

## Background to the project

The Participant Readiness initiative has been funded by the Department of Community, Child Safety and Disability Services to assist people with a disability and their families to prepare for the introduction of the NDIS in Queensland. AMPARO is one of eleven community organisations that have been funded to undertake this work, focusing on CALD communities. AMPARO is funded to undertake this work in targeted areas across Queensland until June 2018.

## Our other project work

### PRI- Sector Development Bicultural Work

AMPARO Advocacy has recently commenced work with bicultural workers from CALD communities to provide information about the NDIS to 15 communities in targeted areas in South East Queensland. This project is funded until June 2018.

**Previously held- NDIS and CALD communities symposium-** AMPARO Advocacy partnered with Griffith University to hold a one day forum exploring what steps will ensure people from CALD backgrounds with disability are best supported by the NDIS. This one day forum was held Tuesday 11 October 2016. Information about this work is available on AMPARO's website.



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## If you speak a language other than English

If you need an interpreter to speak with someone at AMPARO Advocacy you can call the **Translating and Interpreting Service**, on 131 450 and ask them to contact AMPARO Advocacy on 3354 4900

All information discussed will be treated confidentially.



# AMPARO Advocacy Multicultural Engagement NDIS Project



*AMPARO Advocacy defends, protects and promotes the rights and interests of vulnerable people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background who have a disability.*

## About AMPARO Advocacy

AMPARO Advocacy Inc is a non-profit community based organisation that provides individual and systemic advocacy and is funded by Disability Services Queensland. AMPARO Advocacy is governed by a voluntary management committee the majority of whom are people from a non-English speaking (NESB) background with disability.

### Individual Advocacy

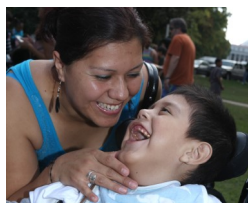
We advocate for vulnerable adults and children from a non-English speaking background, from 0-65 who live within the Brisbane area. Through our work with migrants and refugees with disability and their families, we become aware of the additional barriers that prevent people accessing important information, services and supports.

### Systemic Advocacy

This work aims to bring about positive changes to attitudes, policies, practices and resources within governments and communities, so that people from an NESB with disability have fair access to resources and information.

### The objects of AMPARO Advocacy are:

- To provide individual advocacy for vulnerable people from a non-English speaking background who have a disability to defend, protect and promote their rights and interests so that their fundamental needs are met
- To influence positive sustainable change to attitudes, policies, practices and resources within governments and communities
- To develop links with others who can strengthen our advocacy efforts
- To be an effective, accountable social advocacy organisation
- To undertake activities that furthers the objects of the Association and social advocacy.



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## About our Multicultural Engagement Project (NDIS)

AMPARO Advocacy is working to raise awareness about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities so that people with disability and their families are able to understand and get ready for the NDIS.

To do this AMPARO Advocacy is-

- Informing people with disability from CALD communities about the NDIS
- Creating resources and translated materials to assist CALD communities prepare for the NDIS
- Informing multicultural workers, settlement workers and community leaders in Queensland about the NDIS so they can spread the word
- Running information sessions and workshops for CALD communities
- Encouraging disability services to work in ways that are inclusive of CALD individuals and their families
- Gathering information and research so we understand what will best help CALD communities to learn about the NDIS.
- Raising awareness within government and community agencies of the importance of developing culturally inclusive strategies and ways of working with CALD communities
- Helping CALD communities to learn about the rights of people with disability, and their right to a good life.

### AMPARO Resources

AMPARO has developed the following resources which can be downloaded and/ or viewed from our website- [www.amparo.org.au/factsheets](http://www.amparo.org.au/factsheets)

**Fact sheet 1: Understanding Disability in Australia**

**Fact sheet 2: What is the NDIS?**

The factsheets are available in 34 languages and as information videos in 8 languages

Kirundi	Burmese	Dinka
Somali	Karen	AUSLAN
Dari	Amharic	

**Digital stories-** individuals with disability and their families from refugee backgrounds speak in their own language about their lives and hopes for the future.

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