



The National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy Annual Rights *VIRTUAL* Conference

PRESENTS FIVE WEBINARS Fall 2021

NARPA'S mission is to support people with psychiatric diagnoses to exercise legal and human rights, with the goals of abolishing forced treatment and ensuring autonomy, dignity, and choice.

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**We will return to a face-to-face Rights Conference in Fall 2022.
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WEBINAR SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Monday, September 13, 2:00 P.M. EST

Presenter: [Susan Stefan](#), J.D.

**"Advocating for Institutionalized People During COVID:
The Massachusetts Experience"**

Susan Stefan will discuss her work in Massachusetts to protect people from being involuntarily committed. We can all learn from Massachusetts because it is arguably the best system in the country. Attorney Stefan will specifically discuss the changes in this important work due to the pandemic.

To register for this webinar [click here](#).

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Monday, September 27, 2:00 P.M. EST

Presenters: [Leah Harris](#), Author/Facilitator; [Victoria \(Vic\) Welle](#), Trainer/Facilitator; and [Jess Stohlmann-Rainey](#), Director of Program Development/Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners

"The Promise and the Pitfalls of 988: Survivor Advocacy Perspectives"

Calling 911 can be a death sentence for people experiencing suicidal and mental health crises. The 2020 National Suicide Hotline Designation Act designates 988 an alternative to 911 for suicide and mental health emergencies. Many states received 988 planning grants requiring state/local planners to include people with lived experience in the process. This webinar features perspectives of three psychiatric survivors as active participants in their state's 988 planning councils. They look at potential opportunities with 988; how it may replicate existing coercive systems; and what an ideal grassroots, civilian 911 alternative looks like.

To register for this webinar [click here](#).

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Monday, October 4, 2:00 P.M. EST

Presenter: [Asim Dietrich](#), J.D., and [Maya Abela](#), J.D.

"Advocating for Equitable Health Care in a Public Health Emergency"

During the pandemic, many states implemented crisis standards to determine who will and will not receive lifesaving care if health care resource demands exceed supply. Such standards included discriminatory criteria, prohibited by federal non-discrimination laws, for healthcare providers to consider disability characteristics and assumptions on quality-of-life and social worth when making triage decisions. Presenters will discuss Arizona Center for Disability Law's (ACDL) advocacy to ensure COVID-19 crisis standards do not discriminate based on disability, race, color, sex or age.

To register for this webinar [click here](#).

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Wednesday, October 13, 2:00 P.M. EST

Presenters: [Jennifer Chambers](#), Executive Director/The Empowerment Council; : [Anita Szigeti](#), LLB; and [Maya Kotob](#), LLB, LLM

["How to Create Change in Police Services: Transparency, Accountability, and Reform"](#)

Recognizing policing has to change, alternative means of responding to people in crisis is a step forward, if free of the force common to traditional mental health services. But police are still going to be involved with people in crisis if other options are unavailable, or if there is a weapon or other situation that no mental health service will attend. How do we monitor police services and create accountability to the community? What external pressure can be brought to bear to influence police reform, such as inquests, and how can we advance our position to create good outcomes? This workshop will offer a framework for change.

To register for this webinar [click here](#).

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Tuesday, October 19, 2:00 P.M. EST

Presenters: [Nina Loewenstein](#), J.D., and [Robert M. Factor](#), M.D., Ph.D.

"The Unacceptable Institutionalization of People with Psychiatric Disabilities in Nursing Homes"

People with psychiatric disabilities are more likely to be admitted to and stay long-term in nursing homes. How can aging people with psychiatric disabilities with possible medical conditions or physical disabilities be supported to live in the community under the [Olmstead](#) obligation? Presenters discuss the history of medicalized housing; transinstitutionalization of people from psychiatric centers to nursing homes and the federal government's role in driving institutionalization; and recent attempts to rebalance the system, catalyzed by COVID's destruction in congregate facilities. Community supports and services, informed by the recovery philosophy, make possible "No Person is Left Behind" in nursing homes.

To register for this webinar [click here](#).

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