

Lobbying Toolkit

Introduction



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About this Toolkit

This tool kit will help you to learn how to speak up and tell the people who make decisions about the things people with disabilities want and need in order to have a good life and be treated equally.



What is Lobbying?

Lobbying is all the different things you can do to change the way things are done to make life better for people with disabilities.



Who do you Lobby?

The people or groups you might lobby include:

- Politicians
- Government workers
- Service providers e.g. where you work, your day program etc
- Housing providers
- Local community groups



What can we do to Lobby?

Some of the things you can do to lobby people are:



Writing letters



Petitions



Phone calls



Emails



Newspapers,



Radio and TV



Meetings



Posters



Holding an advocacy day



You Can Do It!

Lobbying sounds hard but it can be easy. In Victoria self advocacy groups and people with disabilities have made change happen by speaking up and telling people what they want.



You can do it too!!!!!!!!!!!!



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