

# Advocacy for Inclusion Inc



## What is Advocacy?

Advocacy is information, education, representation and, where necessary, referral\*.  
(Referral means seeking another organization to support you if required)

### An Advocate Will:

- Listen to you and your concern.
- Work with you to identify the issues they can help you with.
- Work with you to identify and prioritise the main issues.
- Provide you with information on ways to address and work through your issues.
- (We may not be able to solve things always)
- Stand beside you if you want assistance to speak up
- Assist you if you want to try to solve your issues yourself.
- Speak for you if you are unable or need help to speak for yourself.
- Help you to identify and understand the importance and possible outcomes of taking action.
- Refer you to other agencies if the advocate is not able to help you.

**ADVOCACY IS NOT COUNSELLING, CASE MANAGEMENT OR SUPPORT WORK**

### An Advocate Will Not:

- Speak for you without your consent
- Do something that you have not agreed to.
- Speak to someone without your permission.
- Take control from you.
- Keep information from you.
- Assist you to do anything illegal.
- Assist you to do anything which may cause harm to yourself or to someone else.

**If you need an advocate or would like any further information on advocacy please contact  
Advocacy for Inclusion**

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**“providing individual and systemic advocacy to improve life for people who have a disability”**

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