Disability Rights NC can help people with disabilities (including SUD) get their ID and birth certificate

DRNC's NC ID Project

DRNC is excited to share NC ID Project, a new program designed to help people with disabilities newly released from prison get an NC ID, with you and your participants.

A state-issued ID Card can open access to housing, benefits, jobs, and more. At Disability Rights NC, we know that many people with substance use disorder (SUD), people who are unhoused, and people returning from incarceration need an ID and birth certificate. We want to help by assisting people to get their NC ID Card issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Who qualifies for services?

A person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity. People with ANY type of disability are eligible, including substance use disorder, mental health disabilities, mobility impairments, communication or sensory conditions, developmental disabilities. and traumatic brain injury.

Getting an ID

The NC Division of Motor Vehicles issues a photo ID for people who do not need or qualify for a driver's license.

If you had a driver's license or ID previously through NCDMV, even if your driver's license is expired or suspended, you can get an ID without having any additional documents. You should be able to get your ID for free. If you lose your free ID and need to replace it, it will cost $13. If you qualify as a person with a disability, DRNC can pay that fee.

Getting a driver's license renewed or replaced

If you qualify for a driver's license, DRNC can help with that as well. DRNC cannot pay any fines or reinstatement fees, but, if you are a person with a disability, they can cover the cost of the driver's license, which is otherwise $27.

For those not in the NCDMV system:

To get an ID or driver's license these documents are required:

- One document verifying age and identity: Birth certificate, U.S. passport, Valid, unexpired foreign passport, Motor vehicle driver's record, North Carolina school transcript, Diploma or GED, Court documents
- A Social Security card or one document proving they have a Social Security number: Social Security card, 1099 tax form with name and FULL Social Security number, W-2 form with name and FULL Social Security #, Payroll record with name and FULL Social Security #, Social Security document with Social Security #r, Military record with Social Security #, Medicaid or Medicare card
- **For U.S. citizens,** one document proving residency : Any document issued by the state of North Carolina or a county or city in North Carolina or the federal government, North Carolina Vehicle Registration Card, insurance policy or title, North Carolina Voter Precinct Card, military orders or military documents, Utility bill or cable bill, housing lease or contract, mortgage statement, property or income tax statement, preprinted financial statement, school records, or letter from homeless shelter.
- **For non-U.S. citizens,** one document issued by the U.S. government indicating legal presence: Consular Report of Birth Abroad, Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card, Unexpired Employment Authorization Document, Valid, unexpired foreign passport, Certificate of Naturalization, Certificate of Citizenship

For more information on the requirements, you can go to this link: https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/identification/Pages/default.aspx

Transportation to DMV

In urban areas of NC, DRNC can arrange free rides to the DMV

Birth certificates:

DRNC can help people with disabilities get birth certificates in NC and elsewhere. You will usually need to get an ID first to get a birth certificate

If you'd like help getting an NC ID, Driver's License, or birth certificate, call us at 1-888-938-6832. Leave a message with your name and phone number and someone from DRNC's NC ID Project will call you back. You can also contact us by email at ncid.project@disabilityrightsnc.org