was very kind, patient and reliable."

"I'm going to start by saying thank you for helping me graduate and walk with my class. Some people really made me think that graduation wasn't even a thought. I honestly thought I was going to be a failure. Your eagerness to help me accomplish this lifetime goal was unforgettable."





# **SERVICES**

CLRP provides services ranging from brief advice and information to full legal representation on legal issues related to:

- Active and effective individualized services from The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services or other mental health providers;
- Inpatient hospital issues including, but not limited to: fresh air, privilege levels, medication, seclusion and restraint, and timely discharge;
- Individual rights, such as access to medical records, privacy and confidentiality;
- Meaningful participation in recovery planning that addresses individual preferences;
- Probate procedures, such as commitment and conservatorships, and Probate Court appeals;
- Transitional Services for young adults;
- Access to trauma and gender sensitive, and culturally competent services;

- Obtaining or maintaining stable housing by preventing eviction, public housing authority interventions (including housing voucher issues), investigating housing denials and discrimination in obtaining or retaining housing and requesting reasonable accommodations;
- Social Security appeals when the primary impairment is a mental health condition.
- Obtaining and retaining employment, including access to vocational services and reasonable accommodations.

CLRP is NOT permitted to appear as legal counsel in cases where the court appoints an attorney for the person, but we will actively collaborate with appointed counsel on behalf of our clients.

# For more assistance contact:

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#### **CLRP STAFF**

CLRP's attorneys and paralegal advocates represent clients in accordance with their expressed preferences.

Staffs are assigned responsibility by geographical area, roughly aligning with the DMHAS regions. Intake is through our central administrative office in Middletown.

CLRP staff are available to provide free training to DMHAS clients about issues relating to legal rights. CLRP staff are also able to offer fee for service training to DMHAS or DMHAS funded agency staff about issues relating to legal rights.



# **CLIENTS**

CLRP provides high quality legal services to low income persons with mental health conditions living in Connecticut who are within 125% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, primarily on matters related to their treatment and civil rights.