



LEGAL RESOURCES

Babies born with symptoms of Zika may have permanent developmental disabilities. As a parent of a child with developmental disabilities, you may have legal questions related to raising your child. Most children with Zika related developmental issues have a normal life-span. You may simply have questions about planning for the future. You may wish to consult with legal experts to ensure that your child's rights are protected and that they receive access to the services they're entitled to under state and federal law. The good news is that these services already exist, and New Hampshire is prepared to provide educational support and other services to all disabled children, including children affected by Zika virus.



Parents should consider what will happen as their Zika-impacted child becomes an adult, and who will help care for their child 10, 20, or 50 years in the future. A lawyer can help you draft legal documents that will help protect your child even after you are unable to do so.

How Can I Find a Lawyer?



The [Disability Rights Center – New Hampshire](#) provides information, referrals, advice, and legal representation and advocacy to individuals with disabilities on a wide range of disability-related problems. This includes Zika-related disabilities. Their website provides an online library of information regarding disability rights in New Hampshire, and you can also contact them directly for personalized assistance or help finding a lawyer who specializes in disability law. The site also provides Spanish-translations of the same materials.

The New Hampshire Bar Association's [Lawyer Referral Service](#) can also help you find a lawyer who specializes in disability issues, and estate planning. They offer a reduced-fee option for modest-income families and individuals.

The New Hampshire Bar Association also offers [free legal services](#) to low-income families through their Pro Bono Program. If your income is at or below 187.5% of federal poverty guidelines, you may be eligible. To contact them, click [here](#) or call 800-639-5290 or 603-224-3333.