



First Peoples
Disability Network

First Nations Disability Advocacy Services

WHAT IS ADVOCACY?

Disability advocacy is acting, speaking or writing to promote, protect and defend the human rights of people and to support their voice to be heard.

Individual Advocacy is a one-on-one journey with a designated Advocate who walks alongside to help prevent or address instances of discrimination, abuse, neglect or exploitation.

SUPPORT FOR MOB, WITH MOB: DONE DIFFERENTLY

The First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN) Advocacy Point of Difference is respecting and acknowledging the individual person's story and walking alongside them to advocate and deliver best practice outcomes.

This Point of Difference aims to significantly improve the social and emotional wellbeing of First Nations people and meet the need to provide a more respectful, responsive and culturally sensitive service.

- ✓ **To be seen, to be heard,
to be CONNECTED**
- ✓ **Walking together on
Country**
- ✓ **To be the VOICE of the
UNHEARD**

HOW CAN ADVOCACY HELP ME?

Advocacy may help you with:

- Situations where you are facing abuse, neglect, violence or exploitation
- Supported Decision Making
- Human Rights and Discrimination
- NDIS and NDIS Appeals
- Housing and Homelessness
- Education and Employment concerns
- Voicing concerns about supports or making a complaint

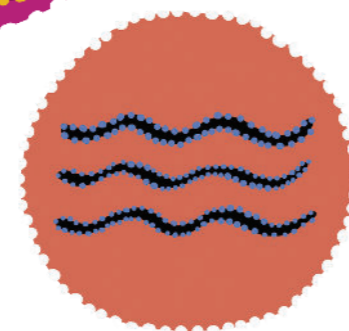
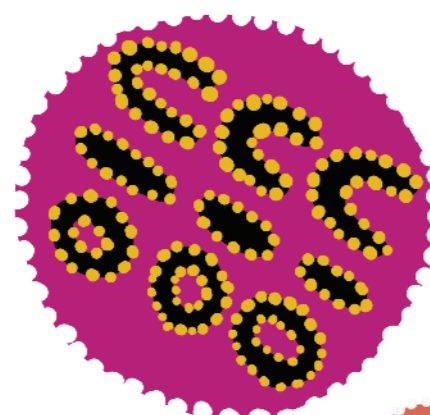
Please note: FPDN Advocacy cannot provide legal advice or case management, but we can support with referrals to appropriate services

An advocate can:

- Help you understand your rights and information
- Support you to advocate for your rights
- Attend meetings with you
- Provide letters to support you in resolving the issue
- Provide you with information and referrals to suitable services

WHO CAN RECEIVE DISABILITY ADVOCACY?

You can receive advocacy if you are a person living with a disability, or you are a guardian/carer representing someone with a disability.



HOW CAN I ACCESS ADVOCACY SUPPORT?

You can contact the FPDN office to make a referral:

For yourself

For a family member

Or as a service provider

WHERE CAN I ACCESS ADVOCACY?

We currently provide advocacy services across:

New South Wales

Regional Victoria

Far North Queensland

Northern Territory

Our advocacy can be provided online (over the internet)

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM MY FPDN ADVOCATE?

- ✓ We are connected to our local communities
- ✓ We have cultural wisdom
- ✓ We hold expert knowledge of disability, human rights, culture and the support systems available to First Peoples living with disability
- ✓ Your privacy and information is important to us
- ✓ We will listen to you, give you information, help you uphold your rights and express your views and interests.



OTHER SERVICES

FPDN provide a range of specialized disability services including systemic advocacy, education and training, consultancy, evaluation and community engagement.

Reporting abuse

If you need to report abuse, you may consider contacting:

The National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline
1800 880 052

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (for NDIS participants only)
on 1800 035 544

FPDN acknowledges funding for the advocacy services from the:

- Australian Government, Department of Social Services through the National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP)
- New South Wales Government, Department of Communities and Justice, through the Disability Futures Advocacy Program (DFAP)

Support Hotlines and Services

If you or a person in your community need further support, you may consider contacting these services:

13YARN
13 92 76

Brother-to-Brother
1800 435 799

Lifeline
13 11 14
www.lifeline.org.au

Kids helpline
1800 55 1800

1800RESPECT
National Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Helpline
1800 737 732

Disability Gateway
1800 643 787
www.disabilitygateway.gov.au

National Coronavirus hotline
1800 020 080

Natural Disaster Support
<https://www.disasterassist.gov.au>

The Salvation Army
13 72 58

Advocacy Law Alliance
<https://advocacylaw.org.au/#contact>



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FREE & INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY FOR FIRST PEOPLES LIVING WITH DISABILITY

We walk together with
mob to listen, learn and
to honour your stories.



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