

What is an **Advocate or Support Person**?



This information is written in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.



Some words are written in **bold**. We explain what these words mean.

You can ask for help to read this document.

A family member, friend or support person may be able to help you.

Let us know if you would like us to help you.



This Easy Read information is a shorter version of another document.

You can ask us (or organisation name) for a copy of the longer document.

An advocate is someone who helps you get more choice and control about what you want

Advocates tell you about things and help you speak up about what you want and need

An advocate can talk to other people or organisations for you

Advocates can tell them what you want and what you need.

You can ask other people to take part and help you solve your problem. This can be friends, family members or other support people that may be able to help you

We can provide you with the contact details for relevant support and advocacy bodies such as culturally relevant organisations such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services, multi-cultural organisations, community members, Elders, and language services

You can request a support person or an advocate at any stage of services that we provide

They will help you have your say and to stand up for your rights

Having rights means you can expect to be treated fairly

We can find someone to translate or interpret for you, if you need it. Once you have told us you need an advocate we will explain what happens next