

**Examples of Disability Rights Connecticut TBI advocacy work include:**

- Assisting with appropriate treatment for persons who have sustained a TBI living in state-operated facilities, juvenile detention facilities and community settings, free from abuse, neglect, restraint and seclusion.
- Ensuring reasonable accommodations in the workplace for people who have sustained a TBI.
- Advocating for access to appropriate medical and mental health treatment in prisons, jails, and access to facility services, opportunities and programs.
- Advocating for access to public and private facilities, programs and services without barriers, including utilizing service animals and interpreters.

Look at our focus areas online to see the full list!



**Contact DRCT with your questions!**

**Disability Rights Connecticut, Inc. (DRCT)** is a statewide non-profit organization with a mission to advocate for the human, civil, and legal rights of people with disabilities in Connecticut.

We provide legal advocacy and rights protection to a wide range of people with disabilities. This includes assisting individuals with problems such as abuse, neglect, discrimination, access to assistive technology, community integration, voting, and rights protection issues. DRCT also addresses issues through policy advocacy, education, monitoring, and investigation.

**You can contact DRCT for information on disability related topics such as:**

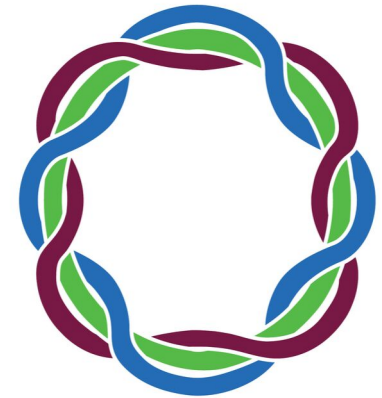
- **Effective Communication**
- **Employment**
- **Rights in Treatment Facilities**
- **Physical and Programs Accessibility**
- **Special Education**
- **Transportation**
- **Vocational Rehabilitation**
- **Voting Rights**
- **...and much more!**



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# Services for People with Brain Injury



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## What is PATBI?

PATBI stands for Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury. Disability Rights Connecticut receives PATBI funding through a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services that provides free advocacy assistance to individuals with TBI.

## What is a TBI?

**Traumatic brain injury (TBI)** is a blow or jolt to the body, or penetrating head injury that disrupts typical brain function. Due to the complexity of the human brain, each traumatic brain injury is different.

While some effects of TBI may manifest immediately, others are not always readily apparent. The long-term effects of TBI can include cognitive, emotional, sensory, and motor impairments.



## What Services Can be Provided?

**The PATBI program** can provide many different services to individuals with TBI, their families, and the community.

These services may include:

- Information on the rights of individuals with TBI, and referral to appropriate services.
- Individual advocacy in the form of assistance at meetings or negotiations.
- Advocacy in accessing services for individuals with brain injury through the Department of Social Service's (DSS) Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver program, and other public and private services.
- Skills development training in self-advocacy.
- Public information sessions and outreach on the rights of individuals with TBI.
- If appropriate, legal advice and representation.

## How can DRCT Staff Help Me?

**DRCT Staff** can provide free individualized, person-centered advocacy to individuals with TBI.

Some examples include:

- Working with, and on behalf of, persons with TBI to obtain and maintain appropriate supports and services within their communities.
- Providing outreach and education to promote the rights of people with TBI.
- Identifying the problems in the services delivery system and advocating for systemic brain injury services change.

## How Do I Contact DRCT?

**You Can Contact DRCT** in a variety of ways to start the intake process. We can be reached by phone, email, fax, mail, videophone, walk-in, and our online form at: <https://www.disrightsct.org/request-services>. We will follow up within (3) three business days.