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Study about Family Advocacy



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About Family Advocacy



Family Advocacy is an organisation that support families.



They support people with developmental disability and their families to get their rights.



They work with people all over NSW.



They help families and people with disability speak up for

- Their rights
- The support they need

About our study



People from the Social Policy Research Centre did a study about Family Advocacy.

We are called **SPRC** for short.



We wanted to find out how Family Advocacy works.



We wrote a report about what we found out.

How we did the study



For our study we talked to families of people with developmental disability.



We talked to people that work in Family Advocacy.



We read information about the families who use Family Advocacy.

What Family Advocacy does



Families and people with disability are supported to advocate.



People with disability tell their families what they want and do not want.



Their families listen to them.



Families support the person to enjoy a full life in the community.



Families support the person to fix things when it goes wrong.

How Family Advocacy supports families



Families use information from Family Advocacy and other families.



They use this information to speak up about things.



Families feel stronger when they work together with others.



They become part of a group of families who support the rights and interests of people with disability.

Families become leaders



Sharing stories helps families support each other to make big plans.



Families get better at talking about what needs to change for people with disability.



They feel ok to talk about this with their community and the government.



Family Advocacy help families share these things and become leader.

What Family Advocacy does well



The people in the study told us many things Family Advocacy does well.



They said Family Advocacy supports families well to help others

- Make plans
- Get to their goals.



They support families to find out what people with disability want.



Families find out what people want and support them to enjoy a full life in the community.



Family Advocacy help families learn from each other about how to support their family members.

More information about our study



To find out more about our study and Family Advocacy go to

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/research/sprc/our-projects/family-advocacy-research>