

NSW Disability Advocacy Futures Program



Information for schools, students and families

The NSW Department of Education has partnered with the NSW Department of Communities and Justice to provide students with disability and their families support under the Disability Advocacy Futures Program.

This program supports students with disability and their families to navigate the education and broader service system, and to express their needs to schools.

With this program, we are continuing to build a more inclusive education system, where every student is known, valued and cared for in NSW public schools.



What the program offers

- Students with disability and their families will continue to be encouraged to reach out to their school as the first point of contact. However, they have another avenue of support when encountering complex issues.
- Schools, students with disability and their families can access a free, independent support person to work together when responding to students' educational needs.
- Students with disability and their families can get help to navigate the education and broader service system.

Area/location	Organisation name	Contact details
Hunter New England, Northern NSW, Mid North Coast	Advocacy Law Alliance Incorporated	P: 1300 365 085 W: https://da.org.au/
Western, Far Western NSW	Advocacy Law Alliance Incorporated	P: 1300 365 085 W: https://da.org.au/
Southern NSW, Illawarra Shoalhaven, Murrumbidgee	ACT Disability Aged Carer Advocacy Service Limited	P: +61 (2) 6242 5060 W: https://adacas.org.au/
Northern Sydney, Central Coast	Action for People with Disability Inc	P: +61 (2) 9449 5355 W: https://www.actionadvocacy.org.au/
Western Sydney, Nepean Blue Mountains	Advocacy Law Alliance Incorporated	P: 1300 365 085 W: https://da.org.au/
Sydney, South Eastern Sydney	People with Disability Australia Incorporated	P: +61(2) 9370 3100 OR 1800 422 015 W: https://pwd.org.au/
South Western Sydney	People with Disability Australia Incorporated	P: +61(2) 9370 3100 OR 1800 422 015 W: https://pwd.org.au/
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	First Peoples Disability Network (Australia) Ltd	P: +61 (2) 9267 4195 W: https://fpdn.org.au/
Culturally and linguistically diverse communities	Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW	P: +61 (2) 9891 6400 OR 1800 629 072 W: http://mdaa.org.au/



Please contact the school if you would like more information. If you need interpreter assistance to contact the school, please call **131 450**, tell them what language you need and ask the operator to phone the school. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

