

## Finding a Disability Advocate in Queensland

These disability advocacy agencies are currently funded under the National Disability Advocacy Program and provide advocacy support to people in Queensland.

Disability Advocacy Service	Address	Contact Details	Services
Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia	121 Copperfield Street Geebung Qld 4034	FREECALL: 1800 818 338 p: (07) 3637 6000 info@adaaustralia.com.au http://www.adaaustralia.com.au	ADA Australia is a statewide, not-for-profit, independent, community-based advocacy and education service, supporting and improving the wellbeing of older people and people with disability.
Disability Connect Queensland	Level 5, 111 Albert Street Brisbane City QLD 4000	137468 feedback@dssatsip.qld.gov.au http://www.dssatsip.qld.gov.au/our-work/disability-services/disability-connect-queensland	Provides links to relevant services and agencies for people with disabilities and for their families & carers. Disability Connect Queensland also provides information and advocacy for those accessing the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
Independent Advocacy in the Tropics Inc.	Suite 1, 1-3 Barlow Street, South Townsville QLD 4810	(07) 4725 2505 Reception: reception@ianq.org.au Administration: admin@ianq.org.au Finance: operations@ianq.org.au https://independentadvocacy.org.au/	Independent Advocacy in the Tropics Inc. (IATI) is an independent advocacy agency run by and for people with disability. It was formed in 1989 and incorporated in 1991 to provide advocacy support for people with disability. The organization aims to provide solutions through the application of advocacy principles, to enable people with disability to redress unjust circumstances, and to make positive and equitable changes for a quality life.
Mackay Advocacy Inc.	22 NELSON STREET, Mackay Queensland 4740	(07) 4957 8710 admin@mackayadvocacy.com.au	Mackay Advocacy Inc. is a non-profit community-based organization that provides free and confidential individual advocacy to people with disabilities in the Mackay, Whitsunday, and Hinterland areas of Queensland, Australia
Older Persons Advocacy Network - OPAN - Australia wide support		1800 700 600 enquiries@opan.org.au. https://opan.org.au	The Older Persons Advocacy Network comprises nine state and territory members organisations that have helped thousands of people just like you to work through issues with their aged care. Our network members offer free, independent and confidential support and information to older people seeking or already using Australian Government-funded aged care services across the nation, along with their families and carers. They can give you or an older person you know the advice to find the right aged care services for you, help you understand and exercise your rights and stay connected to the people you care about.

<p>People With Disability Australia Inc.</p>	<p>Level 418A Elizabeth Street Surry Hills NSW 2010</p>	<p><b>Free call:</b> 1800 422 015 Pwd@pwd.org.au <a href="https://pwf.org.au">https://pwf.org.au</a></p>	<p>People with Disability Australia (PWDA) is a national peak disability rights and advocacy organisation by and for people with disability. It was founded in 1981 and represents the interests of people with all kinds of disability . PWDA provides a range of programs, services, and activities that empower, champion, and celebrate people with disability. They offer information, referrals, advocacy, and support to people with disability who are facing problems. They also take action to protect the legal and human rights of people with disability.</p>
<p>Queensland Advocacy Inc.</p>	<p>43 Peel Street, Brisbane, QLD 4101</p>	<p>(07) 3844 4200 Or 1300 130 582 qai@qai.org.au <a href="http://qai.org.au">http://qai.org.au</a></p>	<p>Queensland Advocacy Incorporated (QAI) is an independent, community-based systems and legal advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Queensland, Australia. They advocate for the protection and advancement of the needs, rights, and lives of people with disabilities in Queensland. QAI provides help to individuals through their three advocacy practices and advocates for systems change through campaigns and submissions directed at changing attitudes, law, and policy. They also provide assistance to NDIS appeals clients, Mental Health Review Tribunal appearances, and QCAT hearings. QAI is a registered charity and community legal centre.</p>
<p>Rights In Action Inc.</p>	<p>Ground Floor, Professional House 88 Abbott Street, Cairns QLD 4870</p>	<p>07 4031 7377 info@rightsinaction.org <a href="https://www.rightsinaction.org">https://www.rightsinaction.org</a></p>	<p>Rights In Action Incorporated (RIA) was formed in August 2001 to provide independent advocacy for people with disabilities in Cairns, Yarrabah, Atherton and Mareeba. RIA is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services under the National Disability Advocacy Program, and the State Government Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors, and Queensland Health.</p>
<p>Speaking Up For You Inc.</p>	<p>FL 1 12 Browning Street Brisbane QLD 4101</p>	<p>(07) 3255 1244 sufy@sufy.org.au <a href="https://sufy.org.au">https://sufy.org.au</a></p>	<p>SUFY's work is guided by the principles of Social Advocacy and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). We are a community based non profit incorporated association funded by the Commonwealth and State Government.</p>

<p>Sunshine Coast Citizen Advocacy</p>	<p>6/36 Maud Street Maroochydore QLD 4558</p>	<p>(07) 5442 2524 donna.duncan@citizenadvocacy.com les@citizenadvocacy.com sunshinecoast@citizenadvocacy.com <a href="https://citizenadvocacy.com">https://citizenadvocacy.com</a></p>	<p>Citizen Advocacy aims to recognise, promote, protect and defend the rights, welfare and the interests of people with intellectual disabilities who are vulnerable and/or at risk of abuse, neglect and/or social isolation.</p> <p>It does so by establishing and supporting one-to-one relationships between a person with a disability (protégé), who is vulnerable and has unmet needs in one or more important areas of their lives; and a responsible citizen who is resourceful and principled, free from conflict of interest, and who makes a personal freely given commitment to protect the protégé's interests as if they were their own.</p> <p>The Citizen Advocacy Office, which is independent of service providers, is responsible for recruiting, orientating and matching the citizen advocate and protégé and then supporting the advocate in the relationship as they respond to the advocacy needs and interests of the protégé.</p> <p>Each Citizen Advocacy relationship is unique. The Citizen Advocate may in some instances speak out and protect a protégé from abuse; or give the protégé the experience of family, new experiences and opportunities for friendship.</p> <p>Citizen advocates, with the support of the Citizen Advocacy office can and do make such a big difference in the lives of people who are quite often mistreated, rejected and isolated and have few opportunities to experience ordinary life. Support and friendship can result in richer, safer lives for people with intellectual disability.</p>
<p>TASC National Ltd</p>	<p>223 Hume Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350</p>	<p>(07) 4616 9700 reception@tascnational.org.au <a href="https://www.tascnational.org.au">https://www.tascnational.org.au</a></p>	<p>TASC National Ltd is a non-profit organization that provides free legal, advocacy, and social justice services to people in vulnerable situations in the communities of Goondiwindi, Roma, Stanthorpe, Toowoomba, Ipswich, and other areas in Queensland, Australia.</p> <p>They also offer disability and mental health advocacy services across this region and also in the Burnett and Wide Bay.</p> <p>You can access their services via in-person meetings at their various locations, or opt for the convenience of video or phone consultations.</p>
<p>National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline   Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing</p>		<p>1800 880 052</p> <p>Anyone can call the hotline to report abuse and neglect of people with disability in government-funded disability services.</p> <p>Call from 9 am to 7 pm, Monday to Friday. Not open on Australian national public holidays.</p>	<p>Anyone can call the hotline. This includes: Family members, Friends, Service providers, and People with disability.</p> <p>The is <u>not</u> a complaints resolution service or an individual advocacy service.</p> <p>Hotline staff work with callers to find appropriate ways of dealing with reports of abuse and neglect. Staff may refer reports to complaints handling mechanisms in the relevant state and territory. They may also refer to other complaints handling bodies such as the various Ombudsman, Anti-Discrimination Boards and the Complaints Resolution and Referral Service (CRRS).</p>

Full list of Disability Advocates across all states and territories: <https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-programs-services-for-people-with-disability-national-disability-advocacy-program-ndap-operational-guidelines/list-of-agencies-funded-under-the-national-disability-advocacy-program>

