HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

Fiscal Year 2027 Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Act Priorities

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Highest Priority.

Protect the rights of people to not be

- psychiatrically confined, and/or
- drugged or electroshocked against their will,

unless the constitutional, statutory, and judicial requirements for such massive deprivations of liberty exist, including the right to the least restrictive and least intrusive alternative, respectively.

Other Rights Protection Priorities.

- Restore the United States Department of Justice Consent Decrees remedies regarding the state hospital and corrections facilities.
- Enforce the right of PAIMI eligible children and youth to the least restrictive residential placement and least intrusive unwanted treatment.
- Enforce the rights of PAIMI eligible individuals to (a) non-discrimination in housing and (b) government benefits (e.g., SSI, SSDI, Insurance).

Abuse and Neglect Priorities.

- Investigate abuse and neglect of PAIMI-eligible individuals in their residential setting, including without limitation, the use of seclusion and restraint.
- Investigate suspicious deaths of PAIMI-eligible individuals in their residential setting.
- Investigate allegations of PAIMI-eligible children and youth being abused or bullied at school or unlawfully disciplined, suspended or expelled from school.