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1. REFERENCES

National Standards for Disability Services (also compliant with HSQF)

- 1. Rights:** The service promotes individual rights to freedom of expression, self-determination and decision-making and actively prevents abuse, harm, neglect and violence.
- 2. Participation and Inclusion:** The service works with individuals and families, friends and carers to promote opportunities for meaningful participation and active inclusion in society.

2. COMMUNITY CONNECTION INCORPORATED'S POSITION

Community Connection Incorporated is committed to ensuring that individuals and their families are aware of their right to have an advocate present and are able to access independent representation of their choice at any time.

3. PROVIDING INFORMATION

Community Connection Incorporated will explain the potential benefits of having an advocate. Community Connection Incorporated will also give examples of informal advocates and provide details of formal advocacy services to the individuals and families supported.

4. PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY

Community Connection Incorporated will ensure that individuals and families are aware of their right to have an advocate of their choice present at any assessments, planning sessions or meetings.

5. PARTICIPATION

Community Connection Incorporated will work collaboratively with the individual, family and their chosen advocate to ensure that they receive the best possible service.