

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

**Independent Individual Advocate**, Part-time 30 hours per week.  Social, Community, Home Care & Disability Services Industry Award 2010,  Level 4.3 - 5.1 depending on experience and qualifications. Tertiary qualifications in Social Work, Human Services, Justice or equivalent is highly desirable.

Mackay Advocacy Inc works towards an inclusive society in which all people are valued members of the community and who have opportunities to achieve their full potential.  This role's vision is advocating and promoting Human Rights.

The Mission of this organisation is to improve the lives of people with disabilities, prioritising on those at risk of neglect, abuse and exploitation, through advocacy and capacity building for individuals and their communities.

We are seeking a committed advocate, preferably with experience in supporting vulnerable people experiencing or at risk of family violence and/or formal supports overlooking neglect and abuse.  The primary role is to provide one-to-one advocacy to vulnerable people who may have varying impairments and strengths to navigate and realise their basic human rights and protections.  Issues include, but not limited to, adverse NDIS service provision, financial exploitation, personal exploitation, family violence or separation, homelessness and risks.  Part of this role also then includes the collation of adverse trends to contribute towards systemic change.  Being a team member of a small organisation includes promoting a positive profile of people with disability and celebration in community.

This position is subject to funding by the Department of Social Services National Disability Advocacy Program.  Mackay Advocacy also has programs with Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services and Queensland Health.  We also are active in seeking new grants for projects and new initiatives.

If your values align with legislation such as the Anti-Discrimination Act, Human Rights Act and the UN Convention of Rights for People with Disability and you desire the opportunity to utilise your skills, passion and energy towards improving the lives of vulnerable individuals amongst a committed team and network then you are welcome to apply for this position.

Contact this office for application and selection criteria:

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