

Civil Rights Division of U.S. Department of Justice Investigating Whether the State of Nevada Unnecessarily Relies on Institutionalization to Treat Children with Behavioral Health Conditions

The Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice is investigating whether the State of Nevada unnecessarily relies on institutions (such as psychiatric hospitals and residential facilities) to treat children with behavioral health conditions. The Department is investigating this matter under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.* (1999).

The Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC) submitted a formal complaint to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice alleging that the state is violating the rights of Nevada's children and adolescents with behavioral health conditions by failing to provide appropriate mental health services resulting in them being unnecessarily institutionalized, many of them in out of state residential treatment facilities.

If you have information about the State of Nevada's behavioral health system for children that you would like to provide to the Department, please contact Outreach Coordinator Sarah Louise Malks, at (202) 598-5344 or Sarah.Malks@usdoj.gov.