

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
AND  
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT  
REGARDING  
THE REDESIGNATION OF  
CONNECTICUT'S PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM  
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
AND  
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Public Act 16-66 requires Governor Malloy, no later than July 1, 2017, to designate a nonprofit entity as Connecticut's Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system, replacing the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, which will be abolished by law on July 1, 2017.

On January 20, 2017, Governor Malloy issued a [Public Notice](#) of his intent to designate Disability Rights Connecticut (DRCT) to be Connecticut's Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities system and to operate Connecticut's Client Assistance Program.

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will be holding a public hearing regarding the Governor's intent to designate DRCT. The hearing will be held:

**Friday March 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM**  
**Department of Transportation**  
**2800 Berlin Turnpike**  
**Newington, CT**

**Individuals may also participate in the public hearing via teleconference by calling 877-934-7019, access code 89928586.**

**OPM also welcomes written comments regarding this matter and will accept comments until Friday March 10, 2017. Written comments can be submitted:**

**by mail to:**

**P&A/CAP Redesignation**  
**Office of Policy and Management**  
**450 Capitol Ave., MS#52LTC**  
**Hartford, CT 06106**

**or by email to:**

**[protectionandadvocacy@ct.gov](mailto:protectionandadvocacy@ct.gov)**

Any questions should be directed to David Guttchen at OPM at 860-418-6286.

A sign language interpreter will be present at the hearing. Please contact the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities at least 5 business days before the hearing at (860) 297-4307, if other accommodations (material in large print, assistive listening systems, etc.) are needed.

*Please refrain from wearing scented products to the hearing.*