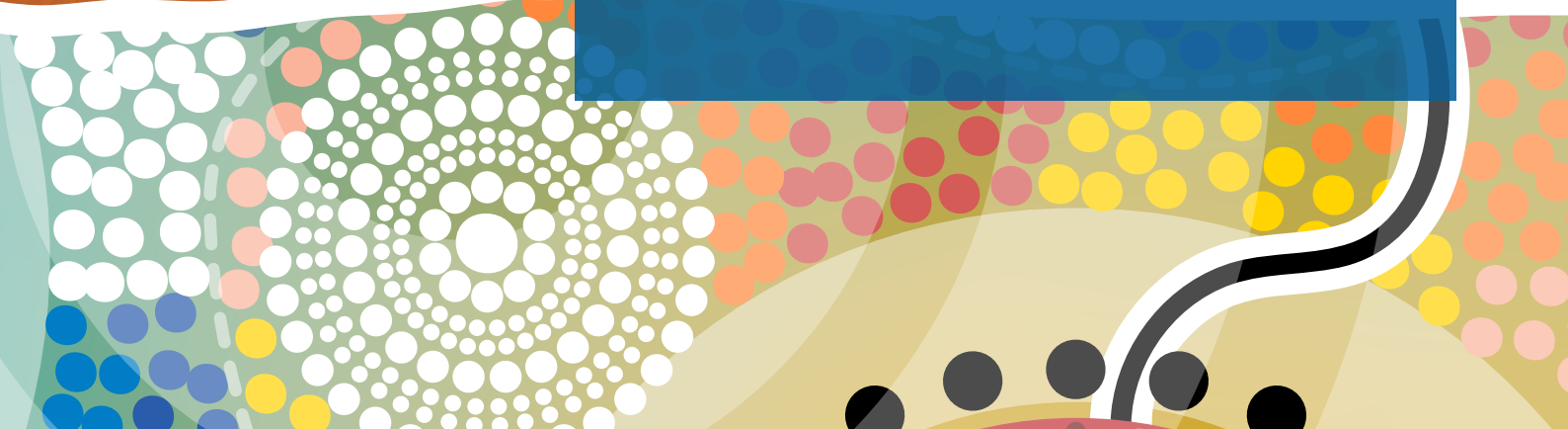
First Peoples
Disability Network

Individual 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 immediate and ongoing need to provide a more respectful, responsive and culturally sensitive service.

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



HOW CAN ADVOCACY HELP ME?

Advocacy may help you with:

- Assisting you to build on your self-advocacy skills
- Supported decision making
- Housing/accommodation
- Accessing education and employment
- Accessing suitable disability services
- Human Rights and discrimination
- Voicing concerns about supports
- Making a complaint

An advocate can:

- Attend meetings with you and supporting your voice to be heard
- Help you understand information
- Provide you with information and referrals to other agencies who can support you
- Complete applications and letters with or for you

WHO CAN RECEIVE DISABILITY ADVOCACY?

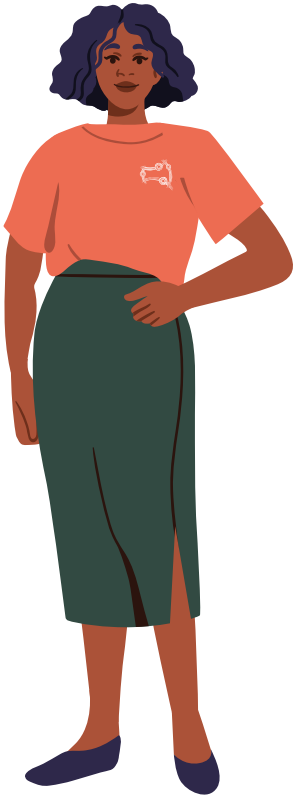
You can receive advocacy if you are a person living with a disability or are a family member or supporter of a person living with disability.



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**
- **Adelaide**
- **Barkly Region - Tennant Creek Northern Territory**

Our advocacy can be provided online (over the internet) or face to face.



OTHER SERVICES

FPDN also provides other services, like national systemic advocacy and we are available to attend and participate in community engagement activities.

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

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

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



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

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