



Council for
Intellectual Disability



What we think about inclusion

Position Statement



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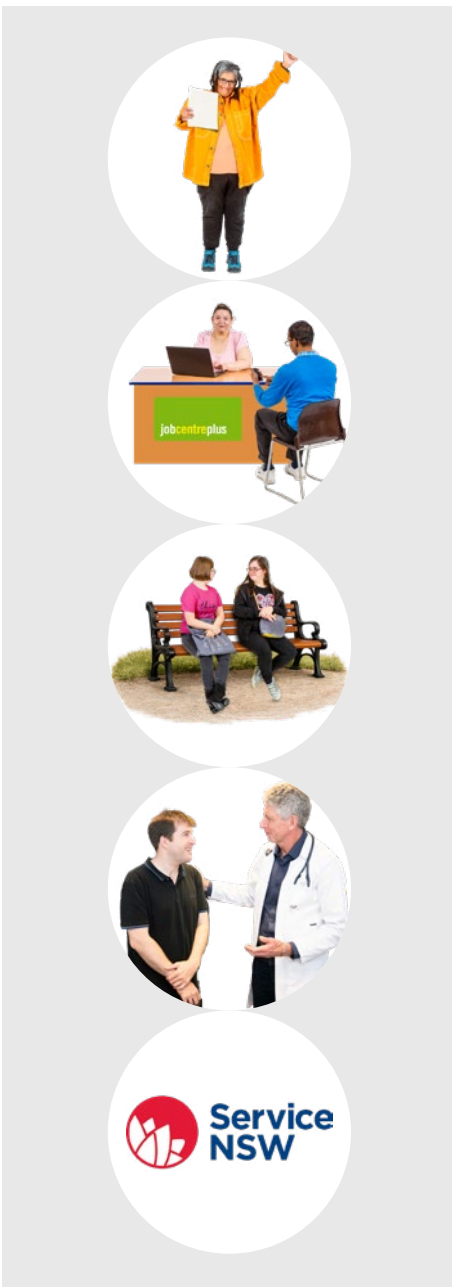
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What is this information about?



This information is about inclusion.

Inclusion is where everyone can take part in **everyday life**.



When people with intellectual disability are included in **everyday life** they can

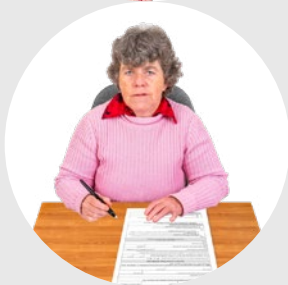
- Get information from government
- Get jobs
- Feel included in their community
- Get good health care
- Use **government services** like Service NSW and public transport.

Why inclusion is important



Inclusion is important in government services.

People with intellectual disability use lots of services.

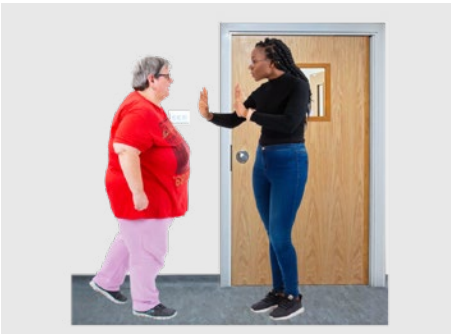


Our members with intellectual disability have told us that:

- Government websites are confusing
- It is hard to find information
- Forms are hard to fill out.



If government services are hard to use people may need support to use them.



This stops people doing things on their own.

What CID wants to change

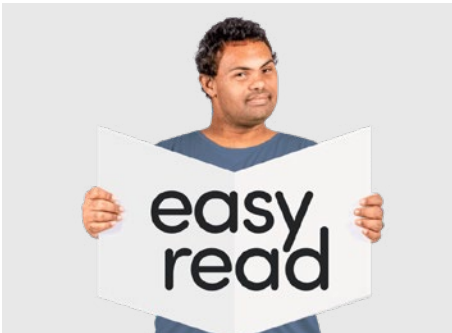


The **Council for Intellectual Disability** wants NSW Government to change the way they do things.

We say **CID** for short.



We want people with intellectual disability to be more included.



CID wants important government information to be in Easy Read.



We want government services to be easy to find.

The government needs to include people with intellectual disability when they



- Make new services



- Look at how things can be better.

CID wants people with intellectual disability to be able to get support from government services like



- If they cannot use services on their own

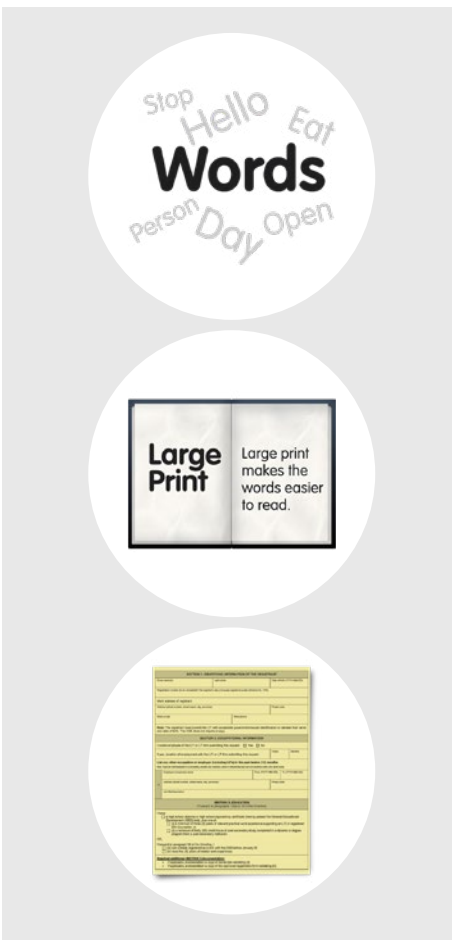


- If they need support to fill in forms.

Easy Read



Government forms should be in Easy Read.



We want the government to use

- Simple words
- Big font
- **Less legal language.**



Legal language means the special words used for rules and laws.



The NSW Government said they would write all important information in Easy Read by June 2025.



This has not happened yet.



We want this to be done by the end of 2026.

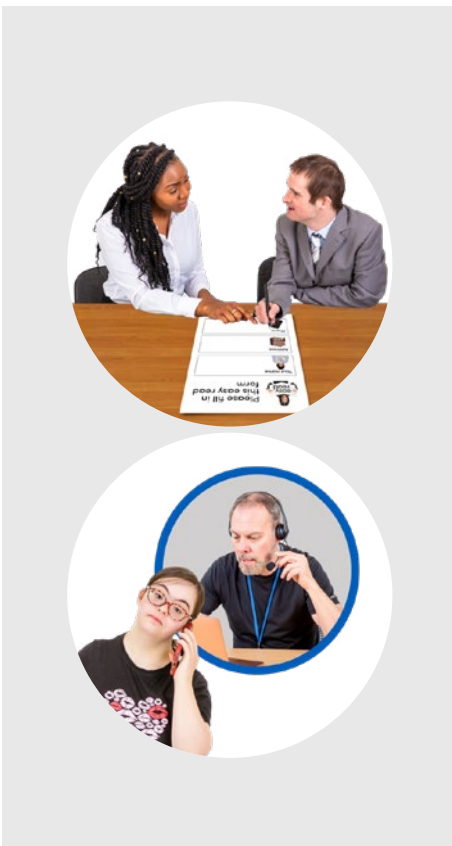
Support



Some people cannot use **online services**.



Online services are websites or apps from the government like Service NSW.



Support should be available for people

- In person
- By phone.



We want the government to make more jobs for people with intellectual disability.



Having a job helps people feel included.

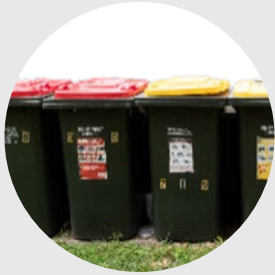
Local Council



We want **local councils** to include people with intellectual disability when they make decisions.

Local councils are the part of government that looks after things like

- Garbage bins



- Parks



- Roads.



People with intellectual disability should be asked how to make things easier to use like

- Parks



- Council buildings



- Transport.





Councils should also have good Disability Inclusion Action Plans.

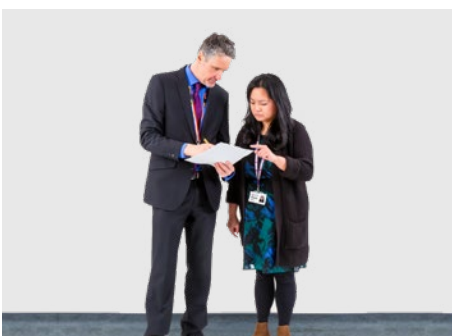
We will call them **DIAPs** for short.



DIAPs are plans that show how a council will include people with disability in the community.



We want councils to work with people with intellectual disability when they make DIAPs.



We want councils to check if their DIAP makes a real difference for people with intellectual disability.

What we have done



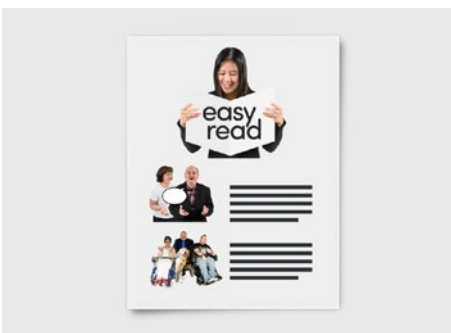
CID has done things to make inclusion better for people with intellectual disability.



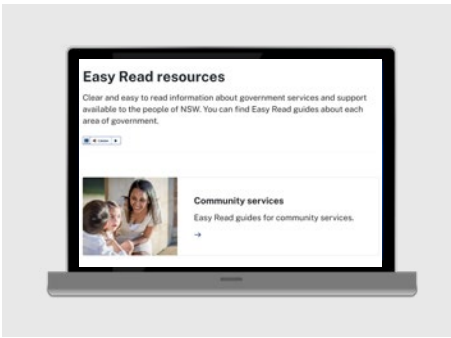
CID ran a **campaign** to get the NSW Government to make all important information in Easy Read.



A **campaign** is when we work with lots of people to tell government how to fix a problem.



We helped the government to make a guide so they can make Easy Read information.



We helped the government to set up a website where you can find Easy Read information.

www.nsw.gov.au/easy-read



CID goes to meetings government to say how things can be better like Transport NSW.



CID is working with government to make DIAPs better for people with intellectual disability.

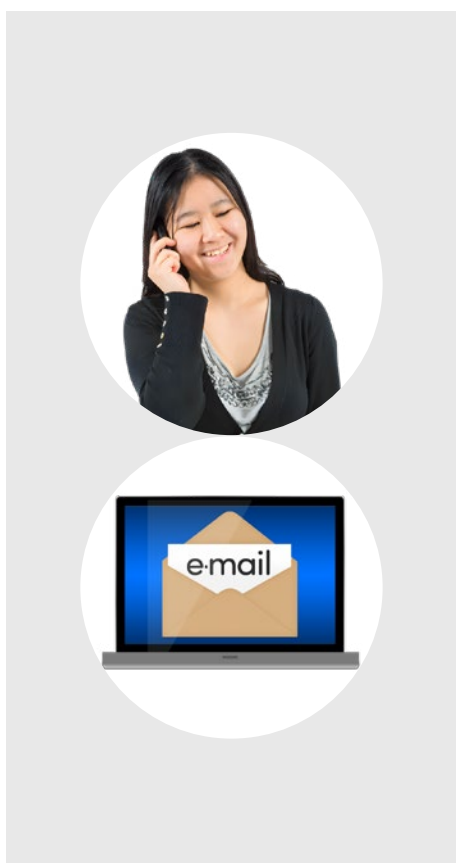


CID has worked with the NSW Government to make more jobs for people with intellectual disability.

More information



You can contact CID for more information about this position statement.



You can

- Call CID on **1800 424 065**
- Send an email to **advocacy@cid.org.au**