Advocacy



Advocacy means speaking up to make things better.

Inclusion Australia is a **systemic advocacy organisation**.



This means we:

- Speak up for the rights of people with an intellectual disability and their families
- Work with Government to make **systems** and services better for people with an intellectual disability.



Systems are the rules and way things are run.

For example the healthcare system or the education system.



One way we do this is by writing **submissions** to tell the Government what we think.

Click here to read our submissions.

Individual Advocacy



Sometimes people with an intellectual disability or their families may need **individual advocacy.**



An individual advocate can help you to:

- Speak up for your rights
- Understand services and systems
- Make decisions about things that affect you.





An individual advocate should be **independent.**





This means they do not work for:

- The Government
- The **NDIA**

  This is the part of the Government that runs the NDIS
- A disability service provider.



An individual advocate must not have any **conflicts of interest.**

A conflict of interest is when what is best for that person may not be what is best for you.

How to find an individual advocate



Inclusion Australia does not do individual advocacy.



Some of our member organisations can help with individual advocacy.

Click here to find the member organisation in your state or territory.

DANA
Disability Advocacy Network Australia

The Disability Advocacy Network Australia has a list of advocacy organisations on their website.

Click here to find advocacy support in your state or territory.

Self Advocacy website

The Self Advocacy for Everyone website has information and resources for self advocates.

We call it SAFE.



The SAFE website helps self advocates:

- Connect
- Learn
- Share.

About issues that are important to them.



Click here to visit the SAFE website.