## **Getting Help From An Advocate**

## Who is an advocate?

An advocate is someone you can trust and is on your side.

- they can help you tell people what you want and need
- they can help you tell people when something is wrong
- they can help you solve problems
- they can help with any problems related to a person's disability or medical issue

Everyone can have an advocate to help them

A professional advocate is paid to be an advocate for their job

An advocate is NOT a lawyer

There are advocates working at Kin, who will try to help you solve problems that you are concerned about.

Kin advocacy services are FREE

Kin Advocates can talk to other organisations on your behalf if you want us to. For example, we can contact NDIS, Centrelink, Department of housing, schools, hospitals etc

Advocates will help you for up to 12 months

Kin Advocates will help with any problems related to a person's disability or medical issues only

Advocates are not "case workers", which means we are not able to help with every problem you might have. However, we can connect you to other services that could help you

## For further information

Visit: <u>www.kinadvocacy.org.au</u>

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