

WE HELP YOUR VOICE

Where we Advocate

Hospitals and healthcare services
Schools and education systems
Government agencies
Aged care facilities
Prisons and correctional services
Community organisations
Disability and mental health services
Private practice
Politics

We advocate by ensuring fair access & RIGHTS to support and services.



REPRESENTING



Why use a SOCIAL WORKER for advocacy

Specialised training in human rights & social justice
Understanding of complex systems (health, housing, child protection, Centrelink, etc.)
Client-centred practice – we prioritise the person's voice and choices
Ethical responsibility – required to challenge unfair treatment
Holistic support – consider emotional, social, cultural, and financial needs
Strong communication skills – able to represent clients in meetings and services

QUESTIONS?

<https://www.aasw.asn.au/>

SOCIAL WORKERS

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ADVOCACY

Supporting rights, wellbeing, and access to services

Social workers help individuals, families, and communities get through life's challenges, make sure their voices are heard, and support their needs.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

WHAT SOCIAL WORKERS ACTUALLY DO

- Help people access housing, healthcare, and financial support
- Speak up in meetings with services and government agencies
- Challenge unfair decisions or discrimination
- Support vulnerable people in crises (family violence, homelessness, mental health)
- Work with other professionals to coordinate support
- Protect client confidentiality, rights, and dignity



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

How we Advocate

- Support letters
- Reports
- Meetings
- Phone Calls
- Complaints
- Consultations
- Letters to Ombudsman/Ministers

Social Workers ensure people are treated fairly and heard.

WHY WE ADVOCATE

- reduce barriers,
- protect rights,
- improve wellbeing for individuals, families, and communities.
- Helping access services (housing, health, financial support)
- Challenging unfair decisions
- Working with other professionals
- Supporting safety in emergencies
- Protecting client rights and privacy
- Voice Needs

WHO SOCIAL WORKERS ADVOCATE FOR

We Advocate for anyone facing abuse, inequality or discrimination

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- LGBTQIA+ communities
- Refugees and migrants
- People with disabilities
- Women
- Children



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Australian Association
of Social Workers