

RIAC Advocacy can work with you to explain your rights and ensure you have a voice.

RIAC provides information and Advocacy to people with all types of disabilities, their families and carers, including

- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

RIAC is accredited under the National Standards for Disability Services and the Victorian Government Department of Human Services Standards.

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ADVOCACY

your rights, your voice

Rights Information & Advocacy Centre Inc. (RIAC)

'SPEAKING UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS'

A FREE CONFIDENTIAL & INDEPENDENT SERVICE SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THEIR FAMILY AND CARERS

advocacy

What can a RIAC advocate do?

An advocate is someone who will stand with you to help you make a decision and ensure your voice is heard, so that you are treated fairly.

An Advocate may:

- Assist you to advocate for yourself,
- Provide information about other agencies / services that may be of assistance to you,
- Assist you to resolve problems / complaints,
- Ensure your voice is heard at meetings,
- Write a letter with / for you.

Understanding advocacy

ADVOCACY – to stand up for the rights of another person or a group of people.

INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY – advocacy which focuses on upholding the rights of an individual.

SELF ADVOCACY – to stand up for your rights.

SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY – advocacy which involves changes in systems and focuses on upholding the rights of a group of people.

SOCIAL JUSTICE – a concept of equity whereby individuals in society have access to goods and services regardless of race, gender, disability, age, culture or socio-economic status.

RIAC Advocates service these local government areas (LGAs):

Victoria

- Greater Shepparton
- Moira
- Strathbogie
- Mitchell
- Murrindindi
- Mildura Rural City
- Swan Hill Rural City
- Gannawarra
- Campaspe
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Mount Alexander
- Macedon Ranges
- Central Goldfields
- Loddon
- Buloke
- Greater Geelong
- Borough of Queenscliffe
- West Wimmera
- Hindmarsh
- Yarriambiack

New South Wales

- Wentworth Shire
- Balranald Shire



RIAC acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders past and present, and proudly supports the LGBTI Community.