

Disability Advocacy Information and Links

Disability advocates and programs are important in promoting, protecting, upholding, and defending the human rights and wellbeing of people with disability, as well as their families and caregivers.

Good Sammy does not provide advocacy services. This is because advocacy must remain independent from the service provider to avoid conflicts of interest and ensure the person's voice is prioritised. However, we support and respect the role of independent advocacy organisations.

Independent advocacy organisations can support people with disability to:

- participate fully in the community
- access services and supports to meet their needs
- understand and exercise their rights and responsibilities

The following organisations provide advocacy services:

- Consumers of Mental Health WA
- <u>Kin Advocacy</u>
- Midland Information Debt and Legal Advocacy Service (Midlas)
- People With Disabilities Western Australia, in association with
 - Advocacy WA, <u>Sussex Street Community Law Service</u>, <u>Great Southern</u>
 <u>Community Legal Services</u> and <u>Regional Alliance West</u>.
 - <u>Wunan Foundation</u>

For information about the National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP) organisations funded by the Australian Government visit <u>Department of Social</u> <u>Services</u> website. A list of NDAP providers is available here: <u>Ask Izzy – Disability Advocacy Finder</u>.

Other organisations that support people with disability, providers, workers and carers include:

Developmental Disability WA (DDWA)

• DDWA provides a range of services, information and resources to enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disability and their families.

National Disability Services (NDS)

• NDS is a peak body representing non-government disability service organisations. NDS provides information, resources and training for providers, workers, people with disability and carers.