

Advocacy Information

Purpose

An advocate is someone who can represent you and help you to voice what you need. An advocate can be a family member and friend but can also be a person who works in an advocacy organisation.

At SAVVY, we want you to feel confident with the services you chose and how they are provided. This means you are always welcome to include an advocate in any conversations with SAVVY or to ask an advocate to speak on your behalf.

If you would like to find an advocate, you can speak to the SAVVY team or contact an advocacy agency. Below are some advocates working in the Illawarra that are all completely independent of SAVVY

Ask Izzy

<https://askizzy.org.au/>

Illawarra Advocacy

02 4229 4999 | www.illawarraadvocacy.org.au

First Peoples Disability Network Australia

02 9267 4195 | <https://fpdn.org.au/>

Ideas – possible Advocacy

1800 744 487 | <https://www.ideas.org.au/what-we-do/possible-advocacy.html>

IDRS

1300 665 908 | <https://idrs.org.au/>

People with Disability Australia

1800 843 929 | <https://pwd.org.au/get-help/individual-advocacy/>

In some instances, SAVVY can act as an advocate for you. If SAVVY is advocating for your needs in any situations, we will always make it clear if we have any conflicts of interest, and may advise that an independent advocate is required if the conflict of interest is inappropriate or if we cannot provide the advocacy you need.