

Police-based emergency response causes harm to individuals who require assistance during a crisis, including police violence, arrests, incarceration, and involuntary psychiatric hospitalization.

Disability Rights Ohio (DRO) is seeking an alternative form of crisis response that takes police officers out of the equation in favor of a model centered on community-based response.

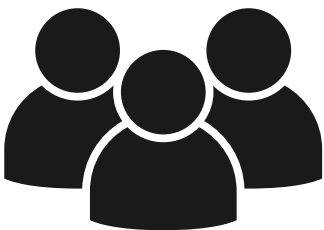
To show the necessity for this permanent change to emergency response, DRO is lifting up the voices of BIPOC individuals who have been harmed by police-based crisis response.

We believe that to build a better system it is necessary to center individuals with lived experience. To achieve this, we would like to have a conversation with participants to hear their stories of encounters with police during a crisis and harmful outcomes due to the response.

Lifting up the voices of individuals who have experienced harm will give us guidance to push the city to implement a permanent program that will put the needs of individuals first.

DRO received a grant by the Ohio State Bar Foundation to aid us in this work, so we may be able to provide compensation for involvement in this project.

If you are interested, please contact us at:



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