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First Nations Disability Advocacy

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RIAC provides specialised assistance for First Nations people with a disability living on Wada Wurrung, Taungurung, Bangerang, Yorta Yorta, Ladji Ladji, Barkindji, Dja Dja Wurrung and Ngurai-illam Wurrung Country.

RIAC focuses on empowering First Nations people to live independently and with dignity.

We have dedicated First Nations Advocates to support individuals and families. All our staff undergo comprehensive cultural awareness and safety training, ensuring a deep understanding of the contemporary challenges faced by First Nations people with disabilities, especially those who have experienced trauma. Our approach is tailored to provide the best possible support, addressing complex issues within their communities with sensitivity and expertise.

We assist in amplifying individual voices, helping with self-advocacy, letter writing, and navigating complex government systems like NDIS, Centrelink, Aged Care, Housing, Legal, and Education.

Our expertise includes guiding individuals to understand and connect with other agencies or services.

RIAC also advocates for clients in meetings to ensure their voices are heard. We support making complaints or reviewing decisions from entities like NDIS or Centrelink.

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