



Consultation Report

for the establishment of
a National Centre for
Disability Advocacy

April 2023

Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands in which we meet today across Australia, and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We welcome First Nations people joining us here today.



Housekeeping

- **Live captioning** available- Click on “CC” icon to view
- **One person** speaking at a time
- **Collaborative webinar** - please use raise hand icon if possible
- **Respectful** language
- **Meeting will be recorded** and may be available on DANA or NCDA website, if you do not wish to be recorded, turn off your camera and inform the host

Agenda

- Welcome
- Housekeeping
- Introduction to the report
- Capacity Building
- Identifying unmet need and unmet demand
- Identifying and elevating systemic advocacy
- Q & A
- NCDA Contact details
- Close



1. Introduction to the report

Report

- Main functions
 - Capacity building
 - Identifying and addressing unmet demand & unmet need
 - Identifying and elevating systemic advocacy issues

- Key themes
 - operate according to a set of principles
 - don't duplicate existing resources
 - "one-stop shop"
 - reflect the diversity of the sector
 - develop and share a suite of best practice resources
 - facilitate the collection consistent, comparable and meaningful data
 - capture data that can be used for a variety of purposes
 - include the word "disability" in the name

2. Capacity Building

Capacity Building

- Developing a Website and portal for resources
- Developing a training calendar
- Developing and delivering a national induction program for new advocates
- Identifying and developing basic training materials and resources for:
 - *Individual Advocacy*
 - *Systemic Advocacy*
 - *Organisational Governance*

Capacity Building

- Establishing Communities Of Practice/Peer Networks
- Bringing together case studies and best practice examples

Upcoming webinars

June 15 - Data webinar

July 19 - NDIS Q & S Commission webinar

August 24 - Dealing with decision-makers webinar

September 20 - Intake webinar

October - Case studies webinar

November - Psychosocial disability and advocacy

Peer Networks - Starting in June



3. Identifying and addressing unmet demand & unmet need

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- Understanding capacity of organisations
- Establishing consistent data collection processes
- Investigating improvements to data collection software
- Holding a census week

Identifying and addressing unmet demand & unmet need

- Developing a directory of advocacy services (working with Ask Izzy currently)
- Championing the work of advocates through awareness raising campaigns



4. Identifying and elevating systemic advocacy issues

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- Identifying systemic advocacy activities being undertaken by NDAP providers and bring them to the attention of:
 - DANA Policy and Advocacy Team
 - Disability Representative Organisation
 - Commonwealth and State governments
 - Wider community

Identifying and elevating systemic advocacy issues

We will do this by

- Short term:
 - Holding forums with advocacy organisations to discuss their systemic activities
 - Meeting with state networks to discuss systemic issues
 - Writing an insight report every 6 months to inform DSS and peak bodies

Identifying and elevating systemic advocacy issues

We will do this by

- Medium term:
 - Developing a database in the partner portal to enable organisations to be able to record and collaborate on systemic advocacy issues
 - Developing a database that will collect case studies of individual advocacy issues, that can be used in systemic advocacy

4. Questions?

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Thank you for your time

We'll be in touch