

An advocate is someone who can support you to:

- make decisions for yourself
- make your voice heard
- stand up for your rights
- protect and promote your interests

An advocate can be a family member, friend or organisation.

People often use an advocate in a situation where they feel confused, overwhelmed, intimidated or under-confident. Sometimes people use advocates to speak on their behalf or support them to speak for themselves.

We encourage you to use an advocate when dealing with our organisation if you feel this would be useful. For example, you could use an advocate if you want to make a complaint or when you are assessed for services.

You can choose your own advocate, or we can assist you (wherever possible) to find one. You can change your advocate or stop using an advocate at any time.

We will not share information with your advocate if we do not have your permission to do so. If you want us to share information with your advocate when you are not present, you must give us written permission by completing a form. If you want to stop using your advocate, or if you change your advocate, please let us know so we can change the details on the advocate nomination form.

Organisations that can assist you with advocacy, or provide you with an advocate, are listed below:

Office of the Public Advocate

Address: Level 23, David Malcolm Justice Centre
28 Barrack Street, Perth WA 6000
Phone: 1300 858 455

Advocare

Email: Rights@advocare.org.au
Phone: 9479 7566
Free call: 1800 655 566