



DISABILITY RIGHTS OREGON

## 2009 – 2010 Disability Rights Oregon Community Needs Survey

Each year Disability Rights Oregon (DRO) conducts a survey to learn what are the most pressing issues faced by people with disabilities in Oregon. We collect this information from individuals with disabilities, their family members, caregivers, advocates, service providers, employers, and others connected to Oregon's Disability Community.

YOUR participation in this survey is very important.

The more people who fill out the survey, the more valuable the overall results will be. Therefore, we hope that in addition to participating you will also encourage others to complete the survey.

The results will be used only in combined form. All individual responses will be kept confidential.

The Information collected through this survey will be used to:

- **Guide Disability Rights Oregon** in setting priorities & goals that address the most urgent needs of people with disabilities
- **Strengthen the voice of Oregon's Disability Community.** DRO will use the survey results to help policy makers better understand the needs of their constituents with disabilities
- **Inform advocates and service providers across Oregon.** DRO will publish the results of this survey so that everyone working for the rights of people with disabilities can have access to the information

YOU MAY TAKE THIS SURVEY ONLINE in ENGLISH or SPANISH @  
[www.disabilityrightsoregon.org](http://www.disabilityrightsoregon.org)

If you fill out a pdf version of the survey, it can be returned to DRO in several ways:

- 1) MAIL the completed survey to: Disability Rights Oregon Community Needs Survey, 620 SW 5th Ave, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204
- 2) FAX the completed survey to DRO: 503-243-1738
- 3) E-MAIL the completed survey to DRO: [welcome@disabilityrightsoregon.org](mailto:welcome@disabilityrightsoregon.org)

\*\*\* *To ensure confidentiality, identifying information, (e.g. sender's e-mail address or fax number) will be separated from survey responses.* \*\*\*

**If you need assistance with this survey, you may contact DRO:**

Voice: 503-243-2081 or 1-800-452-1694

TTY: 503-323-9161 or 1-800-556-5351

E-mail: [welcome@disabilityrightsoregon.org](mailto:welcome@disabilityrightsoregon.org)

**WE VALUE YOUR OPINIONS. THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!**



## INSTRUCTIONS

For each section below (I & II), please indicate which areas or issues you think are most important. Feel free to attach additional pages if you need more space.

I. Please rank the following issues in order of importance to you. (Use the number 1 to indicate the most pressing need for Oregonians with disabilities, the number 2 to indicate the second most pressing need, etc.)

- Safety from abuse & neglect
- Improved community access & participation
- Access to quality community services for individuals with developmental disabilities
- Access to quality community services for individuals with mental illness
- A free and appropriate education for children with disabilities
- Access to quality health care
- Financial resources & opportunities for self-sufficiency
- Safety & supports needed to achieve maximum independence in institutional care settings or for individuals at risk of institutionalization
- Training & tools for self-advocacy
- Access to quality community services for individuals with traumatic brain injury
- Protection from inappropriate guardianship

Comments and/or important needs not included in the list above:



II. Please indicate for each of the following eight categories which needs are greatest in your experience. (Use the number 1 to indicate the greatest need, the number 2 to indicate the second greatest need, etc.) You may add needs that are not already included in these lists. Please remember to rank them as well.)

**1. COMMUNITY ACCESS & PARTICIPATION**

- Housing
- Transportation
- Public & commercial buildings & services
- Voting
- Recreation
- Protection from inappropriate guardianship
- Retaining in-home supports

Comments and/or important needs not included in the list above:

**2. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES**

- Training & tools for self-advocacy
- Quality support services
- Inclusion in educational & other community settings

Comments and/or important needs not included in the list above:



### 3. ABUSE & NEGLECT

- Investigating deaths of individuals in treatment, care or correctional settings
- Finding remedies for improper use of seclusion & restraints
- Monitoring governmental investigations of abuse or neglect
- Investigating abuse or neglect when governmental oversight is inadequate

Comments and/or important needs not included in the list above:

### 4. EDUCATION

- Inclusion/integration
- Special education services for minority children
- Transition planning for children entering school
- Transition planning for students finishing school
- Parent-friendly dispute resolution processes
- Availability of assistive technology devices
- Avoiding use of restraints, seclusion and police presence

Comments and/or important needs not included in the list above:



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## 5. HEALTH CARE

- Quality care
- Accessible care
- Assistive technology & durable medical equipment

Comments and/or important needs not included in the list above:

## 6. MENTAL HEALTH

- Training & tools for self-advocacy
- Consumer participation on policy making bodies
- Services for individuals unable to proceed in criminal court
- Comprehensive services for children

Comments and/or important needs not included in the list above:



## 7. CARE & SAFETY IN INSTITUTIONS

- Availability of desired & quality care in institutions
- Protecting children from abuse & neglect
- Reducing use of forced medication, hospitalization & court procedures to restrict liberties
- Increased awareness of clients' rights in institutions

Comments and/or important needs not included in the list above:

## 8. FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

- Accommodations for SSDI & SSI recipients going back to work
- Accommodations in the workplace
- Services for clients of programs like Vocational Rehabilitation
- Information & referrals regarding Social Security or SSI benefits
- Affordability of assistive technology devices
- Benefits planning for SSI/SSDI recipients going back to work

Comments and/or important needs not included in the list above:



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This space is provided for you to make additional comments or let Disability Rights Oregon know about needs not already covered by this survey and your responses:

You are:

- A person with a disability
- An advocate
- A family member of a person with a disability
- A non-family caregiver for a person with a disability
- Service provider to individuals with disabilities
- Employer of one or more individuals with disabilities
- Other:

Your zip code is:



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**PLEASE RETURN BY AUGUST 15, 2009.**

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