
Welcome to the Center
for Disability Rights.

Center for Disability Rights is the Center for Independent Living (CIL) for South Central Connecticut and the Shoreline and Estuary areas. We are consumer controlled and directed, and we provide CORE services such as information & referral; peer support; independent living skills; advocacy - both individual & systemic; nursing home transition services; and youth transition services.

We were established in 1989, and we have a credible and accomplished record of achievement. We are the premier advocacy organization by and for people with disabilities.

CDR is proud to introduce our legal advocacy services for students with disabilities and folks who wish to leave nursing facilities and return to the community.

**Meet Our
Attorneys of Counsel**

Marc Anthony Gallucci, Esq
Attorney Gallucci is graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association and the Plan of CT. A Certified Aging & Disability Specialist, Attorney Gallucci has advocated for people with disabilities and their families for four decades. He is the Executive Director of Center for Disability Rights and handles Elder and Long Term Care matters.

Amy Vatner, Esq.
Attorney Vatner is a graduate of Harvard University and Northwestern University School of Law. For the past decade, Atty. Vatner has represented children with disabilities, assisting them in obtaining appropriate services and accommodations in schools. She handles education matters.



**Legal Advocacy
at
Center for Disability
Rights**

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Our Philosophy

Because we are a project of Center for Disability Rights, Independent Living (IL) philosophy is our guiding star.

At the heart of IL philosophy is the belief that people with disabilities - by virtue of living their lives everyday with their disabilities - are the experts on their own needs and desires. People with disabilities are not broken or sick; but rather, the real disabling condition is the physical, communicative, and attitudinal barriers present in the environment around us. Remove these barriers, and people with disabilities can go anywhere and do the same things that people without disabilities can do.

CDR, and the Legal Advocacy services of CDR, aim to remove barriers to the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the life of our community.

Our Services

Elder & Long-Term Care Advocacy

Pooled Trusts (through the Plan of CT);

Special Needs Trusts;

Care Agreements;

Durable Power of Attorney;

Appointment of Health Care Agent;

Living Wills.

Education Representation

Planning & Placement Team Meetings (PPTs) and 504 meetings;

Disciplinary Hearings;

Mediation & Due Process;

Discrimination:

ADA/ Access Issues.

Our Fees

Because we are a non-profit, our fee scale is quite reasonable as compared with those of a private law firm.

Contact us to discuss how our services may meet your needs, and to discuss our fees for those services.

Legal Advocacy at CDR

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Appointments may be arranged
at your convenience.