

A Brief History of the P&A System

- 1975- Passage of Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act, creating a “system for the protection and advocacy” of persons with DD.
- 1984- Client Assistance Program (CAP) established as mandatory program under the Rehabilitation Act.
- 1986- Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) established
- 1993- Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR) included in the reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act.
- 1994- Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (AT) included in the “Tech Act”.
- 1999- Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) included in the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act.
- 2002- Protection and Advocacy for individuals with traumatic brain injury program established.
- 2002- Help America Vote Act (HAVA) provides funds for P&As to ensure full participation by individuals with disabilities.
