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RIAC is committed to: ensuring diversity and equality in regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, disability, religion or belief, marital status, sexual orientation or transgender status.



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

RIAC's Advocacy program is supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and the Victorian Government.

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RIAC acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their Elders and Respected Persons (past, present and emerging) and recognise their connection to Country, water and community.

ADVOCACY

Rights Information & Advocacy Centre

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your rights, your voice

'UPHOLDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY FOR OVER 30 YEARS'

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

advocacy

What is Disability Advocacy?

Disability advocacy is acting, speaking or writing to promote, protect and defend the human rights of people with disability.

At RIAC we provide Individual Advocacy which is a one-on-one approach, undertaken by an advocate to prevent or address instances of unfair treatment or abuse.



'YOUR RIGHTS YOUR VOICE'

What can RIAC Advocates Assist you With?

From speaking on your behalf to being alongside you in meetings, some common examples of our advocacy support includes:

- Assisting you to build on your own advocacy skills
- Supported decision making
- Assisting you to advocate for yourself
- Writing a letter with or for you
- Providing you with information about other agencies or services that may be of assistance to you
- Ensuring your voice is heard at meetings
- Assisting you when you would like to make a complaint

What RIAC Advocates CANNOT do:

- Make decisions for you
- Provide case management services
- Mediation
- NDIS Preplanning assistance
- Provide counselling
- Give legal advice
- Provide financial counselling

Areas of Service

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