



Brain Injury SA.

# Advocacy Program



## What is the Advocacy Program?

Brain Injury SA's Advocacy Program provides a voice for people living with acquired brain injury (ABI) at times when they need help and support, and may not be able to speak up for themselves.

The program's Brain Injury SA-based Advocate will seek the best available outcome to problems by encouraging services or supports to act with respect, treat people with dignity, and ensure their legal rights are being met.

The Advocate promotes the individual rights to freedom of expression, self-determination and decision-making for people living with ABI.

The program provides individual advocacy, family advocacy, self-advocacy and systemic advocacy for a wide range of issues.

The Advocate can be your voice, expressing your wishes.

## What can the Advocacy Program help with?

The Advocacy Program can help with a range of issues, including:

- family law and criminal matters;
- Centrelink and NDIS appeals;
- accessing supports and services;
- navigating through complex processes such as compensation claims or Wills & Estates;
- resolving problems or complaints;
- matters of discrimination.

The Advocate may provide help with letter writing, being present in meetings, gathering information about services, and also may speak on behalf of an individual with their permission.

## Who can access the Advocacy Program?

Brain Injury SA's Advocacy Program is available to anyone living with ABI and their families, in South Australia and Northern Territory, who need help or support.

The Advocate may be contacted directly, using the numbers below, by someone living with an ABI, a member of their family or a support worker.

Support through the Advocacy Program can only be provided voluntarily.

## How much does it cost to access the Advocacy Program?

There is no cost to use the services of the Brain Injury SA-based Advocate, for people living with ABI or their families.

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## More information?

If you would like more information about the Advocacy Program or wish to talk with the Advocate, please contact Brain Injury SA using one of the following methods:

### Telephone

**08 8217 7600**

### Email

**info@braininjurysa.org.au**

### Country callers

**1300 733 049**

[www.braininjurysa.org.au](http://www.braininjurysa.org.au)