

130,000 children and adults keep In-Home Supportive Services

Advocates waited two hours in the rain outside the federal court building in Oakland to learn they had succeeded in holding off harmful In-Home Supportive Service cuts. Read about it online in our 2009 Annual Report found at **www.disabilityrightsca.org.** Advocates (from left): Jessica Lehman, Norma LaBrava, Bob Miller, Loretta Stevens, Jean Stewart, Connie Barker, Tom Ross, and Stephanie Miyashiro.

Disability Rights California: Fast Facts

- Founded in 1978 as California's protection and advocacy system to provide direct assistance to people with disabilities in implementing their rights
- In 2008, the agency changed its name to Disability Rights California
- Served 500,000 clients over the last 30 years
- Directly assisted approximately 25,000 Californians with disabilities over the last year and positively impacted an additional 40,000 who benefited from our class action litigation
- Provided training about disability rights in several languages to approximately 33,400 individuals, representing 1740 self-advocacy and community groups, parents' assocations and advocacy organizations
- An estimated 34,000 people had the opportunity to speak with our staff at more

than 179 community events, fairs, ethnic celebrations and ceremonies

- In 2009, completed core staffing of our newest office in Fresno, joining regional offices in Sacramento, the Bay Area, Los Angeles and San Diego, as well as 22 clients' rights offices based at the regional centers
- In the last 6 months, published over 50 new Fact Sheets in multiple languages about budget cut changes in disability legislation, programs and benefits
- Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy resolved nearly 9000 issues for children, youths and adults with developmental disabilities
- Most requested areas of assistance in 2009 were: education, regional center services, privacy and personal autonomy, abuse and neglect, health and income maintenance.



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