



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2015-10K

**Continuing the Designation of the Ohio Disability Rights Law and Policy Center, Inc.
as the Ohio Protection and Advocacy System for People with Disabilities and
as the Client Assistant Program**

WHEREAS, the federal "Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act," as amended, at 42 U.S.C. Section 15041 et seq. (the "Developmental Disabilities Assistance Act"), provides that the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services shall make payments to support a protection and advocacy system in each state to protect the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities and those with mental illness pursuant to the federal Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act of 1986, as amended, at 42 U.S.C. §§ 10801 et seq. ("PAIMI Act").

WHEREAS, Section 112 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title 29 U.S.C. Section 732, Pub. L. 93-112 as added Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, amended Pub. L. 105-277, Oct. 21, 1998, amended Pub. L. 113-128, July 22, 2014, (the "Rehabilitation Act") requires that the Secretary of the United States Department of Education make grants to states to establish and carry out client assistance programs for people with disabilities to inform and advise them about all available benefits under the Rehabilitation Act, and, upon the request of persons subject to that Rehabilitation Act's coverage, to assist and advocate for them in their relationships with projects, programs, and services provided under the Rehabilitation Act.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Disability Rights Law and Policy Center, Inc. ("the Center"), doing business as "Disability Rights Ohio," a nonprofit corporation instituted under the laws of this state, and determined to be tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code, was designated through Executive Orders 2012-14K and 2012-15K as the nonprofit entity to serve as the state's protection and advocacy system and the client assistance program, respectively, in accordance with subdivision (B) of Section 319.20 of Amended Substitute House Bill No. 153 of the 129th Ohio General Assembly ("House Bill 153"), Ohio Revised Code Section 5123.60, and applicable federal law, and Executive Orders 2012-14K and 2012-15K will expire on September 30, 2015.

WHEREAS, the Center is eligible under the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance Act and related laws concerning mental illness to continue to receive the designation as the protection and advocacy system and under the Rehabilitation Act to continue to receive the designation as the client assistance program for the State of Ohio for the reasons previously enumerated in Executive Orders 2012-14K and 2012-15K.

WHEREAS, the Center will prepare and submit, or assist my administration in preparing and submitting, any report on the Center's activities or plans that may be required by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education, or otherwise under federal law.

WHEREAS, the Center agrees that the federal funds it receives pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Act, the Rehabilitation Act, and other related provisions of federal law shall be maintained, expended and accounted for in accordance with all applicable federal and state law requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, pursuant to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Ohio, Section 5123.60 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Section 319.20 of House Bill 153, and in implementation of the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance Act and regulations under that law, the PAIMI Act, and the federal Rehabilitation Act as amended and regulations under that law, hereby continue the designation of the Ohio Disability Rights Law and Policy Center, Inc., dba "Disability Rights Ohio," as the Ohio agency responsible for administering the system of protection and advocacy required by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Act and the PAIMI Act, and as the client assistance program as required by the Rehabilitation Act (as amended), effective October 1, 2015.

I signed this Executive Order on September 21, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio, and this Order shall not expire unless rescinded.





John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State