

## Working with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

### Know the services available to assist with access and advocacy to the NDIS

Helping someone access the NDIS can be daunting but there is a range of services available for workers, people with disabilities, families and carers that can help with information and advocacy. The services listed below offer a range of support, from general advocacy to assisting with NDIS applications and appeals, disability rights information and more.

<b><a href="#">Disability Advocacy Finder</a></b>	Made available by the Department of Social Services, the <a href="#">Disability Advocacy Finder</a> provides information and contact details of disability advocacy agencies across Australia. Organisations included receive funding from the federal, state or territory government to provide individual or systemic advocacy.
<b><a href="#">Disability Advocacy Network Australia (DANA)</a></b>	DANA is the peak organization for all disability advocacy organisations across Australia. They provide information and support to people with disabilities connecting with the NDIS. See: <a href="#">Disability Advocacy Network Australia</a>
<b><a href="#">People With Disability Australia (PWDA)</a></b>	PWDA is a national disability rights, advocacy and representative organisation that is comprised, led and governed by people with disabilities. They provide support to people with disabilities including people with a mental health diagnosis as their primary disability. They can assist with advocacy, NDIS appeals, and disability rights information. See <a href="#">People with Disability Australia</a> for more details.
<b><a href="#">Intellectual Disability Rights Service Inc (IDRS)</a></b>	Assists people with a cognitive impairment across NSW with legal help, advocacy, NDIS appeals, peer support, and assists parents with intellectual disability at risk of losing the care of their children. See the website: <a href="#">Intellectual Disability Rights Services Inc.</a>
<b><a href="#">First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN)</a></b>	Governed by First Peoples with lived experience of disability, the <a href="#">First Peoples Disability Network</a> is a national organisation for Australia's First Peoples with disabilities, their families and communities. They provide information and advocacy support to Aboriginal communities about changes to the disability service system and NDIS.
<b><a href="#">Ethnic Community Services Cooperative</a></b>	<a href="#">Ethnic Community Services Cooperative</a> has a multicultural disability service team that provides advocacy support, advice, resources, and fact sheets to assist people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds access and transition to the NDIS.
<b><a href="#">Synapse</a></b>	<a href="#">Synapse</a> provides a range of services for people who have been impacted by brain injury, including information and referral, consultancy, assessment and planning.

If you would like to discuss the information provided in this factsheet or your experiences of assisting people engaged in AOD treatment access NDIS please contact [michelle@nada.org.au](mailto:michelle@nada.org.au).