

2021 Legislative Agenda



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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.

PRIORITIES



Protection of Due Process Rights in Civil Commitment Hearings

Amend civil commitment statute to comply with constitutional requirements as outlined by Connecticut Supreme Court decision in *Fasulo v. Arafah*

Amend civil commitment statute to emphasize due process rights of respondents in civil commitment hearings.



Protection of Clients' Right To Choice in Treatment

Amend the probate court appeal statute to provide for an automatic stay if probate court order of involuntary medication or electroshock is appealed.

Amend the statute controlling the probate court appeal process to increase access to justice for individuals dissatisfied with probate court rulings regarding restrictions on liberty.




Protection of Clients' Right to Treatment in the Least Restrictive Setting

Amend the Psychiatric Security Review Board statute to remove the Board's jurisdiction over intra-hospital transfers.

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