

PUBLICATIONS

[Psychiatric Assault as Violence Against Women - Appendix to INWWD Submission for Beijing plus 15 review](#)

[Disability Joint Report on USA for Universal Periodic Review](#)
(coordinated by CHRUSP)

[CHRUSP Submission to U.S. Senate Hearing on Implementation of Human Rights Treaties](#)

[CHRUSP Statement for International Human Rights Day 2009](#)

CHRUSP Letter to FDA on Electroshock ([pdf](#)) ([word](#))

[CHRUSP/WNUSP Submission to Day of General Discussion on Article 12 and Annex of Recommendations](#)

[CHRUSP Press Release on U.S. Signing of CRPD](#)

HISTORY

CHRUSP was conceived during the last year of the negotiations of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in 2006. Two of CHRUSP's founders had been involved in the negotiations and wanted to create a human rights organization run by users and survivors of psychiatry, dedicated to the vision of change set out in the Convention as a result of our work.

CHRUSP sees its role as complementary to representative organizations like the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (see www.wnusp.net) and hopes to work collaboratively with other organizations in the user/survivor movement, disability rights movement and human rights community.

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MISSION

The Center for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (CHRUSP) works for full human rights and legal capacity for all, an end to forced drugging, forced electroshock and psychiatric incarceration, and support that respects individual integrity and free will.

WHAT SERVICES DOES CHRUSP OFFER?

CHRUSP offers its services to support the work of other organizations whose goals are compatible with the CHRUSP mission. These services can include:

- Supplying information and analysis applying CRPD and other human rights norms
- Providing speakers and conducting workshops
- Assisting organizations to develop advocacy materials and strategies

Depending on the nature of the engagement, fees may be requested. If funding is needed to carry out these activities, CHRUSP will work with the organization requesting its services to apply for grants or conduct fundraising activities.



What does CHRUSP do?

STANDARD-SETTING AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

CHRUSP has worked with the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry and the International Disability Alliance CRPD Forum on advocacy materials, including the [OPCAT Recommendations on Monitoring Psychiatric Institutions](#).

LAW REFORM

CHRUSP is in the early stages of developing a project to analyze U.S. legislation on legal capacity and mental health in light of the CRPD and make appropriate recommendations.

HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

CHRUSP is coordinating work on a report on the human rights of persons with disabilities for the Universal Periodic Review of the United States, which will take place in the Human Rights Council on November 5, 2010.

The report is completed (see [UPR Report](#)) and work has begun to lobby UN delegations to make recommendations requested by our report. Please contact us if you would like to participate.

EDUCATION

CHRUSP has supplied speakers for conferences and seminars in the U.S. and in other countries including Spain, Australia and Canada.

CHRUSP is planning to produce DVDs to promote awareness and understanding of human rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

SPOTLIGHT ON ISSUES

CHRUSP is concerned about the use of repressive mental health interventions in the penal system and about the uncritical promotion of coercive medical model mental health treatment as a panacea for criminal justice problems. CHRUSP will be undertaking advocacy and educational activities to oppose the medicalization of criminal justice and promote alternatives supportive to prison abolition and reform movements, and supportive of the full human rights of people labeled with psychiatric disabilities.

CHRUSP is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt nonprofit organization, and would appreciate your support. You may also send checks directly to CHRUSP, 44 Palmer Pond Rd., Chestertown, NY 12817.