

Justice Matters



Sometimes people with intellectual disability get into trouble with the **law**.

Law means rules that everyone has to follow.



Sometimes it can be hard to understand

- What the police are saying
- What happens in court
- What your rights are
- How to get support



Court means a formal meeting where people talk about something important and decide what should happen.



Even if you have a **lawyer**, they usually have a lot of work to do and cannot give you the time that you need.

Lawyer means a person who can help you if you are in trouble with the law.

It can be even harder for Indigenous Australians with intellectual disability to understand.



The IDRS run a service called **JAS**.

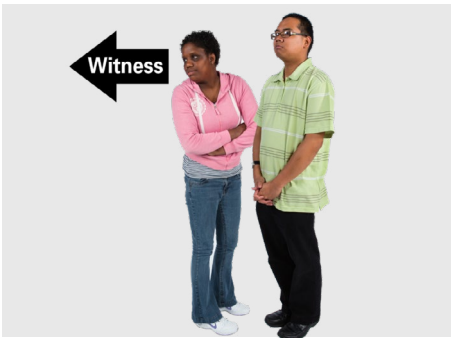
IDRS stand for **Intellectual Disability Rights Service**.



JAS stands for **Justice Advocacy Service**.



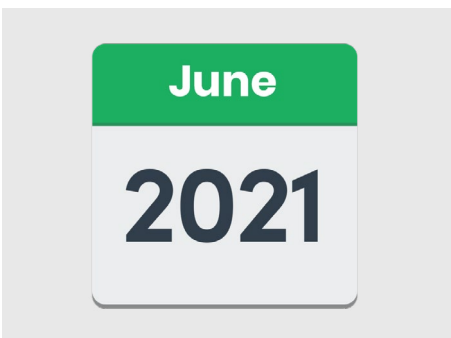
JAS is important because they support people with intellectual disability who need help with the law.



This could be help

- with the police
- with court
- if you are involved in a crime
- if you are a **witness**

Witness is a person who saw what happened.



Funding of JAS ends in June 2021.

CID is asking the NSW government to continue funding JAS.



For 3 years IDRS also ran the **Cognitive Impairment Diversion Programme**.

Also known as CIDP.

This meant that people with intellectual disability had the opportunity to get support in the community instead of going to jail.



The NSW Government stopped funding CIDP in June 2020.



This year we want the NSW government to do more things like CIDP.

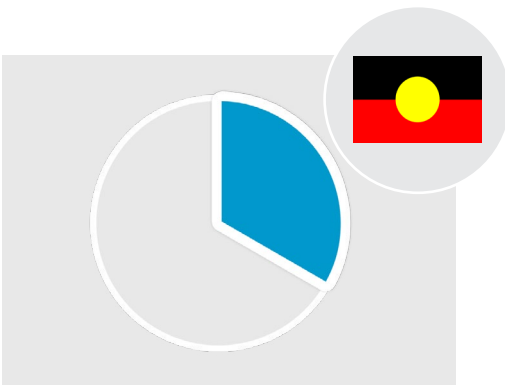
We also want the NSW government to continue funding JAS.



This is because we want people with intellectual disability to

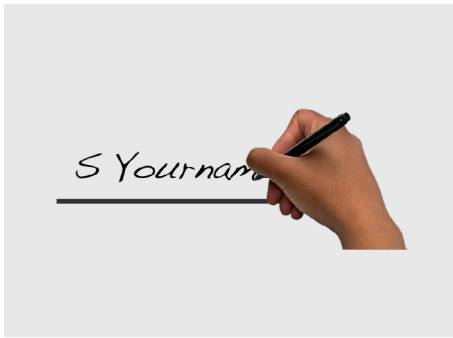
- Have the supports they need for a good life
- Keep out of trouble with the law

This will mean that people with intellectual disability will have a fair go.



Indigenous Australians will get more of a fair go too.

Over 25% of the people who use JAS and the CIDP have been Indigenous Australians.



If you like you can sign our petition.

Sign our petition here

www.change.org/JusticeMatters



You can also phone or email the Mark Speakman who the member of Parliament who is in charge.



You can tell him that you want funding for the CIDP to continue across NSW.

Also tell him you don't want the funding for JAS to stop.

Here is a guide with the contact details of Mark Speakman to help you.

www.cid.org.au/resource/justice-matters-lobbying-guide



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