

Action for Community Living Inc.

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Advocacy support for all areas of disability, advocating empowerment, independence and inclusion in the community for people with a disability.

AMIDA - Action for More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation

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Working for improved housing conditions and more housing choices for people with disabilities, because they are entitled to a choice of good housing which is non-institutional. People with a disability have a right to live in the community and to have support that allows them to participate in the community and enjoy a good quality of life.

AMIDA works on a systemic level to achieve these aims, working with groups of people or on problems that affect groups of people.

Assistance is also offered to individuals to help them with a problem and if this problem is also faced by others, AMIDA aims to find the cause of the problem, to stop it affecting other people.

Blind Citizens Australia

Ross House, 247-251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 9654 1400 or Freecall 1800 033 660

Web: www.bca.org.au

Email: bca@bca.org.au

Provides individual advocacy, systemic advocacy, information dissemination, peer support, consultancy and advice to governments, corporations and the community. All advocacy, peer support and information services are provided at no cost to blind or vision-impaired people.

Communication Rights Australia (CAUS)

Unit 4, 3 Tuck Street, Moorabbin 3189

Phone: 9555 8552

National Relay Service: 1300 555 727

Fax: 9555 8550

Web: www.caus.com.au

Email: info@caus.com.au

Provides advocacy and information services for people who have a communication or speech impairment. Also provides information, training and community education for service providers, families and interested parties who support the goals and mission of the organisation.

Community Visitors Program

Level 4, 456 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 1300 309 337

Fax: 9603 9595

Web: www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au

Email: publicadvocate@justice.vic.gov.au

Coordinated by the Office of the Public Advocate, an independent statutory office working to promote the interests, rights and dignity of Victorians with a disability. Community Visitors are volunteers who monitor and visit a wide range of residential services used by people with a disability to ensure their needs are being met. Residential services include supported residential services, community residential units and services for people with a mental illness.

The Office provides training and support to the Community Visitors.

Disability Action Group - Eastern Region (DAGER)

34 Stoda Street, Heathmont 3135

Phone: 9720 9800

Mobile: 0417 153 988 or 0409 992 519

Email: marriott@alphalink.com.au

Convened in August 2008, the purpose of DAGER is to action any concerns that people with disabilities may have, to promote self-advocacy or to advocate for them, and to bring in appropriate guest speakers. Meetings are held in Ringwood.

Disability Advocacy Resource Unit (DARU)

Level 8, 128 Exhibition Street, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 9639 5807

TTY: 133 677 quote 9639 5807

Web: www.daru.org.au

Email: admin@daru.org.au

Resources the disability advocacy sector and disability advocates by supporting people with disabilities and working to bring about positive changes in policy, legislation, practices and community awareness.

Also provides professional development and training opportunities, and weekly email updates with news relevant to advocates and people with disabilities. DARU maintains a website with links to a range of resources, provides links to broader social policy and generic advocacy, and offers a clearinghouse to support advocacy efforts, as well as providing a resource and equipment library for disability advocates.

Disability Justice Advocacy Inc. (DJA)

86 - 88 Herbert Street, Northcote 3070

Phone: 9481 7022

Toll free: 1800 808 126

Fax: 9489 2999

Web: www.justadvocacy.com

Email: info@justadvocacy.com

Provides advocacy to people with high support needs as a result of physical or multiple disabilities. DJA is focused on the needs, rights and interests of people with a disability and works towards justice and inclusion for them. DJA helps people work out the major issues of concern, and work toward solution of these issues - priority is given to accommodation, attendant care, health and aids and equipment issues. Meetings can take place in the home, workplace or in the community. Support is free for people who meet the above criteria.

Disability Rights Victoria

86 Herbert Street, Northcote 3070

Phone: 9489 2999

TTY: 9489 1179

Fax: 9489 2988

Web: www.advocacyhouse.org/drv/about.html

Email: acl@advocacyhouse.org

An advocacy organisation directed by people with disability, working with and on behalf of adults with a disability, through a network of advocates across Victoria.

Disability Support Pensioners Australia Inc. DSP Australia Inc.

530 Lygon Street, Carlton 3053 PO Box 43, Carlton 3053

Phone: 0403 001 042

Web: www.home.vicnet.net.au/~dsp

Email: judiann@vicnet.net.au

For people on Disability Support Pensions and those who care for them. Provides an advocacy service to help people on DSPs have a better quality of life.

Reinforce Inc.

Level 2, Ross House, 247 - 251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 9650 7855 or 9650 8255

Fax: 9639 4004

Email: reinforce@rosshouse.org.au

A self advocacy organisation for people with a disability that assists, supports and encourages independence for people with an intellectual disability. Reinforce promotes the rights of people with an intellectual disability being upheld in the same way as for everyone else in the community.

STAR Victoria Inc.

2nd floor, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 9650 2730

Fax: 9650 6972

Web: www.starvictoria.org.au

Email: info@starvictoria.org.au

An independent community organisation that advocates on a statewide basis for the rights of people with an intellectual disability and their families. STAR promotes action on issues that affect people with an intellectual disability; works to ensure quality, community-based supports for people with an intellectual disability and their families; can provide individual advice and support to help people work towards achieving positive changes; provides information to assist in making decisions.

Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability Inc.(VALID)

235 Napier Street, Fitzroy 3056

Phone: 9416 4003

Fax: 9416 0850

Web: www.valid.org.au

Email: office@valid.org.au

An advocacy group for adults with intellectual disabilities and their families, funded by the State Government, and managed by an independent committee made up of people with a disability, family members and concerned citizens. Services include information provision, advocacy, support to individuals, their families, carers and advocates. Also advocates to government and government departments, services provider agencies and other relevant bodies.

Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS)

Level 2, 172 Flinders Street, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 9267 3755

Web: www.ydas.org

Email: info@ydas.org

Works alongside young people aged 12 to 25 years with disabilities, to raise awareness of their rights and to support them to achieve what they want. YDAS provides one-on-one support through individual advocacy service and also works on broader social issues affecting young people with disabilities through their systemic advocacy.