



Southern Disability Advocacy provides advocacy for people with a disability. SDA assists by helping you to:

- Stand up for your rights and protect your rights;
- Overcome barriers, including abuse and neglect which effect your daily life
- Participate in the community
- Access the same freedoms, services and conditions enjoyed by other members of the community.

We work with people with all disability.

We provide advocacy for people with disabilities living in our catchment area. This is done by Individual Advocacy. Individual Advocacy is when Southern Disability Advocacy help a person by speaking on their behalf or help them to speak up for themselves.

The objective of advocacy work done by the Program is to:

- Help people with a disability to have equal access and participation in the community;
- Educate people with disabilities about their rights;
- Encourage people with disabilities to make informed choices;
- Promote independence amongst people with disabilities;
- Help people with disabilities to have their wishes and needs recognized by the rest of the community and to see this happen in community structures and attitudes;
- Provide advocacy for people with disabilities;

Advocacy is usually short-term, to work on a particular problem or issue for you. When we believe we have done everything reasonable to assist you, we will then cease working with you. Advocacy isn't case management or support coordination, and we don't do the work that should be done by other services or workers.