

THE STRENGTH OF ADVOCACY BY FAMILIES

Family Advocacy supports and encourages families to speak up with or on behalf of their family member with disability so they have the same opportunities that other Australians enjoy.

This means we support the philosophy and practice of inclusion. Being motivated by love, families hold a unique strength and are an important safeguard when speaking out with or on behalf of their family member.

“It was only by chance we found Family Advocacy and lucky we did - we would not be where we are today without their unrelenting support.”



HOW TO CONTACT US

Contact us to hear more about Family Advocacy, register for an event or talk through any issues relating to your family member with disability.

We travel regularly across NSW with advocacy workshops and information sessions - details are provided on the events section of our website and advertised through Facebook.

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(for NSW callers outside Sydney)

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TWITTER: [@FamAdvocacyNSW](https://twitter.com/FamAdvocacyNSW)

TIS: (Translation Interpreting Service) 131 450

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Family Advocacy believes...
people with disability should
have the same opportunities
that other Australians enjoy.

We support families to:

- Build a positive vision
- Hold high expectations
- Create an inclusive life

**in the best interest of their family
member with disability.**



WHO WE ARE

Family Advocacy is an independent and impartial advocacy organisation that works with families across NSW to promote and defend the rights and interests of people with developmental disability*.

We are managed and staffed by families and allies, who recognise the issues families face when advocating on behalf of their family member with disability.

We consider that families are in the strongest position to advocate for their family member, while also acknowledging that there can be a conflict of interest between the needs of the family versus those of the person with disability. Our focus is on the needs and interests of the person with disability, and we support the family so they can ensure - through advocacy - that the protection and rights of their family member are upheld.

* Developmental disability occurs in the developmental period of a person's life (from conception to adulthood) and includes intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, autism and any combination of physical, intellectual or sensory disability.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Family Advocacy provides advocacy advice and information based on the belief that people with disability can obtain - through intentional thinking and planning - all the good things that make up an ordinary life. We believe that people's lives are improved through natural community based supports and socially valued community roles.

OUR VISION is of families being agents of positive social change so that the inherent value of people with developmental disability is recognised within a just and inclusive society.

OUR MISSION is to attain positive social roles for people who have developmental disability, through the development and support of advocacy by families and by strengthening the knowledge, role and influence of the family.

“Family Advocacy saw a spark in me that I didn't know was there and nurtured me as an advocate to tackle some important social justice issues.”

“Family Advocacy will continue to inspire me to stand up for my son to enrich his life.”

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WHAT WE PROVIDE

- State-wide advocacy advice and support
- Advocacy and leadership development for families wishing to speak up for the rights and interests of their family member with disability
- Systems advocacy and representations to government so that change is made in legislation, policy and services to gain better quality lives for people with developmental disability
- Opportunities for families to be involved in the systems advocacy work of the organisation
- Advocacy related workshops and information sessions for families around particular topics across all life stages
- A wide range of resources including film clips, articles, books and family stories housed in our website's searchable inclusion library and our social media channels.

