

# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORTS PROJECT

*At Disability Rights  
Washington*

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# Disability Rights WASHINGTON

Washington's protection and advocacy system

## What is Disability Rights Washington?

- A private non-profit organization protecting the rights of people with disabilities statewide.
- We provide individual and systemic advocacy through technical assistance, community trainings, policy work, and litigation.
- Part of the National Disability Rights Network of [Protection and Advocacy Agencies](#)



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# Programs

- Multimodal advocacy
  - Rights Investigation and Accountability Program (RIAP)
  - Disability Mobility Initiative (DMI)
  - Rooted in Rights
- Three legal programs:
  - Treatment Facilities
  - Amplifying the Voices of Incarcerated Individuals with Disabilities (AVID)
  - Community Inclusion and Services
    - **Entrepreneurial Supports Project**



# QUESTIONS?

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# Project Background.

Inclusive, accommodating, and fulfilling employment is unfortunately hard to find.

Individuals are forced into a system that doesn't address their financial needs.

These jobs are difficult to develop into a career.

Many are rightfully intimidated by the delicate balance of employment and disability benefits.

We are here to strategize, advocate, and navigate existing systems.



**Our goal is to help those furthest from opportunity realize their dreams, escape poverty, and not just survive but thrive.**



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## What we do.

- Person centered advocacy to help you work while maintaining existing services and support or move off of it.
- Referrals to business-focused legal professionals to help you navigate the legal processes.
- Community presentations and discussions to promote thinking beyond jobs and focus on careers!
- Technical assistance to help you get to where you want to go.
- *COMING SOON*: Mentor pairs to connect those who have done it with those who are on the path.



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# Technical Assistance

- Contact us for legal information and referrals related to questions about employment and/or self-employment while receiving SSA benefits.
- Attorneys, advocates, and interns are available by appointment. Call 1.800.562.2702 or 206.324.1521 to schedule.
- Both language interpretation and relay are available.



# Who we serve?

- Disability rights Washington serves all people who identify as having a disability
- Our project was created to serve people with disabilities who are Social Security beneficiaries with their employment and entrepreneurship goals
- We are prioritizing
  - Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC)
  - Trans and/or two-spirit individuals



# Contact Us?



- Brit Nuckles, [britn@dr-wa.org](mailto:britn@dr-wa.org), voice: 206.324.1521 (x125)
- Visit our website to request a presentation or fill out the intake form:
  - <https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/programs/entrepreneurial-support/>

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