

# NIDILRR Advances Parents' Rights



The NIDILRR-funded National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities conducts research and policy development to inform legislative policy on ways to support parents with disabilities and chronic illness.

Our work has:



Developed legal trainings for attorneys who represent disabled parents



Created nationwide tools that highlight state laws supporting parents with disabilities and health conditions



Found that courts are more likely to take away disabled parents' parental rights due to misconceptions about their parenting abilities



Identified barriers to protective legislation and offered solutions for passing laws that support disabled parents



Raised awareness about ASFA, a federal law requiring efforts to keep families together and support reunification



Advocated for better support services, stressing the link between poverty and parental rights termination



Clarified legal obligations of child welfare agencies and courts toward parents with disabilities



Provided direct support to parents on a variety of topics, from finding adaptive baby gear to navigating the child welfare system

***How does NIDILRR help you?***