

## DACSSA DISABILITY ADVOCACY LGBTQIA+ AND DISABILITY

**DACSSA BELIEVES IN TAILORING OUR SUPPORTS TO EACH INDIVIDUAL. WE VALUE INDIVIDUALITY AND THE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR DISABILITY SERVICES UNDERPIN THE WAY WE PROVIDE ADVOCACY.**

DACSSA provides free, issues-based advocacy to support people with disability to retain their individuality, uphold their rights, live with control and choice, and without discrimination.

### SUPPORTING LGBTQIA+

People with disability in the LGBTQIA+ community may require advocacy that has awareness and understanding of gender and sexual identity and other diversity, so that advocacy can happen in a way that best reflects their wishes and helps them feel seen, believed and safe.

Types of issues we assist with include, but are not limited to:

- Discrimination
- Issues associated with inclusion and access
- Education and employment
- Housing and accommodation.

### HOW DACSSA CAN ASSIST

- Communicate with relevant people on your behalf
- Attend meetings with you
- Review documents
- Provide specific and tailored guidance
- Provide information on how services work
- Provide personalised resources for your matter
- Link you with other services.



# DACSSA DISABILITY ADVOCACY

## INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY PROCESS

### INTAKE

We will ask for your personal details as well as information about your circumstances at intake. We will discuss with you how long you can expect to wait for advocacy.

Once your Advocate has been allocated to your matter, they will contact you.

### ALLOCATION

### CONSENT FORMS & PLANNING

We require your consent before we begin. Together we will plan the best way forward.

This may consist of meetings with your Advocate or other people, drafting documents and working through steps to resolve your matter over time.

### WORKING TOGETHER

### CONCLUSION & FEEDBACK

After we have done everything we agreed on, we will close the matter and ask for your feedback. We can also refer you to other services, if needed.

