

## 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>



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



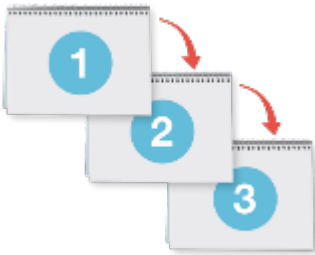
- Fill in forms



- 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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