

NDIS Client Rights & Responsibilities

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What are Relationship Works Disability Service Policies?

There are 6 policies based on the National Standards for Disability Services.

Standard 1: Rights

You have the right to be treated fairly and with respect.

Standard 2: Participation

You have the right to feel included.

Standard 3: Individual Outcomes

You have the right to decide on your goals

Standard 4: Feedback and Complaints

You have the right to tell us what you think.

Standard 5: Service Access

Relationship Works is fair in helping you to find and access the services you need.

Standard 6: Service Management

Relationship Works services are well managed.

Standard 7: Your Responsibilities When Receiving Services From Us

You have the right to know what is expected from you when you use our services.



1. Rights

At Relationship Works you have the right to:

- Know your information is kept private.
- Receive Confidential Services.
- Make your own choices and have control over your life and the support you receive from us.
- Be & Feel Safe no one is allowed to hurt you.
- · Receive good services.
- Speak up for what's right for you.
- Get help if you need it.

Relationship Works will:

- Allow you to be your Unique Self
- Encourage you to express your self Try new things and take risks sometimes
- Treat you well and keep you safe
- Let you make choices
- Include your family and carers if you want them to be Included
- Provide information in a way that's right for you
- Respect your privacy
- Treat you well and keep you safe
- Let you speak up

2. Participation



At Relationship Works you have the right to:

- Take part in your community.
- You can decide when and how to do this.
- You can decide when and how we have contact with your family or other supports.

Relationship Works will:

- Support you to take part in the community
- Get to know you and the things you like to do
- Work with you and your family and friends if you want them to be involved.
- Work with other community organisations if that's what you need.
- Understand and respect your cultural background

3. Individual Outcomes



At Relationship Works:

- We will let you make choices about what you want to do.
- We will let you plan your goals and help you to reach them.
- We will notice things you are good at.
- We will talk with you about the benefits and risks for some situations, so you can make decisions that are best for you.
- We will let you seek support from other people – such as your family friends or an advocate – if you want to.

We respect everything about you when you are making choices and decisions, including:

- Your age
- The gender that you identify with.
- Your cultural background, religion or faith.
- If you are over 18, you have a right to make your own decisions (if you can).
- We will work with other services that may be needed to reach your goals
- Whether or not you are married or in a relationship.



4. Feedback and Complaints

- You have the right to tell people what you think about the services you receive.
- Your feedback can be good or bad.
- You can tell someone at Relationship Works if there is a problem and it will be taken seriously.
- And you can get support to do this. You have a right to seek advice from someone like a support person, lawyer or advocate.
- Your problem will be fixed wherever possible.
- You will not be made to feel bad because you said that something is wrong

Relationship Works offer different ways for people to have their say:

- Phone us
- Talk to one of our staff in person
- Send us an email or letter
- Make a Complaint on our website



At Relationship Works:

- We listen to the things that people tell us.
- We provide people with opportunities to tell their story.
- We will try to fix your problem as soon as possible.
- We will protect your privacy and keep all information confidential.
- We will keep you updated on the progress of your complaint.
- We are prepared to change the way we work if there is a problem
- We work with your family, carer, support person or advocate if that's right for you.
- We always work hard to make sure our services are good.

5. Service Access

- Everyone has the right to be able to find, ask for and use Relationship Works services.
- If someone can't use Relationship Works services, the reasons will be clearly explained to them.
- And Relationship Works will put you in touch with another organisation who may be able to help you. This is called a referral.



- The staff of Relationship Works are compassionate, honest and fair with people who make enquiries.
- Relationship Works ask people what they think about the services and make improvements based on these ideas.
- Relationship Works provides information in different ways to suit a range of communication needs.
- Relationship Works clearly explain who can use the service, how to join and how to leave.
- If there is no vacancy, Relationship Works will put your name on a waiting list.

6. Service Management

You have a right to use a service that is managed well.

Good service management at Relationship Works includes:

- Having good staff
- Making sure there are no problems & fixing problems if they happen
- Having good processes and ways of working
- Communicating well



At Relationship Works we:

- Have staff who are well trained and who are good at their jobs
- Obey the laws that apply
- Have good processes in place to manage finances, staff and safety
- Learn from the feedback we receive and make Improvements
- Ask other people with disability, families and carers, advocates and others, if the service is working well.

7. Your Responsibilities, What Is Expected of You

- Just as we will always be respectful and courteous with you, we expect that you will be the same with us.
- Just as we will never harm you, we expect that you will not harm anyone at Relationship Works.
- You or your carer must give at least 48 hours' notice via phone, email or through our electronic booking system to cancel your appointment.
 - If you cancel your appointment, we will make contact with you to book another appointment time.



- If you give less than 48 hours' notice to cancel your appointment, your account will be charged 90% of the appointment fee.
- If you do not attend your appointment time, and do not give notice, 90% of the appointment fee is payable.
 - If you do not attend an appointment, we will attempt to contact you to check on your safety.

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