



## **Help us reduce stigma and discrimination against people with mental health disabilities**

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Apply for a Position on our APEDP (Advancing Policy to Eliminate Discrimination Program) Advisory Group

Disability Rights California (DRC) was awarded a 3-year grant by the California Mental Health Services Authority to address stigma and discrimination affecting people with mental health disabilities. The APEDP Advisory Group will help DRC develop strategies to reduce discrimination and implement project activities. Your participation on the APEDP Advisory Group will be a great opportunity to contribute your unique ideas and perspective to create positive change.

People with mental health disabilities often experience discrimination on the basis of their disability. The APEDP Advisory Group will help identify and examine existing laws, policies and practices which foster and perpetuate discrimination and make recommendations for change. We will provide advice on trainings, identify community groups to be trained and recommend changes to laws, policies and practices that foster and perpetuate stigma and discrimination. In this way, we can serve to protect people from the stigma and discrimination they continue to face in their day-to-day lives.

We value ethnic and cultural diversity and encourage schools and colleges, employers, landlords, faith-based community groups, law enforcement, first responders, the courts, mental health providers, mental health consumers, their family members and other members of the community to apply.

### **TO APPLY**

You may obtain an application on DRC's website [www.disabilityrightsca.org](http://www.disabilityrightsca.org) or by contacting Stacy Saephanh at (916) 504-5800.

DRC's Board of Directors will select APEDP Advisory Group members. We anticipate that the initial members will be selected by January 15, 2012, but positions will remain open until filled.

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For more information, visit [www.calmhsa.org](http://www.calmhsa.org).