

Supports for people in contact with the criminal justice system



A person who has come into contact with the criminal justice system is someone who needs to communicate with or go to the

- Police
- Courts
- Prisons



The **courts** are where people decide if someone has broken the law.



Prisons are places where some people stay if they have broken the law.



For more information about the criminal justice system go to

**[https://www.idmhconnect.health/
people-contact-justice-system/ER](https://www.idmhconnect.health/people-contact-justice-system/ER)**



Below are services and supports for people in contact with the criminal justice system.



There is a lot of information.

Some words can be hard to understand.



You can ask someone to read this information with you.



The Justice Advocacy Service is a free advocacy service.

For more information about the service go to <https://idrs.org.au/jas/>



Advocacy is having your voice heard so your rights and needs are met.

You can have needs in many areas of your life.



Rights are rules about how everybody should be treated fairly.

A right is something everyone has.



You can get a justice advocate to support you.

A **justice advocate** supports and assists people who are involved in the criminal justice system.



A justice advocate who works at a Justice Advocacy Service is free.

They can organise a support person for you.



A **support person** supports people with intellectual disability to

- Have all their rights met
- Be fully involved in the different parts of the criminal justice system

The justice advocate or support person can support you to



- Know what to expect will happen



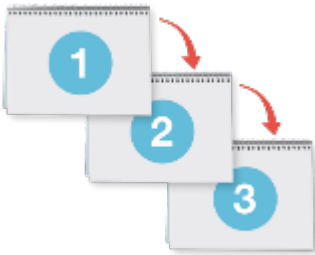
- Fill in forms



- Understand how you should be treated



- Stay calm



- Understand what has happened

- Understand what will happen next



The Community Restorative Centre has a free telephone information and referral service.

Call them on **(02) 9288 8700** between 9am and 5pm.



The Community Restorative Centre also has services and programs that support people who have left prison.



For more information about the Community Restorative Centre go to

<https://www.crcnsw.org.au/get-help/>



There are some tricky words in this Easy Read sheet.

For more information about these words go to <https://www.idmhconnect.health/word-list>



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