

## Our Mission

### *People First of Louisiana*

supports people with disabilities to empower themselves in becoming effective decision makers, to gain more independence, and to enjoy life as equal citizens of the United States of America.

## Vision

People with disabilities build personal visions that are reached through respect, equality and many different experiences that lead to choices and life decisions.

People with disabilities support one another to control their own lives, understand and speak up for their rights and live up to their responsibilities.

## On the Web



To learn more about us, visit us on the internet. Find out our history, learn about our local chapters, get our staff contact details and a whole lot more!

[www.peoplefirstla.org](http://www.peoplefirstla.org)

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*People With Disabilities Moving Forward for Change in Louisiana*

**Join Other People  
With Disabilities in Letting  
Your Voice be Heard**

*Because We Are  
People First!*

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## BECOME A SELF-ADVOCATE! SPEAK OUT AND BE HEARD!

### About *People First*

People First is one of the oldest and best-known self-advocacy organizations for people with disabilities. There are People First chapters across the United States.

People First is run by people with disabilities, for people with disabilities. It is a place where people learn to speak up for themselves about decisions they make and where members can connect with others in their community, across the nation and around the world.

There are 18 local chapters of People First across Louisiana.



**We are not  
our disabilities.  
we are**

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of Louisiana 

At People First, we realize that a more perfect world is in the future and our present world is in need of work. Therefore, we work hard to support the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Olmstead Law.

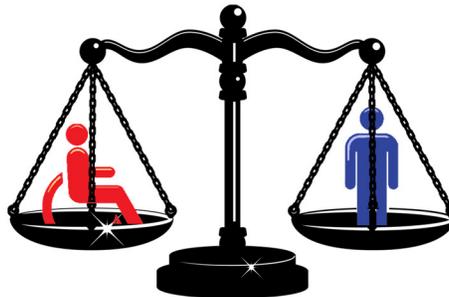
By knowing and exercising our rights, we work for better services to improve life for people with disabilities in Louisiana. People with disabilities have the same rights as all citizens:

*To make choices about our own lives*

*To live in our own homes and participate in  
our communities*

*To have equal access  
to polling places*

*To become contributing  
members of our society*



### Disability is Natural

“Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to

live independently;

enjoy self-determination;

make choices;

contribute to society;

pursue meaningful careers; and

enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of American society.”

