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Council for Intellectual Disability made this information.

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This information is about what needs to happen to make the **criminal justice system** better for people with intellectual disability.

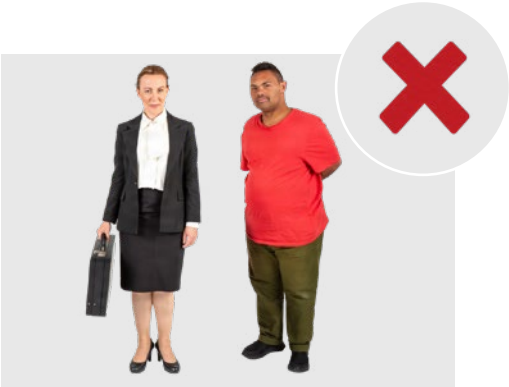


The **criminal justice system** means services for people who get in trouble with police.

The problem



Too many people with intellectual disability are in the criminal justice system.



This is because they do not have the right supports.



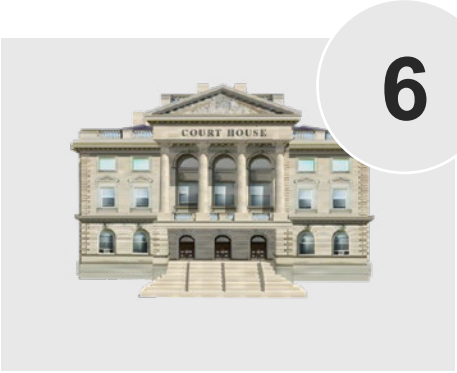
The **Justice Advocacy Service Diversion Program** helps people to get the support they need instead of going to jail.

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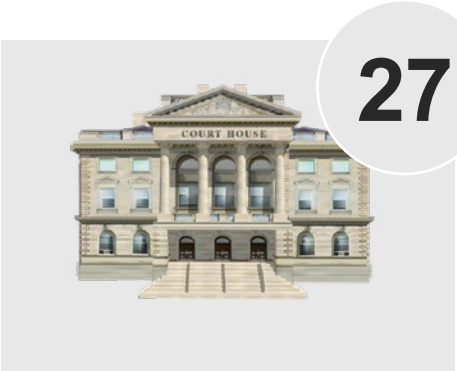
What needs to happen



We want the government to do 2 things to support people with intellectual disability to stay out of jail.



1. The program is only in 6 courts in NSW now.



We want the program to be in 27 NSW local courts.



If the program is in more courts it will help more people get support.



2. We want the government to make sure people do not lose the support they need when the NDIS changes.

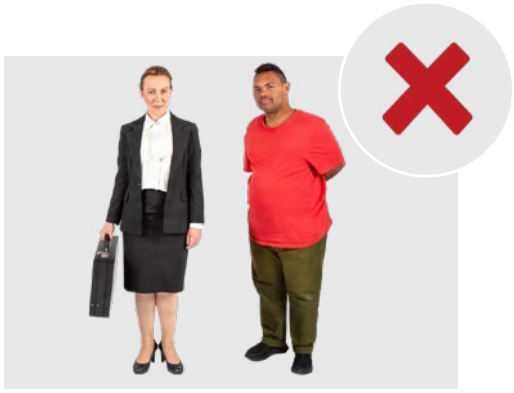


This is important for people who are in the criminal justice system.



The government must make sure they can still get the support they need.

Why change needs to happen



A lot of people with intellectual disability are in the criminal justice system because they do not have the right support.



This can cause big problems for them.



Some people might go to jail when they should get support instead.



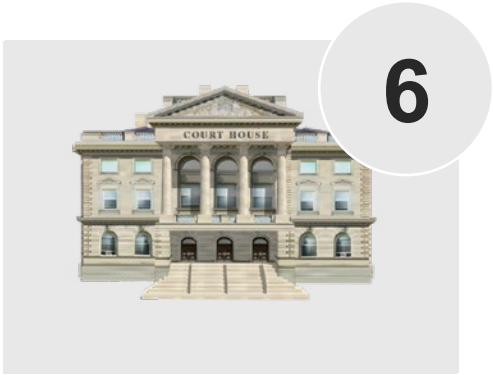
People with intellectual disability often get hurt by other people in jail.



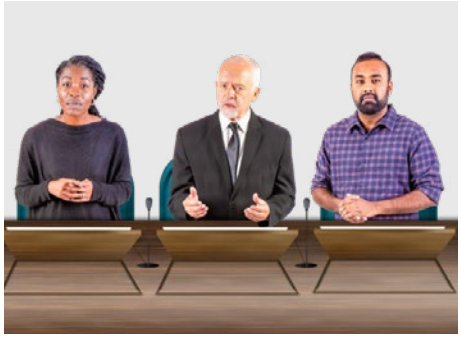
The program gives people with intellectual disability the support they need to live good lives.



It helps people to not break the law again.



But as the program is only in 6 Local Courts only people who go to these courts can get support.



The program needs to be in more Local Courts.



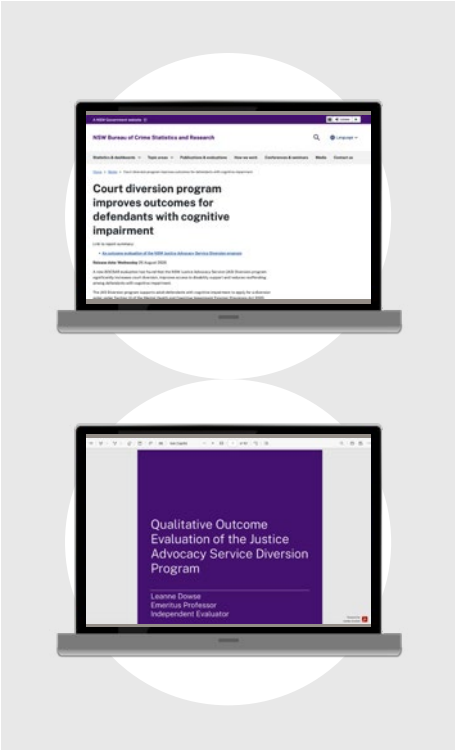
The NSW Government has said they want to change things so less people with disability are in the criminal justice system.



They also said that they are looking to see if the program makes things better for people with intellectual disability.



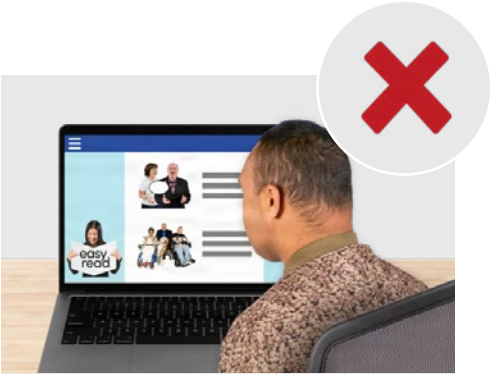
The program has had good reviews showing that the program works well.



You can read the reviews here

- **https://bocsar.nsw.gov.au/media/2026/mr-CJB279-JAS.html**

- **https://bit.ly/3WymRZj**

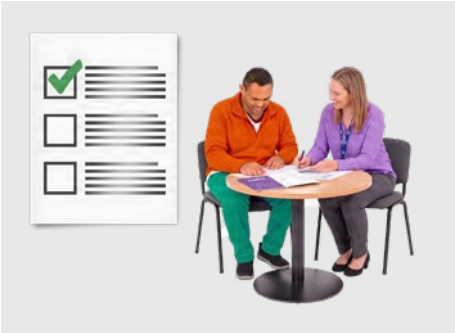


These reviews are not in Easy Read.

The NDIS is changing.



These changes may make it harder for people with intellectual disability to get the support they need.



The program can help people get the right supports even with NDIS changes.



The NSW government is planning new supports to take the place of NDIS funding for some people.



The government must think of people with intellectual disability who get in trouble with the law.



CID wants the government to give these people the support they need.

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