

## Disability Advocacy Services in NSW & ACT

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<b>Ability Inc</b>	<b>Address:</b> PO Box 626 Ballina NSW 2478.
<b>Phone:</b> (02) 6628 8188/ 1800 657 961	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> Far North Coast.
<b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:aiadvoc@bigpond.net.au">aiadvoc@bigpond.net.au</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> All disability groups and families/carers.
<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.nor.com.au/community/aiadvoc">www.nor.com.au/community/aiadvoc</a>	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> Individuals can self refer or be assisted by families or carers to do so.

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<b>Advocacy Eastside</b>	<b>Address:</b> PO Box 192 Bondi Junction NSW 1355
<b>Phone:</b> (02) 9386 1277	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> Eastern Suburbs of Sydney (Waverley, Botany, Randwick, and Woollahra).
<b>E-mail</b> <a href="mailto:eastside@citadv.asn.au">eastside@citadv.asn.au</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> People with intellectual, sensory, physical, cognitive or neurological disabilities and families/carers.
<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.citadv.asn.au">www.citadv.asn.au</a>	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> Ring to speak to an advocate.

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<b>Advocacy for Inclusion</b>	<b>Address:</b> PO Box 3653 Weston Creek ACT 2611.
<b>Phone:</b> (02) 6286 9422	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> ACT.
<b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:info@advocacyforinclusion.org.au">info@advocacyforinclusion.org.au</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> People who have a disability, their family members and friends and people who speak on behalf of people who have a disability.
<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.advocacyforinclusion.org.au">www.advocacyforinclusion.org.au</a>	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> Ring to speak to an advocate.

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<b>(ADACAS) ACT Disability Aged &amp; Carer Advocacy Service</b>	<b>Address:</b> PO Box 144 Dickson ACT 2602.
<b>Phone:</b> (02) 6242 5060	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> ACT.
<b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:adacas@adacas.org.au">adacas@adacas.org.au</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> People with disability, aged people and carers.
<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.adacas.org.au">www.adacas.org.au</a>	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> Phone for assistance.

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<b>Action For People With Disability Inc</b>	<b>Address:</b> PO Box 297 St Ives NSW 2075
<b>Phone:</b> (02) 9449 5355	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> Sydney Metro North region.
<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:action-for-people@swiftdsl.com.au">action-for-people@swiftdsl.com.au</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> People with disability of all ages.
	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> Service can be contacted Mon - Fri 9am to 6pm.

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<b>(BIA) Brain Injury Association of NSW</b>	<b>Address:</b> PO Box 698 Epping NSW 1710
<b>Phone:</b> (02) 9868 5261/ 1800 802 840	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> NSW.
<b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:mail@biansw.org.au">mail@biansw.org.au</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> People with a brain injury and family/carers.
<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.biansw.org.au">www.biansw.org.au</a>	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> Phone for assistance.

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<b>Central Coast Disability Network - Individual Advocacy Project</b>	<b>Address:</b> 29 Webb Street, East Gosford NSW
<b>Phone:</b> (02) 4324 2355	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> Central Coast.
<b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:advocacyccdnh@bigpond.com">advocacyccdnh@bigpond.com</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> All disability groups, family members and friends of a person with a disability between 0 - 65 years old.
	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> Phone the office for referral & assistance.

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<b>Side by Side Advocacy</b>	<b>Address:</b> Shop 1 30-32 Herbert St West Ryde NSW 2114
<b>Phone:</b> (02) 9808 5500	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> Ryde and Hunters Hill
<b>E-mail address:</b> <a href="mailto:CARHH@bigpond.com">CARHH@bigpond.com</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> Specialise in support to people with intellectual disability, however, will endeavour to assist any person with disability that contacts us
	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> People with disability or any one concerned about the interests of a person with disability can contact us via phone, e-mail or by dropping into the office. Appointments preferred.

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<b>City and Inner West Disability Advocacy</b>	<b>Address:</b> Level 1, 418a Elizabeth St, Surry Hills. (Postal Address: 6/70 Devonshire St, Surry Hills, NSW, 2010)
<b>Phone:</b> (02) 9212 2020	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> Ashfield, Canada Bay, Leichhardt, Marrickville, City of Sydney
<b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:civda@mdaa.org.au">civda@mdaa.org.au</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> People with disability (aged 0-65 years), their families or carers.
<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.mdaa.org.au">www.mdaa.org.au</a>	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> People can self refer or can be referred by another organisation.

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<b>(DAN) Disability Advocacy Network</b>	<b>Address:</b> PO Box 912 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.
<b>Phone</b> 1800 250 292 / (02) 6921 9225	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> Riverina and Murray South West Slopes, Southern Tablelands and Central Murrumbidgee.
<b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:dan_inc@bigpond.com">dan_inc@bigpond.com</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> All disability groups, their families/carers.
<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.dan-inc.net.au">www.dan-inc.net.au</a>	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> Individuals, their families /carers and service providers should ring the service to make a referral.

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<b>(DA) Disability Advocacy NSW</b>	<b>Address:</b> Suite 3 Level 1, 408 King Street Newcastle West NSW 2302
<b>Phone:</b> 1300 365 085 (02) 4927 0111 – Newcastle Office (02) 6766 4588 – Tamworth Office	<b>Geographical area covered:</b> Advocates are available in the Hunter, New England and Mid North Coast Regions of NSW.
<b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:da@da.org.au">da@da.org.au</a>	<b>Who can use the service?</b> All people with a disability and families/carers.
<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.da.org.au">www.da.org.au</a>	<b>Intake/referral process:</b> People with a disability and carers please ring and ask to speak to an intake officer. We encourage disability workers and professionals to refer by obtaining a referral form from our web site.

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### **(DAIS) Disability Advocacy & Information Service**

**Phone:** (02) 6056 2420/  
1300 886 388

**E-mail:** [admin@disability-advocacy.com.au](mailto:admin@disability-advocacy.com.au)

**Web:** [www.disability-advocacy.com.au](http://www.disability-advocacy.com.au)

**Address:** PO Box 982 Wodonga Victoria 3689.

**Geographical area covered:** South West NSW (Albury, Corowa, Tocumwal, Deniliquin, Jerilderie, Urana, Henty, and Holbrook).

**Who can use the service?** People with a disability and their families/carers.

**Intake/referral process:** Phone and ask to speak to an intake worker.

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### **(DIAS) Disability Information Advocacy Service Inc**

**Phone:** (02) 6332 2100

**E-mail:** [dias@binc.org.au](mailto:dias@binc.org.au)

**Web:** [www.binc.org.au](http://www.binc.org.au)

**Address:** 96 Russell Street, Bathurst NSW 2795 (PO Box 1469).

**Geographical area covered:** Central West of NSW.

**Who can use the service?** People with a disability aged 0 – 65 yrs, their families and carers.

**Intake/referral process:** Can self refer or be referred by service provider.

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### **(IDAS) Indigenous Disability Advocacy Service)**

**Phone:** 1300 114 327

**E-mail:** [joanne.scott@idas.org.au](mailto:joanne.scott@idas.org.au)

**Web:** [www.idas.org.au](http://www.idas.org.au)

**Address:** Suite 4, 2-6 Kendall Street, Harris Park NSW 2150

**Geographical area covered:** Western Sydney and Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett, Coonamble, Bogan, Cobar, Warren, Dubbo, Narromine, Wellington, Gilgandra, Bland, Lachlan, Parkes, Forbes, Griffith, Narrandra, Murrumbidgee, Leeton, Coolamon, Cessnock, Maitland, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Wyong, Gosford, Hawkesbury, Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Kiama, Wollongong, Wollondilly, Shellharbour, Shoal Haven, Blue Mountains, Wingcaribee.

**Who can use the service?** Indigenous people with disabilities, their families and carers when the person they are looking after needs help.

**Intake/referral process:** Make contact by telephone, personal visit or another agency can contact us on your behalf.

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### **(IDRS) Intellectual Disability Rights Service Inc.**

**Phone:** (02) 9318 0144/  
1800 666 611

**E-mail:** [info@idrs.org.au](mailto:info@idrs.org.au)

**Web:** [www.idrs.org.au](http://www.idrs.org.au)

**Address:** Suite 2c, 199 Regent Street, Redfern NSW 2016.

**Geographical area covered:** NSW.

**Who can use the service?** People with intellectual disability and others acting on their behalf. Also provides support and information for people with an intellectual disability who are in contact with the criminal justice system  
Phone: 1300 665 908 (CJSN).

**Intake/referral process:** Legal advice is provided by phone by appointment. Phone to make an appointment for legal advice first.

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### **Illawarra Citizen Advocacy**

**Phone:** (02)4229 4999

**E-mail:** [illawarraca@bigpond.com](mailto:illawarraca@bigpond.com)

**Address:** PO Box 5134 Wollongong NSW 2500.

**Geographical area covered:** Illawarra.

**Who can use the service?** Long and short term Citizen Advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities and other disabilities.

**Intake/referral process:** Ring for an appointment.

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**The Institute for Family Advocacy and Leadership Development.**

**Phone:** (02) 9869 0866 /  
1800 620 588

**E-mail:** [familyadvocacy@family-advocacy.com](mailto:familyadvocacy@family-advocacy.com)

**Web:** [www.family-advocacy.com](http://www.family-advocacy.com)

**Address:** PO Box 502 Epping NSW 1710.

**Geographical area covered:** NSW.

**Who can use the service?** People with disability, family members of people with developmental disability, students, people working with people with developmental disability, academics and interested citizens.

**Intake/referral process:** Ring the agency.

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**(MDAA) Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW**

**Phone:** 1800 629 072 /  
(02) 98916400

**E-mail:** [mdaa@mdaa.org.au](mailto:mdaa@mdaa.org.au)

**Web:** [www.mdaa.org.au](http://www.mdaa.org.au)

**Address:** PO Box 9381 Harris Park NSW 2150

**Geographical area covered:** NSW. Regional advocates: Newcastle (02) 4927 0111, Wollongong, (02) 4229 6855. Griffiths (02) 6962 5399.

**Who can use the service?** People with disability (0-65 years old) from non English speaking background and their carers and families.

**Intake/referral process:** Contact the service to make an appointment.

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**Newell Advocacy Inc.**

**Phone number:**  
(02) 6792 3195

**E-mail address:**  
[newell.narrabri@westnet.com.au](mailto:newell.narrabri@westnet.com.au)

**Address:** 1/63 Maitland St Narrabri NSW 2390 (PO Box 210 Narrabri)

**Geographical area covered:** Narrabri, Moree, Gwydir, Coonamble, Warrumbungle, and Walgett Shires.

**Who can use the service?** Anyone who has a disability.

**Intake/referral process:** Contact the service to make an appointment.

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**(PWD) People with Disability Australia**

**Phone:** (02) 9370 3100/  
1800 422 015

**E-mail:** [intakeofficer@pwd.org.au](mailto:intakeofficer@pwd.org.au)

**Web:** [www.pwd.org.au](http://www.pwd.org.au)

**Address:** 52 Pitt St Redfern NSW 2016.

**Geographical area covered:** NSW.

**Who can use the service?** Any person with a disability who lives in NSW. Family members, carers, disability workers and others can also ask us to help a person with disability.

**Intake/referral process:** Contact us by phone on Monday to Friday between 1pm and 4:30pm. When you call, ask for the Intake Officer.

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**Self Advocacy Sydney**

**Phone:** (02) 9622 3005

**E-mail:** [info@sasinc.com.au](mailto:info@sasinc.com.au)

**Web:** [www.sasinc.com.au](http://www.sasinc.com.au)

**Address:** Suite 4, 2A Newton Rd Blacktown NSW 2148.

**Geographical area covered:** Sydney metropolitan area.

**Who can use the service?** People with an intellectual disability and carers.

**Intake/referral process:** Ring to make an appointment.

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**(SCI) Spinal Cord Injuries Australia**

**Phone:** (02) 9661 8855

**E-mail:** [info@scia.org.au](mailto:info@scia.org.au)

**Web:** [www.scia.org.au](http://www.scia.org.au)

**Address:** 1 Jennifer Street, Little Bay NSW 2036

**Geographical area covered:** NSW.

**Who can use the service?** Individuals with an SCI and/or similar conditions.

**Intake/referral process:** Call and ask for Individual Advocacy Officer.

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(NB: This information sheet is meant to be a general guide to help people who wish to locate a disability advocate in NSW. The type of advocacy support provided varies from service to service. Contacting the advocacy organisation directly to obtain up-to-date, detailed information about the services offered and areas covered is recommended. Mark Grierson, Disability Advocacy NSW Inc. March 2007)